

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Census Bureau****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of State Research and Development**

**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 November 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto: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 Pamela D. Medwid, U.S. Census Bureau, Governments Division, Washington DC 20233-6800 (or via the Internet at [pamela.d.dutterer@census.gov](mailto:pamela.d.dutterer@census.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to continue to conduct the Survey of State Research and Development Expenditures to measure research and development supported and performed by State governments in the United States. This survey is a joint effort between the Census Bureau and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The NSF Act of 1950 includes a statutory charge to "provide a central clearinghouse for the collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies in the Federal Government." Under the aegis of this legislative mandate, NSF and its predecessors have sponsored surveys of research and development since 1953, including the Survey of Industrial Research and Development and the Survey of State Research and Development Expenditures.

Items on the survey form include research and development expenditures according to the source of funding, by performer of the work (internal and external to State agencies), and by character (*i.e.*, basic, applied, or developmental). Final results produced by NSF contain State and National estimates useful to a variety of data users interested in research and development performance including: the National Science Board; the Office of Management and Budget; the Office of Science and Technology Policy and other science policy makers; institutional researchers; and private organizations.

**II. Method of Collection**

All data are collected electronically via an Internet Web form. The approximately 500 State government agencies surveyed will be assisted during the collection period by central State coordinators.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0607-0933.

*Form Number:* SRD-1.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State Government Agencies.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 52 State coordinators and 500 State agencies.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours for every State coordinator and 1.5 hours for every State agency.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 958.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$19,000.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C. Sections 8(b), 161, and 182. Title 15 United States Code, Section 1525.

**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: September 15, 2009.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XR66**

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of a Routine Road Maintenance Program (RMP) that Clackamas County, Oregon, has submitted pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NOAA Fisheries promulgated a protective rule for 14 threatened salmon and steelhead Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs). The RMP would affect four ESUs of threatened salmonids identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** The 4(d) rule provides for limits on ESA take prohibitions for the various activities set out in the rule. The RMP addresses the limit for routine road maintenance activities of any state, city, county or port. This Notice serves to notify the public of the availability of the Clackamas County RMP for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NOAA Fisheries.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft RMP must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (*see ADDRESSES*) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on October 21, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Dr. Anne Mullan, Habitat Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Suite 1100, Portland, Oregon 97232. Comments may also be faxed to (503) 231-6893. Copies of the entire RMP are available online with this title, Best Management Practices for Routine Road Maintenance Application, at: <http://www.clackamas.us/transportation/library.htm>. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.