

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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Seabird Avoidance Program.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0474.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 16,000.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Average Hours per Response: 8 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection describes an activity of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region (NMFS) intended to reduce the incidental take of the short-tailed albatross and other seabird species. The goal of the Seabird Avoidance Plan is to potentially benefit the endangered short-tailed albatross population and populations of other seabird species and to reduce the risk of potentially serious economic impacts to the Alaska hook-and-line fisheries. If the incidental take limit of short-tailed albatross and other seabird species under the section 7 ESA consultation were exceeded, fishery closures could become a possibility under the section 7 consultation process.

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

Frequency: Annually.

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).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: January 31, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: Statement by Ultimate Consignee and Purchaser.

Agency Form Number: BIS-711.

OMB Approval Number: 0694-0021.

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

Burden: 582 hours.

Average Time per Response: 16 minutes.

Number of Respondents: 1,884 respondents.

Needs and Uses: This collection is required by Section 748.11 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). The Form BIS-711 or letter puts the importer on notice of the special nature of the goods proposed for export and conveys a commitment against illegal disposition. In order to effectively control commodities, BIS must have sufficient information regarding the end-use and end-user of the U.S. origin commodities to be exported. The information will assist the licensing officer in making the proper decision on whether to approve or reject the application for the license.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**U.S. Census Bureau****2007 Census of Governments Prelist Survey of Special Districts**

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 April 7, 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(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Owens, Chief, Government Organization and Special Programs Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301) 763-5149.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request approval of data collection Form G-24, Prelist Survey of Special Districts. This form will be used to verify the existence of special districts for the 2002 Census of Governments, to obtain current mailing addresses, and to identify new districts. The quinquennial Census of Governments enumerates five types of local governments: county governments, municipal governments, township governments, school district governments, and special district governments. Lists of county, municipal and township governments are kept up-to-date through the Boundary and Annexation Survey conducted annually by the Geography Division of the Census

Bureau. School district governments and other “local education agencies” are kept current through data sharing arrangements with state education agencies, and the National Center for Education Statistics. There is no national source of information on special district governments. We, therefore, enlist the help of county clerks, and other county officials to provide information on changes in special districts, including the creation of new districts, disincorporation of existing districts, and address changes. An updated list is necessary for subsequent phases of the Census of Governments to ensure complete coverage and to minimize the need for remailings caused by inaccurate addresses.

II. Method of Collection

Each of the approximately 1,500 counties, consolidated city-county governments, and independent cities designated for the survey will be sent a printed list of previously identified special districts within their county areas. Respondents will be requested to review and update the list to identify those districts that are no longer active, districts with address changes, and districts that are not included in the list. For new special districts, respondents will be requested to provide, in addition to the district name, mailing addresses and the names of counties included in the service area.

This data collection effort will offer fax and e-mail as electronic response options, but no electronic form on the Internet. The Census Bureau explored the possibility of an electronic form during the previous survey cycle and determined that the nature of the information—unique and specific for every respondent—rendered this too costly. The effort required to develop and deploy a comprehensive and effective electronic response instrument would far exceed both the budget and potential benefits of such a method.

In addition, in keeping with Governments Division policy, we will accept responses prepared by the respondents from their own files in either electronic, or printed form.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: G-24.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: County governments, consolidated city-county governments, and independent cities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$15,000.00.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary. *Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C. Section 161.

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: January 31, 2006.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2007 Census of Governments Local Government Directory Survey

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request approval of the 2007 Census of Governments Local Government Directory Survey data collection form: Form G-30 (Special District Governments). This form will be used for the following purposes: (1) To produce the official count of local government units in the United States; (2) To obtain descriptive information on the basic characteristics of governments; (3) To identify and delete inactive units; (4) To identify file duplicates and units that were dependent on other governments; and (5) To update and verify the mailing addresses of governments.

The 2007 Census of Governments Local Government Directory Survey consists of two basic content areas: Government organization, and government employment. For government organization we will ask for authorizing legislation, method of governance, web address, services provided, and corrections to the name and address of the government. For government employment we will ask for full-time employees, part-time employees and annual payroll.

II. Method of Collection

Each of the 36,000 special district governments will be sent an appropriate form. Respondents will be asked to verify or correct the name and mailing address of the government, answer the questions on the form, and return the form. Respondents will also be given an option of responding electronically over the internet.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: G-30.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Special district governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 36,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,000.