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:** U.S. Census Bureau

**Title:** Partnership Program Focus Groups and Interviews

**Form Number:** None

**OMB Control Number:** None

**Type of Request:** New collection

**Burden Hours:** 150

**Number of Respondents:** 30

**Average Hours per Response:** 48 minutes

**Needs and Uses:** For the 2010 Census, among the many other outreach efforts, the Census Bureau conducted the Partnership Program, involving commercial entities of national scope; State, local and Tribal governments; and regional and local corporations and organizations. The purpose of the Partnership Program was to target historically “hard-to-count” (HTC) areas in hopes of increasing census form mail-back rates. Over 800 National Partners participated in the 2010 Census Partnership Program. The program will continue to be an integral part of future inter-census year promotional activities. The proposed data collection for Partnership Program Research will assist the Census Bureau by (1) identifying the enhancers, incentives, and barriers to maintaining partner relationships over time; (2) investigating the rationales behind organizations refusing to participate in the Partnership Program; and (3) identifying the specific improvements to the Partnership Program that will lead to more engagement by Partnership organizations.

The Census Bureau needs to collect and analyze qualitative data to address the following research questions:

(a) How can the Partnership program be improved and the partnerships be maintained in the future during the intercensal years as well as for the 2020 Census?

(b) What metrics can be used to monitor and assess the impact of the Partnership Program in the intercensal years and for the 2020 Census?

Essentially, the research for which data collection approval is being sought seeks to inform the future direction, composition, and maintenance of this outreach program for the next eight or nine years, in preparation for the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau intends to ask program participants about ways the program can be improved, and ways in which their own participation can be enhanced in future years. The resulting qualitative data will be used by Census Bureau management staff to create recommendations for program redesign in order to improve the program in the years leading to the next Census.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal governments.

**Frequency:** One time

**Respondent’s Obligation:** Voluntary

**Legal Authority:** Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 141 and 193

**OMB Desk Officer:** Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

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 6616, 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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

**Dated:** March 11, 2011.

**Glenna Mickelson,**

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Proposed Information Collection for Focus Groups and One-on-One Interviews

**AGENCY:** Office of Response and Restoration, Assessment and Restoration Division and the Office of Habitat Conservation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments on Proposed Information Collection for Focus Groups and One-on-one Interviews for the Elwha River Dam Removal and Floodplain Restoration Ecosystem Service Valuation Pilot Project located on the north central part of the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the Information Collection (IC) to conduct focus groups and one-on-one interviews, described below. We invite the general public and Federal agencies to comment on this proposed IC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Dr. Anthony Dvarskas by telephone at 732–872–3090, or by e-mail at Anthony.Dvarskas@noaa.gov. You may also contact Dr. Peter Edwards by telephone at 301–713–2325 ext. 210 or by e-mail at Peter.Edwards@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Abstract

NOAA is requesting approval for a new IC to conduct focus groups and one-on-one interviews to develop and test the Elwha River Dam Removal and Floodplain Restoration Ecosystem Service Valuation Survey.

The planned removal of two hydroelectric dams on the Elwha River would be one of the largest dam-removal projects in U.S. history. This project, along with restoration actions planned for the floodplain and drained reservoir basins, would have numerous impacts to people of the surrounding region. Impacted groups include recreationalists who engage in river activities such as fishing and rafting, reservoir users, and members of American Indian Tribes for whom the river has cultural, environmental, and economic significance. The dam removal and restoration actions could also have value to people throughout the Pacific Northwest and the United States, regardless of whether they visit the Elwha River or Olympic Peninsula. Such nonuse value may be significant because the dam removal and habitat restoration will restore the river to more natural conditions and will restore threatened and endangered populations of salmon and other fish species. This project will also address an important gap in research on indirect and nonuse values provided by habitat restoration and protection.
A study of the value of ecological restoration is of particular interest in this location because significant baseline ecological data are available to allow a comparison of ecological values with some of the more obvious use losses associated with the reservoir.

The ability to link results of the study to precise measures of ecosystem changes will be useful in applying the study to future restoration sites, enabling NOAA to evaluate a broader range of ecosystem services provided by future restoration actions.

A nonmarket valuation survey of the U.S. public and members of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe will be developed and implemented. To ensure the survey questions and policy scenarios presented in this survey are accurate, easily understood, and the least burdensome, it is important to test the survey with small focus groups and in one-on-one interviews.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected through 12 focus groups, 2 stakeholder meetings and 24 one-on-one interviews.

III. Data

Title: Elwha River Dam Removal and Floodplain Restoration Ecosystem Service Valuation Pilot Project.

OMB Control Number: 0648–xxxx.

Type of Review: Regular (request for approval of a new information collection).

Affected Entities: Individuals or households.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Annual Reporting and Record-keeping Burden:

Estimated Number of Respondents Annually: 156 (120 for focus groups, 12 for stakeholder meetings, and 24 for one-on-one interviews).

Estimated Burden per Response: 2 hours for focus groups and stakeholder meetings, and 1 hour for one-on-one interviews.

Total Annual Reporting: 300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

IV. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.


David G. Westerholm,
Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Census Scientific Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (U.S. Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee (C–SAC). The Committee will address policy, research, and technical issues relating to a full range of Census Bureau programs and activities, including communications, decennial, demographic, economic, field operations, geographic, information technology, and statistics. Last minute changes to the agenda are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

DATES: April 7 and 8, 2011. On April 7, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. On April 8, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau Conference Center, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeri Green, Committee Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301–763–6500. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the C–SAC are appointed by the Director, U.S. Census Bureau. The Committee provides scientific and technical expertise, as appropriate, to address U.S. Census Bureau program needs and objectives. The Committee has been established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10).

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside for public comments and questions. Persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing at least three days before the meeting to the Committee Liaison Officer named above. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, April 4, 2011. You may access the online registration form with the following link: http://www.regionline.com/csacapr2011. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should also be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as known, and preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Robert M. Groves,
Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

United States Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee

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


SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has established and is soliciting applications for membership on the United States Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Robert M. Groves,
Director, National Ocean Service.

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