

certain criteria set forth in 15 CFR part 911.

## II. Method of Collection

Applications are submitted on forms that respond to requirements detailed in 15 CFR part 911.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0157.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 390.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 390.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$500.

## 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: October 17, 2000.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101700F]

### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish and Monkfish Oversight Committees in November, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between Monday, November 6, 2000 and Wednesday, November 8, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA and Baltimore, MD. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, November 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: 978-977-6478.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will finalize its recommendations for management alternatives to be included in Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This will include recommendations on rebuilding programs, measures to address capacity issues, and the four broad approaches to management that are under consideration (status quo, adjustments to the status quo, area management, and sector allocation). The committees' recommendations will be reviewed by the Council at its November 14-16 meeting. After approval by the Council, the proposed alternatives will be analyzed and a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and public hearing document prepared. The committee will meet in a closed session to review advisory panel applications.

Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton International Hotel at BWI Airport, 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240; telephone: (410) 691-9827.

The committee will review the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation

(SAFE) Report for 1999, including the Monkfish Monitoring Committee Report. Based on this review, the committee will develop recommendations to the Council for adjustments to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan for the 2001 fishing year, in accordance with the framework adjustment procedures in the FMP. The committee will review the Monkfish Advisory Panel recommendations on trip limit options to address perceived inequities across fleet sectors, a range of alternatives for monkfish spawning area/time management, and on possible options for bycatch control and minimizing discards of monkfish in small mesh fisheries. The committee will also develop recommendations to the Council for research priorities under cooperative programs with the industry.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Deposit of Biological Materials.  
*Form Number(s):* N/A.  
*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0022.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 3,301.25 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,300.25 responses per year. The USPTO expects that 3,300 patent applications on inventions dealing with deposits of biological materials will be filed each year. It is estimated by the USPTO that one depository will seek recognition every four years, or 0.25 depositories will seek recognition annually.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of one (1) hour for the average patent applicant respondent to collect and submit the necessary deposit information to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it will take the average depository seeking approval to store biological material an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) to gather and submit the necessary approval information to the USPTO.

*Needs and Uses:* Information on the deposit of biological materials in depositories is required for (a) the USPTO determination of compliance with 35 USC 2(b)(2), 35 USC 112, and 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.801-809, where inventions sought to be patented rely on biological material subject to the deposit requirement, including notification to the interested public on where to obtain samples of deposits; and (b) in compliance with 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.803 to demonstrate that the depositories are qualified to store and test the biological material submitted to them under patent applications. This information is used by the USPTO to determine whether or not the applicant has met the requirements of the patent regulations. In addition, the USPTO uses this information to determine the suitability of a respondent depository based upon administrative and technical competence, and the depository's agreement to comply with the requirements set forth by the USPTO. There are no forms associated with this collection of information.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and the federal government.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data

Management, Data Administration Division, (703) 308-7400, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before November 22, 2000 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 22, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Lauren Wittenberg, Acting Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Lauren\_Wittenberg@omb.eop.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these

requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

**John Tressler,**

*Leader Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program (SC).

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Individuals or household; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 464; Burden Hours: 684.

*Abstract:* This submission is for a one-time data collection for the Evaluation of the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program. The information will be used by the Department of Education to improve the design of the program, answer questions about the program, and justify its budget. There are very limited reporting requirements for this program, so the information is needed to describe consumer characteristics, services provided, and program outcomes. Most of the information will come from project directors, but there will also be interviews with project staff, tribal representatives, advisory group members, service providers, and State VR agency staff.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO\_IMG\_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. *Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.*

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at (202) 708-6287 or via her internet address Sheila\_Carey@ed.gov.