

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force—Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force's "Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning".

SUMMARY: On June 12, 2009, the President established an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. The Task Force was charged with, within 180 days, developing a recommended framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning.

On December 9, 2009, the Task Force submitted its Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (Interim Framework) to the President. To allow for additional public engagement and comment before the President makes any final decision on the Interim Framework, the Task Force endorsed issuing it for public review and comment.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before February 12, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The Task Force Interim Framework is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans>. Comments on the Task Force Interim Framework should be submitted electronically to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans> or in writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Michael Weiss, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Weiss, Deputy Associate Director for Ocean and Coastal Policy, at (202) 456-3892.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 2009, President Obama issued a Memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies that established an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. That Presidential memo charged the Task Force with, within 90 days, developing recommendations that include: (1) A national policy for the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes; (2) a United States framework for policy coordination of efforts to improve stewardship of the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes; and (3) an implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes a set of objectives the United States should pursue to meet the

objectives of a national policy. On September 17, 2009, the Task Force's Interim Report addressing these three items was issued for 30 days public comment. Comments were requested to be submitted by October 17, 2009.

The Task Force was also charged with, within 180 days, developing a recommended framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning. The memorandum provides that the framework should be "a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach that addresses conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."

In response to this direction, the Task Force has completed its *Interim Framework for Effective Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning* (Interim Framework). The Interim Framework proposes a new, integrated approach to better determine how the ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes are sustainably used and protected now and for future generations. It offers a foundation for coastal and marine spatial planning in the United States, and describes a flexible path forward for the regional development and implementation of comprehensive and ecosystem-based coastal and marine spatial plans. The Interim Report is now available at the Council on Environmental Quality Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans>.

Public comments are requested on or before February 12, 2010.

Dated: December 14, 2009.

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Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DoD-2008-HA-0167]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 19, 2010.

Title and OMB Number: Certification of Non-contributory TRICARE Supplemental Insurance Plan; OMB Control Number 0720-TBD.

Type of Request: New.

Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 1,500.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 250 hours.

Needs and Uses: Section 707 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 added section 1097c to Title 10. Section 1097c prohibits employers from offering financial or other incentives to certain TRICARE-eligible employees to not enroll in an employer-offered group-health plan. In other words, employers may no longer offer TRICARE supplemental insurance plans as part of an employee benefit package. Employers may, however, offer TRICARE supplemental insurance plans as part of an employee benefit package provided the plan is not paid for in whole or in part by the employer and is not endorsed by the employer. When such TRICARE supplemental plans are offered, the employer must properly document that they did not provide any payment for the benefit nor receive any direct or indirect consideration or compensation for offering the benefit; the employer's only involvement is providing the administrative support. That certification will be provided upon request to the Department of Defense.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. John Kraemer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any