

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 October 1, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov).)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Diane Henderson at 301-975-5105 or by email at [Diane.Henderson@nist.gov](mailto:Diane.Henderson@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The objective of NIST HMEP centers is to enhance productivity, technological performance, and strengthen the global competitiveness of small- and medium-sized U.S. based manufacturing firms.

Manufacturing extension centers are part of the HMEP national system of extension service providers. Currently, the HMEP national system consists of over 400 centers and field offices located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Information regarding HMEP and these centers is available on-line at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/>.

The objective of the projects funded under this program is to provide manufacturing extension services to primarily small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the United States. These services are provided through the coordinated efforts of a regionally-based manufacturing extension center and local technology resources.

The focus of a center is to provide those manufacturing extension services required by the small- and medium-sized manufacturers in its service region utilizing the most cost effective, local, leveraged resources for those services. It is not the intent of this program that the centers perform research and development.

This request is for the information collection requirements associated with submission of proposals for NIST HMEP funding. The intent of the collection is to meet statutory requirements for NIST HMEP, as well as compliance with 15 U.S.C. 278k, as implemented in 15 CFR Part 290.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper or electronically via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0056.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected Public:* U.S.-based not-for-profit institutions or organizations (universities, state and local governments); consortia of non-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 112 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,344.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$100.

**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: July 26, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc South of Humbug Pacific Halibut Workgroup (SHPHW) will hold a conference call to finalize a report summarizing the biological, assessment, monitoring, and allocation history of Pacific halibut in the area south of Humbug Mt.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via conference call, with a listening station provided at the Pacific Council Office, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the work session is to finalize a report relative to the Pacific Halibut stock assessment, catch apportionment process, and catch monitoring in Area 2A, with the objective of reporting how additional information from south of the Oregon/California border could be integrated into existing processes. The report is scheduled to be presented to the Pacific Council at the September, 2012 Pacific Council meeting in Boise, ID.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SHPHW for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal SHPHW action during this meeting. SHPHW action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the SHPHW's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 27, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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