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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 6, 2012.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Consumer Complaint Monitoring System—Food Safety Mobile Questionnaire.

Omb Control Number: 0583-0133.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Product Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. FSIS tracks consumer complaints about meat, poultry, and egg products. FSIS also has a Food Safety Mobile that travels around the continental United States promoting food safety with respect to meat, poultry, and egg products.

Need and Use of the Information: The Consumer Complaint Monitoring System web portal is used primarily to track consumer complaints regarding meat, poultry, and egg products. FSIS will also collect information that will assist them in planning and scheduling visits of the Food Safety Mobile. FSIS will use the information collected from the web portal and the questionnaire to look for trends that will enhance the Agency's food safety efforts.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 1,150.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 263.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Voluntary Recalls of Meat and Poultry Products.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0135.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) and the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*) These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and

poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. A firm that has produced or imported meat or poultry that is adulterated or misbranded and is being distributed in commerce, may voluntarily recall the product in question. When a firm voluntarily recalls a product, FSIS will conduct a recall effectiveness check.

Need and Use of the Information: In conducting a recall, the establishment will be asked to provide FSIS with some basic information, including the identity of the recalled product, the reason for the recall, and information about the distributors and customers of the product. FSIS will check on the effectiveness of the recall to ensure that all products subject to recall are accounted for. FSIS field personnel will use FSIS form 8400-4 A to determine (1) if the retail consignee received notification of the recall and (2) the amount of recalled products received. FSIS field personnel will also use FSIS form 8400-4 B to verify that product held by the retail consignee was properly disposed.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 6,090.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 8,600.

Food Safety and Inspection Service

Title: Petitions for Rulemaking.

OMB Control Number: 0583-0136.

Summary of Collection: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has been delegated the authority to exercise the functions of the Secretary as provided in the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Poultry Products Inspection Act (PPIA) (21 U.S.C. 451 *et seq.*), and the Egg Product Inspection Act (EPIA) (21 U.S.C. 1031 *et seq.*). These statutes mandate that FSIS protect the public by ensuring that meat and poultry products are safe, wholesome, unadulterated, and properly labeled and packaged. The Administrative Procedures Act requires that Federal agencies give interested persons the right to petition for issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule (5 U.S.C. 553(e)).

Need and Use of the Information: FSIS will use the information associated with petitions to determine whether to issue, amend, or repeal its regulations.

FSIS will use the information provided to assess the merits of the petition.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 10.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 400.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC007

Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture Research and Development Strategic Plan

AGENCIES: Agricultural Research Service (ARS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA and U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) announce on behalf of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Aquaculture under the Office of Science and Technology Policy that a draft National Aquaculture Research and Development Strategic Plan (R&D Plan) for the United States is being made available for public review and comment. This plan will provide a framework for federal agencies to develop programs for research and development that affect the production of aquatic organisms such as finfish, crustaceans, mollusks, and algae. We are soliciting public comment in regard to priorities, vision, and goals. Please be specific regarding what section or content in the R&D plan your comment refers. The draft R&D plan can be found at http://www.ars.usda.gov/research/programs/programs.htm?np_code=106&docid=22641.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), August 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this action identified by NOAA-

NMFS-2012-0136 by either of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments via the federal e-Rulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first enter NOAA-NMFS-2012-0136 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Submit a Comment" icon on that line. You may also view supporting and related materials. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. The agency will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

- *Mail/Commercial Delivery:* Please send two copies of your comment to RIN 0648-XC007, Dr. Jeff Silverstein, USDA-ARS, National Program Leader-Aquaculture, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Room 4-2106, Beltsville, MD 20705. Please state that your comment refers to RIN 0648-XC007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ARS: Dr. Jeffrey Silverstein, National Program Leader for Aquaculture, USDA-ARS Office of National Programs, 5601 Sunnyside Ave., Room 4-2106, Beltsville, MD 20705; (301) 504-5925. NMFS: Dr. Michael Rubino, Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Hwy, SSMC#3 Rm. 13137, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 427-8325. To receive a hard copy of the R&D Plan please contact Dr. Jeff Silverstein.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Aquaculture is the production of finfish, shellfish, algae, plants, and other aquatic organisms (except mammals and birds) for (1) food and other commercial products; (2) wild stock replenishment for commercial or recreational fisheries; (3) rebuilding populations of threatened or endangered species under species recovery and conservation plans; and (4) restoration and conservation of aquatic and marine habitat.

The National Aquaculture Act (Pub. L. 96-362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*) and the National Aquaculture Improvement Act (Pub. L. 99-198, 99

Stat. 1641) were passed to promote aquaculture in the Nation by:

1. Declaring a national aquaculture policy to encourage development of aquaculture in the United States,
2. Calling for the establishment and implementation of a national aquaculture development plan, and
3. Encouraging aquaculture activities and programs in both the public and private sectors of the economy that will result in increased aquacultural production, coordination of domestic aquaculture efforts, conservation and enhancement of aquatic resources, and creation of new industries and job opportunities.

The legislation emphasizes the need for government-wide coordination of national activities regarding aquaculture. To this end, it established a federal interagency aquaculture coordinating group within the Office of Science and Technology Policy that operates as the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA).

The JSA prepared an R&D Plan to help shape, focus, and coordinate interagency research and development efforts on the highest-priority strategic goals and crosscutting objectives over 5-10 years that will encourage aquaculture development and uses in the Nation.

The JSA R&D Plan envisions "a globally competitive, technologically appropriate, and diverse aquaculture sector in the United States that meets increasing demand for seafood and products that are affordable and meet high standards for safety, quality, and environmental stewardship, with maximum opportunity for profitability and economic growth. A critical element of this vision is that the aquaculture sector develops in concert with, natural ecosystems that support recreational, fishery, and environmental services needs."

The R&D Plan identifies nine strategic goals:

1. Advance Integration of Aquaculture Development and Environmental Conservation.
2. Employ Genetics to Increase Productivity and Protect Natural Populations.
3. Improve Aquatic Animal Health.
4. Improve Production Efficiency and Well-being.
5. Improve Nutrition and Develop Novel Feeds.
6. Increase Supply of Nutritious, Safe, High-quality Seafood.
7. Introduce Innovative Production Systems.
8. Create Skilled Workforce and Effective Technology Transfer.
9. Integrate Economic and Social Sciences.