

II. Method of Collection

Typically, in the western Pacific, a permit applicant files an OMB-approved application form and, if applicable, a supplemental information sheet that collects basic information on the owner of the fishing vessel, the operator, and the vessel itself. Expiration of the permits is not uniform. Some permits expire annually, others are on a two-year cycle, and still others expire every 5 years. The crustacean limited entry permits have no expiration date and become invalid when they are transferred to another owner through established permit procedures.

The coastal pelagics fishery permit is a new requirement implemented in January 2000. Permits are valid indefinitely until either the holder transfers the permit or surrenders it.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0204.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 230.

Estimated Time Per Response: In the coastal pelagic fishery, 30 minutes for a permit or permit transfer application, 1 hour for additional information that may be required to support a permit request, and 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial; in the bottomfish fishery, 45 minutes for a Mau Zone limited access permit application, 2 hours for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit application, 1 hour for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit renewal application, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial, and 1 hour for a Mau Zone exemption request; in the longline fishery, 30 minutes for general permit applications or limited entry permit transfer requests, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit action, and 2 hours for a closed area exemption request; in the crustacean fishery, 30 minutes for any limited entry permit action; in the precious coral fishery, 30 minutes for a permit application; and 2 hours for any experimental fishing permit application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 119.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

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; (c) 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: February 29, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030100B]

Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority.

Agency Form Number(s): n/a

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0314

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden Hours: 4,695

Number of Respondents: 54

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 1 hour and 120 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principle state fishery official for the purposes of the Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state

authority over a managed fishery. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Act are being met.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated February 28, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Task Force's review of the Department of Energy's programs in and with the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union.

DATES: Monday, March 13, 2000, 9:00 am-3:15 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building