

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 4, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on the Massachusetts Haddock Trawl Study." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: [DA9052@noaa.gov](mailto:DA9052@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Murphy, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9122, fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A complete application for an EFP was submitted on February 27, 2009, by David Chosid and Michael Pol of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). The project was funded by the DMF/University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology, Marine Fisheries Institute grant program. The primary goal of the research is to test the effectiveness of a sweepless (no ground gear) raised footrope, semi-pelagic trawl, referred to as the "5-point trawl" net. This net was designed to minimize the catch of Atlantic cod while maximizing the catch of haddock. The intent of the researchers is that the experimental net, if successful, could potentially be an acceptable alternative trawl design to be used in the groundfish fishery.

The project is a continuation of research previously conducted in 2006 and 2007 by DMF, which has preliminarily shown that this new trawl net design significantly reduces the bycatch of cod, as compared to the standard trawl used. The experimental net was designed to exploit the differences in behavior of haddock and cod in relation to towed gears. Similar to the haddock separator trawl, this experimental net proposes to reduce cod mortality; however, it avoids some of the complexities associated with separator trawls, since, under the experimental net, the cod would not pass through meshes, or encounter grids or escape vents. Although this study would focus on reducing cod-haddock interactions, this net may also reduce the bycatch of flatfish species such as winter flounder, yellowtail flounder, witch flounder, and American plaice.

All fish would be sorted and weighed, and fish of legal size would be retained for sale. All discards would be released as quickly as practicable to reduce incidental mortality. Exemptions from the NE multispecies possession limits at 50 CFR 648.86, the U.S. Canada Management Area harvest control regulations at § 648.85(a)(3)(iv), the U.S./Canada Management Area gear requirements for trawl nets at § 648.85(a)(3)(iii), and the Eastern U.S./Canada Area May 1–July 31 seasonal trawl gear prohibition specified under the Regional Administrator's authority, are necessary because valid testing of the experimental nets would require continued sampling after daily and overall trip limits have been reached for certain species in order to obtain adequate replicates for analysis. The participating vessel would be subject to any U.S./Canada Management Area Closures or possession prohibitions due to the achievement of a cod, haddock, or yellowtail flounder Total Allowable Catch (TAC). Based on catch data from previous experimental tows with this net design, the researchers anticipate that a total of 24.2 mt of fish would be harvested throughout the course of the study. All proceeds from the sale of the fish would be returned to DMF for the purpose of enhancing future research. Following is the total estimated catch and discards by species: Cod, 3.20 mt; haddock, 1.60 mt; pollock, 0.00 mt; witch flounder, 0.10 mt; yellowtail flounder, 0.40 mt; winter flounder, 2.00 mt; American plaice, 0.40 mt; monkfish, 0.90 mt; spiny dogfish, 1.20 mt; skates, 8.80 mt; American lobster, 0.60 mt; and other discards, 5.00 mt.

All at-sea research would be conducted from one fishing vessel, which intends to fish in the Eastern U.S./Canada Haddock Special Access Program (SAP). A total of 7 days would be used for testing the experimental trawl. An anticipated 84 1-hour tows would be conducted during that time. DMF staff would be aboard the vessel at all times during testing.

Based on preliminary review of this project, and in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-6, a Categorical Exclusion from requirements to prepare either an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act appears to be justified. The applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not

change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 13, 2009.

**Kristen C. Koch,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget for their review the following collection as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Committee Form 403—Annual Certification—Qualified Nonprofit Agency Serving People Who Are Blind.

Committee Form 404—Annual Certification—Qualified Nonprofit Agency Serving People Who Are Severely Disabled.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments about the collection on or before May 13, 2009. The agency's 60-day notice informing the public of the intent to renew this form with no changes was published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2009 on page 5913-5914. A subsequent correction notice was published on February 13, 2009 on page 7216.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Jasmeet K. Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register: (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Jasmeet K. Seehra, OMB Desk Office; and (2) Electronically by e-mail to: [Jasmeet\\_K\\_Seehra@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov).

Requests for copies of documents pertaining to the collection should be addressed to Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Attention: Edward Yang, Information Technology Specialist, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA

22202–3259 or e-mailed to [eyang@abilityone.gov](mailto:eyang@abilityone.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee has two annual certification forms, one for nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind (Committee Form 403, OMB Control Number 3037–0001) and one for nonprofit agencies primarily serving people who have other severe disabilities (Committee Form 404, OMB Control Number 3037–0002). The information included on the forms is required to ensure that nonprofit agencies that participate in the Committee's program meet the requirements of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (JWOD), 41 U.S.C. 46–48c. One comment was received in response to the agency's 60-day notice informing the public of the intent to renew this form with no changes, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2009 on page 5913–5914. A subsequent correction notice was published on February 13, 2009 on page 7216.

*Title:* Annual Certification—Qualified Nonprofit Agency Serving People Who Are Blind, Committee Form 403.

*OMB Number:* 3037–0001.

*Agency Number:* 3037.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Nonprofit agencies serving people who are blind that participate in the AbilityOne Program.

*Number of Respondents:* 70.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 420.

*Total Annual Costs:* \$12,600.

*Title:* Annual Certification—Qualified Nonprofit Agency Serving People Who Are Severely Disabled, Committee Form 404.

*OMB Number:* 3037–0002.

*Agency Number:* 3037.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Nonprofit agencies serving people with severe disabilities that participate in the AbilityOne Program.

*Number of Respondents:* 555.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 6 hours.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,330.

*Total Annual costs:* \$99,900.

On February 3, 2009, the Committee published a notice in the **Federal Register** (Volume 74, Number 21, pages 5913–5914). A subsequent correction notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 2009 (Volume 74, Number 29, page 7216). These notices requested public comment on the renewal of annual certification requirements for nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program.

The comment period lasted 60 days, ending April 8, 2009. By that date, the Committee received comments from one respondent containing four comments.

The respondent concurred that the Committee has the authority to enforce conditions for participation in the program pursuant to the JWOD Act. However, the respondent inferred that there is sub-regulatory guidance issued by the Committee that should instead be issued through regulation. This information collection request is limited to annual reports from participating nonprofit agencies in the AbilityOne Program which are not affected by any sub-regulatory guidance.

The respondent's next comment questioned the burden estimate by indicating there was no justification, rationale or dollar burden estimate provided. Much of the respondent's comment does not deal with the reporting of data for the annual certification under this specific collection notice, but for the recordkeeping requirement tracked under a separate OMB Paperwork Reduction Act tracking number. Specific justification for the annual certification, including burden and cost estimate, was included in the supporting documentation provided to OMB with the renewal request. The burden estimate used was based on questions asked during actual compliance visits to participating nonprofit agencies and included the time for entering data into the web-based quarterly system and reviewing the draft annual certification by the central nonprofit agencies. As a result of the Committee's review of the process, the previous estimate that had been used since at least 1992 was doubled. The Committee has used a cost estimate of \$30 per hour, therefore the estimated cost to each participating nonprofit would be \$180 or a total burden of \$112,500.

The respondent's next two comments included recommendations for improving the quality, utility and clarity of reporting by participating nonprofit agencies and ways to minimize the burden. While not specifically related to this information collection renewal request, the Committee appreciates all recommendations for improvement in our information collection and overall AbilityOne Program efforts.

**Kimberly Zeich,**

*Deputy Executive Director & COO.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED PROCUREMENT LIST

### Proposed Additions and Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete products previously furnished by such agencies.

**DATES:** *Comments Must Be Received on or Before:* May 18, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0655, or e-mail [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

### Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for service will be required to procure the services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

#### *Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification*

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.