

science, and other related disciplines who are dedicated to the service of their country and optimization of NOAA's missions to ensure the economic and physical well-being of the Nation. NOAA Corps officers serve in assignments throughout NOAA, as well as in each of NOAA's Line Offices (National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Ocean Service, National Weather Service, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and Office of Program, Planning, and Integration). Persons wishing to be considered for a NOAA Corps Commission must submit a complete application package, including NOAA Form 56-42, three letters of recommendation, and official transcripts. A personal interview must also be conducted. Eligibility requirements include a bachelor's degree in science, engineering, or another discipline related to NOAA's missions, excellent health, normal color vision with uncorrected visual acuity no worse than 20/400 in each eye (correctable to 20/20), and ability to complete 20 years of active duty service prior to their 62nd birthday.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents must submit paper forms via mail in postage-paid envelopes.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0047.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 56-42, 56-42A, and 56-42D.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 390.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,024.

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 30, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XM96

NOAA to Transfer Ownership of John N. Cobb to Seattle Maritime Academy

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations propose to donate NOAA Ship *John N. Cobb* to Seattle Central Community College: Seattle Maritime Academy under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 6, 2009. Also, there will be a public meeting held to obtain public comments at the Marine Operations Center-Pacific at 1800, February 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 1801 Fairview Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. You may submit comments to chad.cary@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LT Chad Cary by email chad.cary@noaa.gov or phone (206) 553-7916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

John N. Cobb, decommissioned August 13, 2008, had been an active research vessel for 58 years. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal properties meeting historical criteria are to be recognized as historical assets. As a result of *John N. Cobb's* length of service, significant contributions to the community and historic architectural design, the vessel has been determined eligible and is scheduled to make the National Register of Historic Places spring of 2009. Upon being determined eligible, the vessel became subject to

rules and regulations described in 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties-The Section 106 Process.

Seattle Central Community College: Seattle Maritime Academy is an eligible recipient of *John N. Cobb* under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology and Innovation Act of 1980 and consequently submitted a request for the vessel to the Commanding Officer, Marine Operations Center-Pacific. This request includes a strategy for continued use and preservations of the vessel. The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations is confident the Academy possesses the necessary resources to continue the preservation effort. Seattle Maritime Academy is a reputable organization and will likely serve *John N. Cobb* well in future sea going years. Prior to transferring the vessel to Seattle Maritime Academy, NOAA, the Washington State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will establish a memorandum of agreement including preservation covenants.

Dated: January 28, 2009.

Jonathan W. Bailey,

NOAA Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Energy; Office of Science.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., E.S.T.

ADDRESSES: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Thomassen (301-903-9817; david.thomassen@science.doe.gov) Designated Federal Officer, Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-23/