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Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

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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: Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0490.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 192.

Number of Respondents: 276.

Average Hours per Response:

Shallow-set certificate requests, 10 minutes; Northwest Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish permit applications, 1 hour; American Samoa Longline permit applications, 45 minutes; all other applications, half an hour; appeals, 2 hours.

Needs and Uses: Fishermen in Federally-managed fisheries in the western Pacific region are required to maintain valid fishing permits on-board their vessels at all times. The permits are generally renewed annually and are needed to identify participants in the fisheries. Permits also are important to help measure impacts of management controls on the participants in the fisheries of the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the western Pacific.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually, every three years, 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: April 15, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: Foreign Fishing Vessel Permit Applications.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0089.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 8.

Number of Respondents: 7.

Average Hours Per Response:

Transshipment permit applications, 45 minutes; joint venture permit applications, 2 hours; directed fishing permit applications, 1.5 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provides for the issuance of fishing permits to foreign vessels. The information contained in the applications is needed by NOAA to evaluate and determine eligibility of applications for permits.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Building and Zoning Permit Systems

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2008.

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 Erica Filipek, U.S. Census Bureau, MCD, CENHQ Room 7K181, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone (301) 763-5161 (or via the Internet at Erica.Mary.Filipek@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a three-year extension of the currently approved collection of the Form C-411, Survey of Building and Zoning Permit Systems. The Census Bureau produces statistics used to monitor activity in the large and dynamic construction industry. These statistics help state and local governments and the Federal Government, as well as private industry, to analyze this important sector of the economy. The accuracy of the Census Bureau statistics regarding the amount of construction authorized depends on data supplied by building and zoning officials throughout the country.

The Census Bureau uses the Survey of Building and Zoning Permit Systems to obtain information from state and local building permit officials needed for updating the universe of permit-issuing places. The questions pertain to the legal requirements for issuing building or zoning permits in the local jurisdictions. Information is obtained on such items as geographic coverage and types of construction for which permits are issued.

The universe of permit-issuing places is the sampling frame for the Building Permits Survey (BPS) and the Survey of Construction (SOC). These two sample surveys provide widely used measures of construction activity, including the economic indicators Housing Units Authorized by Building Permits and Housing Starts.

II. Method of Collection

The form is sent to a jurisdiction when the Census Bureau has reason to believe that a new permit system has been established or an existing one has changed, based on information from a variety of sources including survey respondents, regional councils and the Census Bureau's Geography Division which keeps abreast of changes in corporate status.

III. Data

- OMB Number: 0607-0350.
- Form Number: C-411.
- Type of Review: Regular submission.
- Affected Public: State or local government.
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,000.
- Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.
- Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.
- Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.
- Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
- Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, section 182.

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: April 15, 2008.
Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Industrial Reports Surveys (Mandatory and Voluntary Surveys)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.
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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2008.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mendel D. Gayle, Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Rd. Rm. 7K055, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 763-4587 or via the Internet at mendel.d.gayle@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request a revision of the currently approved Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) Program. The Census Bureau conducts a series of monthly, quarterly, and annual surveys as part of the Current Industrial Reports (CIR) program. The CIR surveys deal mainly with the quantity and value of shipments of particular products and occasionally with data on production and inventories; unfilled orders, receipts, stocks and consumption; and comparative data on domestic production, exports, and imports of the products they cover. These surveys provide continuing and timely national statistical data on manufacturing. Individual firms, trade associations, and market analysts use the results of these surveys extensively in planning or recommending marketing and legislative strategies.

The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically, the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis and annual collections are mandatory. The collection frequency of individual CIR surveys is determined by the cyclical nature of production, the need for frequent trade monitoring, or the use of data in Government economic indicator series. Some monthly and quarterly CIR surveys have an annual "counterpart" collection. The annual counterpart collects annual data on a mandatory basis from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Previously, the CIR surveys were divided among three separate waves and submitted separately for OMB review. Due to the reduced number of surveys in the CIR program, the CIR surveys are being combined into one wave. The surveys included are:

Mandatory surveys	Voluntary surveys
MA311D—Confectionery	*M336G—Civil Aircraft and Aircraft Engines
MA325F—Paint and Allied Products	*M327G—Glass Containers
MA327C—Refractories	*MQ325B—Fertilizer Materials
MA331B—Steel Mill Products	*MQ327D—Clay Construction Products
MA332Q—Antifriction Bearings	*MQ315B—Socks
MA333A—Farm Machinery	*MQ311A—Flour Milling Products
MA333M—Air Conditioning and Refrigeration	*MQ325A—Inorganic Chemicals