

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 112702E]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coral Reefs - Economic Valuation Study****AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Vernon R. Leeworthy, NOS/Special Projects, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 9th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (or via the Internet at [Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov](mailto:Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The purpose of this data collection is to provide information on the value of Hawaii's coral reef habitats to specific segments of the U.S. population. The study will measure total economic values for Hawaii's coral reefs. This effort is designed to provide defensible information for both resource managers and damage assessments on the value of coral reef habitats and alternative management actions. The project is designed as a phased three-year effort to ensure effective use of all the available information. This effort will involve development of extensive knowledge about how reef habitats are perceived, implication of alternative management actions, designing original survey instruments, interviewing of a large number of respondents (1500-2000), conducting formal statistical analysis of the data, and developing a decision

support system for use by resource managers. For total economic value, a nationally-oriented survey will be conducted using stated preferences methods.

**II. Method of Collection**

Up to 48 one-on-one cognitive interviews will be conducted. In addition, one pretest of the full survey instrument will be tested for a response of up to 150 usable observations. The final survey instrument will be administered to a sample of up to 2000 people.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,198.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours for an interview; 30 minutes for a pretest; and 30 minutes for a final survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,369.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**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: November 27, 2002.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 112702D]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority****AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).**ACTION:** Notice.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Surdi, 1315 East-West Highway, room 13142, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-2337.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens 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 principal state fishery official who will perform duties under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state authority over a managed fishery. Nominees for council membership must provide the governor or tribe with background documentation, which is then submitted to NOAA with the nomination. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act are being met.