

cooperative research to collect fishery-dependent data for management of the Atlantic shark fishery.

Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not consider scientific research to be "fishing," scientific research is exempt from this statute, and NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (e.g., research conducted from a research vessel and not a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species that are regulated only under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (e.g., most species of sharks) and not under ATCA. NMFS requests copies of scientific research plans for these activities and indicates concurrence by issuing a LOA to researchers to indicate that the proposed activity meets the definition of research and is therefore exempt from regulation.

Scientific research is not exempt from regulation under ATCA. NMFS issues SRPs for collection of species managed under this statute (e.g., tunas, swordfish, billfish), which authorize researchers to collect HMS from bona fide research vessels (e.g., NMFS or university research vessel.) NMFS will issue an EFP when research/collection involving Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and billfishes occurs from commercial or recreational fishing platforms.

To regulate these fishing activities, NMFS needs information to determine the justification of granting an EFP, LOA, SRP, Display or Shark Research Permit. The application requirements are detailed at 50 CFR 600.745(b)(2). Interim, annual and no-catch/fishing reports must also be submitted to the HMS Management Division within NMFS. The authority for the HMS Management Division for requiring this information is found at 50 CFR 635.32(a).

**Revisions:** Shark research permit application forms are now separate from those for other research permits. In addition, shark research observers are no longer required to apply for research permits.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** Annually and on occasion.  
**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:**  
*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

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

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: May 24, 2011.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 36-2011]

**Foreign-Trade Zone 277—Western Maricopa County, AZ; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Greater Maricopa Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 277, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (74 FR 1170, 1/12/09 (correction 74 FR 3987, 1/22/09); 75 FR 71069-71070, 11/22/10). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new "usage-driven" FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee's "service area" in the context of the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on May 23, 2011.

FTZ 277 was approved by the Board on December 22, 2010 (Board Order 1733, 76 FR 1134, 01/07/2011). The current zone project includes the following sites: *Site 1* (230 acres)—within the 416-acre Airport Gateway at Goodyear industrial complex, Bullard Avenue and Van Buren Street, Goodyear; *Site 2* (133 acres)—within the 286-acre Surprise Pointe Business Park, Waddell Road and Litchfield Road, Surprise; *Site 3* (235 acres)—within the 1,600-acre Palm Valley 303 Industrial Park, Camelback Road and State Road 303, Goodyear; and, *Site 4* (320 acres)—

within the 1,314-acre 10 West Logistics Center, Van Buren Street and Interstate 10 at 339th Avenue, Maricopa County.

The grantee's proposed service area under the ASF would be western Maricopa County, Arizona, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies' needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the Phoenix U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone project to include all of the existing sites as "magnet" sites. No usage-driven sites are being requested at this time.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 26, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 10, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at *Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov* or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Docket 37-2011]

**Foreign-Trade Zone 170—Clark County, IN; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board