

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: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

Title: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Quarterly and Annual Performance Progress Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0660-0037.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of emergency revision request to a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 121 (Total requested: 231).

Average Hours per Response: Quarterly reports, 5 hours; and Annual reports, 4 hours.

Burden Hours: 719 (Total requested: 5,374).

Needs and Uses: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) appropriated funds for BTOP to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, enhance and expand public computer centers, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service, and develop and maintain a nationwide public map of broadband service capability and availability.

The Recovery Act mandates that funds distributed under its authority be subject to an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability. This includes an increased level of monitoring and oversight to ensure that Recovery Act funds are used for their authorized purposes; steps are in place to prevent waste, fraud or abuse; and BTOP projects avoid unnecessary delay and cost-overruns and meet targets and goals. In addition to increased levels of monitoring and oversight, BTOP projects must adhere to mandatory timelines requiring them to demonstrate that each project will be substantially completed within two years of the grant's issuance date. To enable NTIA to properly achieve these objectives and verify that BTOP projects are meeting established targets and goals within the mandated timeframes, NTIA has developed and utilized Performance Progress Reports (PPRs) to capture quarterly and annual reports for each project type (Infrastructure, Public

Computer Center, and Sustainable Broadband Adoption). Each PPR provides updates on fundamental project milestones and key performance indicators that allow NTIA to measure project progress and ensure proper monitoring and compliance with program rules.

Revision: NTIA reviewed PPRs, submitted on September 30, 2011, and assessed the individual responses provided by BTOP grant recipients and concluded that several key questions on the existing annual Infrastructure PPR needed to be clarified if NTIA was to receive the appropriate level of detail necessary to ensure BTOP projects are meeting established targets and goals within mandated timeframes. NTIA also requested updated mapping information in order to better monitor the current status and impact of broadband deployment in each of the funded project areas. The annual Infrastructure PPR was revised to capture more detailed information related to: Community Anchor Institutions; Points of Presence; and Network Maps. These revisions were submitted as an emergency request to OMB on November 1, 2011; and approval was granted for six months. This extension request is for the required three-year Paperwork Reduction Act approval.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas Fraser, (202) 395-5887.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of the publication of this notice to Nicholas Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or via the Internet at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: May 16, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews**

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Decision of Panel.

SUMMARY: On May 11, 2012, the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the final results of the 2005/2006 antidumping administrative review made by the U.S. Department of Commerce, respecting Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada, NAFTA Secretariat File Number USA-CDA-2008-1904-02. The binational panel affirmed in part and remanded in part the U.S. Department of Commerce's determination. Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen M. Bohon, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Panel Decision: On May 11, 2012, the panel affirmed the U.S. Department of Commerce's final results of the administrative review determining that the Complainant's sales were made at the same level of trade. The panel remanded to the U.S. Department of Commerce to provide a thorough

explanation, keyed to the “otherwise contrary to law” standard of review, of the statutory interpretation underlying its approach of granting offsets for non-dumped sales in original investigations, while denying such offsets in administrative reviews. The panel directed Commerce to provide such explanation within 45 days of the date of issue of the panel’s Decision and Order (June 25, 2012).

Dated: May 15, 2012.

Ellen M. Bohon,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Subsistence Fishery for Pacific Halibut in Waters Off Alaska: Registration and Marking of Gear

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, (907) 586–7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of information collection requirements that are part of the program for the Pacific halibut subsistence fishery. The program includes requirements for registration to participate in the fishery and the marking of certain types of gear

used in this fishery. Eligibility and requirements are codified in 50 CFR 300.65. The registration requirement is intended to allow qualified persons to practice the long-term, customary, and traditional harvest of Pacific halibut for food in a noncommercial manner. The gear-marking requirement aids in enforcement and in actions related to gear damage or loss. The registration information may be submitted by an individual or as a list of multiple individuals from an Alaska Native tribe.

II. Method of Collection

Applications may be submitted online or as email attachments; paper forms may be sent by mail or fax.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0460.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; state, local, and tribal government; and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,963.

Estimated Time per Response: Subsistence halibut registration certificate (SHARC) application, 10 minutes; subsistence halibut gear marking, 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,206.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$17,663.

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: May 15, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC033

Marine Mammals; File No. 17157

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Stephen John Trumble, Ph.D., Baylor University, 101 Bagby Ave., Waco, TX 76706, has applied in due form for a permit to import, export, and receive marine mammal parts for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before June 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17157 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these applications would be appropriate.