

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or e-mail ([susan\\_schechter@omb.eop.gov](mailto:susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov)).

Dated: April 29, 2005.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Scale & Catch Weighing Requirements.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0330.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission.

*Burden Hours:* 10,032.

*Number of Respondents:* 90.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 45 minutes (for the form applicable to this revision).

*Needs and Uses:* The NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region, catch-weighing and catch monitoring procedures were extended to the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) King and Tanner Crabs. In addition, this information collection is revised to add a new form for automatic hopper scale tests. This collection describes equipment and operational requirements, consisting of: scales used to weigh catch at sea; scales approved by the State of Alaska; observer sampling station; and inshore catch monitoring and control plan.

*Affected Public:* Business or for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually; 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 Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, 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)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent before May 9, 2005 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### 2006 Census Test

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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 July 5, 2005.

**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(s) and instructions should be directed to Edison Gore, Acting Division Chief, Decennial Management Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Building 2, Room 2102, Washington, DC 20233-9200, (301) 763-3998.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

##### Background

In order to design and implement an optimal short-form-only 2010 Census, the Census Bureau has adopted a robust incremental and iterative research, development, and testing program. This program includes several special purpose tests (e.g., cognitive tests for the wording of the race and Hispanic origin questions), two national mail-out/mail-back tests (the 2003 National Census Test and the 2005 National Census

Test), two site tests (2004 Census Test and the 2006 Census Test), and a 2008 Dress Rehearsal in preparation for the actual 2010 Census.

The 2003 National Census Test was the first major test that we conducted in preparation for the 2010 Census. This was a two-part mail-out/mail-back test designed to evaluate alternative self-response options (paper, Internet, and telephone) and alternative presentations of the race and Hispanic origin questions. For more information, see **Federal Register:** June 7, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 110).

In 2004, we implemented a site test (the 2004 Census Test) that was used chiefly to examine the feasibility of collecting personal information using a Hand Held computer (HHC). It also studied new methods to improve coverage, including procedures for reducing duplication, and tested respondent reaction to revised race and Hispanic origin questions, examples, and instructions, including the removal of the Some other race option. For more information, see **Federal Register:** July 11, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 133).

The 2005 National Census Test, which is scheduled to begin in late summer of 2005 (Census Day is September 15, 2005), is a mail-out/mail-back test designed to evaluate alternative treatments including:

Procedures intended to improve the completeness and accuracy of reporting for short form items, especially the wording of the race and Hispanic origin questions;

1. The presentation of residence rules and other questionnaire items designed to make sure that everyone is counted only once and in the right place;
2. The effects of a bilingual Spanish/English questionnaire on response rates;
3. The feasibility of various replacement questionnaire mailing options and methods; and
4. The effects of questionnaire design improvements on data quality.

This test will be our last chance to test content on this scale in preparation for the 2010 Census. Although results from this test will not be available in time for use in planning the 2006 Census Test, they will be used to make content decisions for the 2010 Census (no later than January 2007). For more information, see **Federal Register:** November 1, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 210).

##### 2006 Census Test

Building upon the results of the 2004 Census Test, the 2006 Census Test will help the U.S. Census Bureau achieve one of its Strategic Goals—developing a census that is cost-effective, improves