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Signed in Washington, DC this 29th day of November, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-6779]

#### State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit # 56614V King Salmon, AK; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called NAFTA-TAA and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), an investigation was initiated on September 5, 2002 in response to a petition filed by the Bristol Bay Native Association on behalf of Bristol Bay salmon fishermen, State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit # 56614V, King Salmon, Alaska.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment Standards Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public

and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Request for Earnings Information (LS-426). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 18, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Patricia A. Forkel, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-0339, fax (202) 693-1451, Email [pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov](mailto:pforkel@fenix2.dol-esa.gov). Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA). The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employee in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Pursuant to the LHWCA, injured employees shall receive compensation in an amount equal to 66⅔ per centum of their average weekly wage. Forms LS-426 is used to verify the average weekly wage of an injured employee to determine if the correct compensation rate is being paid. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2003.

##### II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

##### III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the extension of approval to collect this information in order to carry out its responsibility to assure payment of compensation benefits to injured workers at the proper rate. There is no change in the substance or method of collection since the last OMB approval.

*Type of Review:* Extension.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

*Title:* Request for Earnings Information.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0112.

*Agency Number:* LS-426.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Respondents/Responses:* 1,600.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 400.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$640. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 16, 2002.

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