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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Planning, Protection or Restoration

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2006.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Elaine Vaudreuil, 301-713-3155 ext. 103 or Elaine.Vaudreuil@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) to protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion, and to issue guidelines for this program delineating the criteria for grant awards. The guidelines establish procedures for eligible applicants who choose to participate in the program to use when developing state conservation plans, proposing or soliciting projects under this program, applying for funds, and carrying out projects under this program in a manner

that is consistent with the purposes of the program. Guidelines for the CELCP can be found on NOAA's Web site at: <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/landconservation.html> or may be obtained upon request via the contact information listed above. NOAA also has, or is given, authority under the Coastal Zone Management Act, annual appropriations or other authorities, to issue funds to coastal states, localities or other recipients for planning, conservation, acquisition, protection, restoration, or construction projects. This information collection enables NOAA to implement the CELCP, under its current or future authorization, and facilitate the review of similar projects under different, but related, authorities.

II. Method of Collection

The Project Application Checklist, paper or electronic grant applications and performance reports, are required from participants. Other supporting information is submitted in accordance with guidance. The information can be submitted in paper or electronic format.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0459.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: 35 hours for a CELCP plan; 10 hours for a project application and checklist; and 5 hours for semi-annual and annual reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,007.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$516.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Seabird Avoidance Program

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 3, 2006.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region actively seeks reduction of seabird incidental take in longline (hook-and-line) fisheries off Alaska through the Seabird Avoidance Program. The primary requirements of the Seabird Avoidance Program are: (1) Seabird avoidance gear must be onboard, made available for inspection upon request by specified persons, and must be used while hook-and-line gear is being deployed; (2) Use of a line or lines designed to deter seabirds from taking baited hooks (paired streamer line, single streamer line, or buoy bag line); (3) Offal discharge methods, including removal of hooks from any offal that is discharged;

(4) Collection of all seabirds that are incidentally taken on the observer-sampled portions of hauls using hook-and-line gear; and (5) A Seabird Avoidance Plan must be written, current, and onboard the vessel, and must be made available for inspection upon request by an authorized officer of the U.S. Coast Guard or NOAA Office for Law Enforcement.

II. Method of Collection

The Seabird Avoidance Plan must be written and signed by the vessel operator and displayed onboard the vessel, in a notebook or folder. Prior to departing for a fishing trip, the owner or operator must discuss his Seabird Avoidance Plan with the crew of the vessel, instructing and training them through seabird avoidance gear drills. For observed vessels, a copy of Seabird Avoidance Plan must be given to the observer if requested and should be discussed with the observer during a pre-departure meeting.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0474.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours to complete a Seabird Avoidance Plan.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$10,000.

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.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Exemption from Category 647/648 of Ski and Snowboard Pants Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 26, 2005.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, to not subject ski and snowboard pants to limits on category 647/648 and to release them from the current embargo for goods manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip J. Martello, Director, Trade and Data Division, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956 (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651, 37 Fed. Reg. 4699 (Mar. 3, 1972), as amended.

CITA has determined that certain imports of ski and snowboard pants from China do not contribute to the market disruption found in category 647/648 goods. CITA based this determination on its belief that these ski and snowboard pant imports of Chinese origin were not, due to market disruption, threatening to impede the orderly development of trade in these products. Specifically, CITA determined that ski/snowboard pants should not be covered by the 2005 safeguard quota. CITA has received new information indicating that there is minimal domestic production of the ski/snowboard pants products; the ski/snowboard pants products are seasonal products with limited end-use; the ski/snowboard pants products account for de minimis import quantities; thus, the exclusion does not undermine the market disruption finding or require the readjustment of the quota calculation; and the ski/snowboard pants products are easily definable in the HTS schedule for enforcement purposes and the specificity of the definition ensures that

this provision will apply only to those items that meet the narrow parameters established in the tariff items and in the statistical note of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

The HTSUS has been modified to establish a new statistical note for ski/snowboard pants applicable to HTSUS items 6203.43.3510, 6204.63.3010, 6210.40.5031, and 6210.50.5031. Ski and snowboard pants can also be imported as parts of ski suits, classified under HTSUS items 6211.20.1525 and 6211.20.1555.

Effective on November 1, 2005, for goods produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China, that meet the definition of ski/snowboard pants, provided below, classified in HTSUS items 6203.43.3510, 204.63.3010, 6210.40.5031, and 6210.50.5031, and trousers imported as parts of ski-suits classified under HTSUS items 6211.20.1525 and 6211.20.1555, CITA is directing the Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, to not subject these products to restrictions established for category 647/648 in 2005 and to allow entry of such goods no longer subject to the embargo currently in effect for category 647/648 goods.

Definition:

For the purposes of subheadings 6203.43.3510, 6204.63.3010, 6210.40.5031, and 6210.50.5031:

The term "ski/snowboard pants" means ankle-length pants made of synthetic fabrics, with or without insulation for cold weather protection, with zippered or hook and loop enclosed pockets, sealed seams and hidden elastic leg sleeves, and with one or more of the following: side openings, scuff guards or reinforcement in the seat. A sealed seam is one that has been covered, on the backside of the fabric, with tape or a coating to "bridge" the seam so that air and water cannot pass through. The tape or coating may be applied using heat and/or pressure.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 26, 2005.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: On May 26, 2005, the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreement (CITA) issued a directive to you to establish an import limit on man-made fiber trousers (category 647/648), produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during the period beginning on May 27, 2005 and extending