

officials from both New York and Michigan, the Department has determined that the States do not have sufficient resources to effectively carry out an eradication program.

The infestation of plum pox virus represents a threat to U.S. stone fruit crops. It constitutes a real danger to the national economy and a potential serious burden on interstate and foreign commerce. Therefore, the Department has determined that an extraordinary emergency exists because of the existence of plum pox virus in Michigan and New York.

In accordance with 7 U.S.C. 7715, this declaration of extraordinary emergency authorizes the Secretary to: (1) Hold, seize, quarantine, treat, apply other remedial measures to, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, any plant, biological control organism, plant product, article, or means of conveyance that the Secretary has reason to believe is infected by or contains the plum pox virus; (2) quarantine, treat, or apply other remedial measures to any premises, including any plants, biological control organisms, plant products, articles, or means of conveyance on the premises, that the Secretary has reason to believe is infected by or contaminated with the plum pox virus; (3) quarantine any State or portion of a State in which the Secretary finds the plum pox virus or any plant, biological control organism, plant product, article, or means of conveyance that the Secretary has reason to believe is infected by or contaminated with the plum pox virus; and (4) prohibit or restrict the movement within a State of any plant, biological control organism, plant product, article, or means of conveyance when the Secretary determines that the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of the plum pox virus or to eradicate the plum pox virus. The Governors of New York and Michigan have been informed of these facts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This declaration of extraordinary emergency shall become effective May 18, 2007.

Mike Johanns,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Services

West Fork Duck Creek Watershed, Noble County, OH

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Rules (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the rehabilitation of Floodwater Retarding Structure No. 7 (Caldwell Lake Dam) in the West Fork Duck Creek Watershed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terry J. Cosby; State Conservationist; Natural Resources Conservation Service; 200 North High Street, Room 522, Columbus, Ohio 43215; telephone 614-255-2500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this Federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national effects on the human environment. As a result of these findings, Terry J. Cosby, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project purpose is flood prevention. The action includes the rehabilitation of one floodwater-retarding dam. The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency; various Federal, state and local agencies; and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FNSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment is on file and may be reviewed by contacting Terry J. Cosby.

No administrative action on implementation of the preferred alternative will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

Terry J. Crosby,

State Conservationist

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Atlantic Sea Scallop Collections.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0491.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 7,949.

Number of Respondents: 981.

Average Hours Per Response: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) trip termination form, compensation trip ID VMS form, trip declaration, powerdown provision and installation verification, 2 minutes; broken trip adjustment sheet, 10 minutes; and access area trip exchange application, 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service Northeast Region manages the Atlantic sea scallop (scallop) fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the East Coast under the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The regulations implementing the FMP are at 50 CFR part 648. To successfully implement and administer parts of the FMP, OMB Control No. 0648-0491 includes the following information collections:

1. VMS requirements for occasional scallop vessels that wish to participate in the access area program;
2. VMS requirements for general Category 1B scallop vessels. Category 1B vessels are authorized to land up to 400 lb of scallops;
3. Access area broken trip notification requirements;
4. Access area trip exchange application procedures; and
5. Increased VMS polling frequency to one-half hour from one hour.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and 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).

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: May 17, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO)

ACTION: Proposed information 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 23, 2007.

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 Valerie Strang, U.S. Census Bureau, CSD, Room 6K072E, Washington, DC 20233-6400, (301) 763-3317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to conduct the 2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO). In the SBO, businesses are asked several questions about their business as well as several questions about the gender, Hispanic or Latino origin, and race of the principal owner(s). This survey provides the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on the characteristics of U.S. businesses by ownership category, i.e., by gender,

Hispanic or Latino origin, and race. The survey is conducted as part of the economic census program which is required by law to be taken every 5 years under Title 13 of the United States Code, Sections 131, 193, and 224.

Businesses which reported any business activity on any one of the following Internal Revenue Service tax forms will be eligible for selection: 1040 (Schedule C), "Profit or Loss From Business (Sole Proprietorship); 1065, U.S. Return of Partnership Income; 941, "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return"; or any one of the 1120 corporate tax forms.

The following changes have been made to the 2007 SBO:

- The survey form was expanded to collect a variety of characteristics for up to four individual owners. There was space for up to three owners in 2002, but this was found not to be sufficient in determining equal male-/female-ownership.

- The race question has been modified to meet OMB guidelines to allow respondents to select the "Some Other Race" category.

- Examples are provided for the "Other Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin," "Other Asian", and "Other Pacific Islander" write-in categories.

- Twenty-two new questions have been added to our questionnaire.

There are four new questions that are asked of each owner:

1. How did the owner acquire ownership of the business?
2. When did the owner acquire ownership of the business?
3. Prior to establishing, purchasing, or acquiring the business, had the owner ever owned a business or been self-employed?
4. Was the owner born in the United States?

There are eighteen new business questions:

1. Was the business jointly owned by a husband and wife?
2. How many owners were there in the business?
3. Did a franchiser own more than 50% of the business?
4. What was the total amount of capital used to start or acquire the business?
5. Did the business forego expansion or capital improvement due to a lack of access to capital?
6. What percent of the business's total sales of goods and/or services consisted of exports outside the United States?
7. What geographic area(s) best describes the market where the business's goods and/or services were sold?
8. In which language(s) did the business conduct transactions?

9. Did the business establish operations outside the United States?

10. Did the business outsource or transfer any business function or service to a company outside the United States?

11. Which of the following techniques were used to attract, develop and/or retain workers?

12. Did the business have a Web site?

13. Did the business make purchases online?

14. Did the business have e-commerce sales?

15. What percent of the business's goods and/or services were e-commerce sales?

16. What characteristic(s) describe the self-employment or business activity?

17. Is the business currently operating?

18. If no, did the business cease operating for any of the following reasons?

These items will address important concerns of many data users, including the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the Small Business Administration, and the Center for Women's Business Research.

We received clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to test our newly proposed 2007 SBO questionnaire. Cognitive interviews with fourteen businesses were conducted between December 5-15, 2006. These interviews continued on January 29, 2007 through February 1, 2007. Upon completion of the first round of interviews, the interview team met and decided on the recommended changes to the form. The form was revised and a second round of interviews began on April 9, 2007, through April 27, 2007. The team met again after the second round and the form was revised again. On May 29, 2007 a third and final round of testing began. This testing continues as this presubmission notice is processed. There are plans to make final changes to the form by June 15.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use a mailout/mailback survey form to collect the data. The questionnaires will be mailed from our National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Three mail follow-ups to non-respondents will be conducted at approximately one-month intervals. Upon closeout of the survey, the response data will be edited and reviewed.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: SBO-1, 2007 Survey of Business Owners and Self-Employed Persons.