

described in the related clearance request. Data elements for which authorization is being requested are: vessel home port, vessel ADF&G number, vessel official number, Federal fisheries permit number, International Pacific Halibut Commission number, halibut and sablefish weight, name of each IFQ cardholder onboard, registered buyer name and number, time of landing, location of clearance, registered buyer signature and date signed.

Dockside Sales Receipt - A person holding a valid IFQ permit, IFQ card, and registered buyer permit may conduct a dockside sale of IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish to a person who has not been issued a registered buyer permit but must issue a dockside sales receipt in lieu of a shipment report.

The purpose of reporting the amount of IFQ fish involved in a dockside sale is to provide NMFS Enforcement with the ability to monitor and inspect the shipment of IFQ fish to determine whether there was proper accounting for all IFQ fish landed.

Request for Transaction Terminal - All IFQ landings must be reported electronically, using IFQ landing cards and transaction terminals activated with custom-designed computer software. Transaction terminals may be purchased directly from the supplier and sent to NMFS for installation of the custom software that makes a transaction terminal functional. Transaction terminals may also be requested from NMFS, but remain the property of the U.S. Government. This request form is used to request that a transaction terminal be supplied by NMFS. Since the number of terminals available from NMFS may not be sufficient to meet all requests, NMFS requests the address or location of expected activity so that a single terminal may be supplied to appropriate public places, such as Harbormaster offices, to meet the needs of numerous applicants in the same location.

Transshipment Authorization - No person may transship processed IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish between vessels without authorization from a clearing officer and unless operating as a registered buyer. Authorization must be obtained for each instance of transshipment at least 24 hours before the transshipment is intended to commence and the transshipment must occur at a place specified by a NMFS Clearing Officer. The advance notice and restriction to a primary port affords NMFS the opportunity to inspect the fish. Transshipment authorization may be obtained through telephone, FAX, or other voice communications.

Existing data elements without clearance are: date and location of transshipment; vessel names and ADF&G numbers; product destination; registered buyer's name and number; species; regulatory areas fished; product type and code; number of units; unit and product weights; request date and time; and requester's name, phone, and fax.

IFQ/CDQ Shipment Report - Each registered buyer, other than those conducting dockside sales, must complete a written shipment report for each shipment or transfer of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish from that registered buyer before the fish leave the landing site and assure that a copy of the shipment report or a bill of lading containing the same information as a shipment report accompanies the shipment of IFQ species from the landing site to the first destination beyond the location of the IFQ landing. Existing data elements without clearance are: whether the report is original or revised; signature of registered buyer's representative; and unit product weight.

IFQ Administrative Waiver - This form is used by NMFS/Enforcement to document the request for and the granting of waivers for either of several requirements: the Six-hour Prior of Notice of Landing, the 12-hour IFQ Landing Window, the Electronic Landing Report requirement, the IFQ cardholder onboard requirement, or the requirement that vessel clearance be obtained at a primary port.

II. Method of Collection

Most information is submitted by telephone or letter. Receipts must be issued for dockside sales receipts. A form is used to submit shipping reports and requesting waivers.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0272

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Individuals, businesses and other for-profit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,700 (unchanged from currently approved figure)

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for an Application for Quota Share, 6 additional minutes for the uncleared elements of the Vessel Clearance and Departure Report, 6 minutes for a Dockside Sale Receipt, 30 minutes for a Request for a Transaction Terminal, 6 additional minutes for the uncleared elements of the Transshipment Authorization, 6 additional minutes for the uncleared

elements of the Shipment Report, and 6 minutes for the Administrative Waiver.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 3,505 (this represents the hours to be added to the 0648-0272 clearance, whose total would then be 22,275 hours)

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$175 additional costs for the requirements being submitted, mostly for postage (many requirements involve the use of toll-free phone calls). The total costs for 0648-0272 requirements would then be \$90,996.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; — ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Deep Seabed Mining; Lapse of Exploration License

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of lapse of Deep Seabed Mining Exploration License USA-2 held by Ocean Management, Inc. and Relinquishment of Deep Seabed Mining Exploration License USA-3 held by Ocean Mining Associates.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 115(a) of the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act, 30 U.S.C. 1425(a), and 15 CFR 971.803(a) notice is hereby given

that on March 31, 1999, NOAA received formal notification that Ocean Management, Inc. (OMI), holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-2, was dissolved. Dissolution papers were filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 14, 1999. NOAA has issued the exploration license for Site USA-2, to OMI in August 1984. Since OMI no longer exists as a legal entity, a condition precedent for the continued validity of the license has been eliminated and the license has, thereby, lapsed. This is deemed a relinquishment of the license under the Act. Also pursuant to those statutory and regulatory authorities, notice is hereby given that by letter to NOAA dated August 29, 1997, Ocean Mining Associates, holder of Deep Seabed Exploration License USA-3 issued by NOAA, formally relinquished its license as of the date of the letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Tel. 301-713-3121, ext. 201.

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Ted I. Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Office of Technology Policy; National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for July 13, 1999.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

Time and Place: The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on July 13, 1999. The meeting will be held in Room 1410 at the U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, Ph: (202-482-5572).

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director, National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

Supplementary Information: The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration of the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the July 13, 1999, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would like to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Due to the closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however, a copy of the Notice of Determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Allison Rosenberg, Director, National Medal of Technology, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, (Ph: 202-482-5572).

Dated: June 25, 1999.

Kelly H. Carnes,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Technology Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection: Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection, and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy), ATTN: Dr. Jane Arabian, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call (703) 697-9271.

Title and Applicable OMB Control Number: Survey of Home School Associations, and OMB Control Number 0704-[to be determined].

Needs and Uses: The Conference Report of the Storm Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Section 571, created a five-year pilot program that moved home school graduates from Tier II priority status (with General Education Development (GED) certificate holders) to Tier I (high school diploma graduates) for enlistment purposes. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information to support implementation of this program. Individual responses will be kept confidential. Only group statistics will be reported. All information will be used for research only. Participation will be voluntary.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Number of Respondents: 200.