

needed. Monitoring would be designed for early detection of resource conditions that would trigger management changes. Triggers would be developed to identify when a specific threshold is about to be reached and cattle need to be moved. The length of time each pasture is grazed and whether additional fences would be installed would be determined by monitoring results. Adaptive management strategies include installation of water developments in the first stage and may include construction of additional fences in subsequent years if needed, where the permittee and the Forest Service agree that additional fencing would improve livestock management and riparian areas. A monitoring plan would be implemented to determine progress in attainment of Forest Plan standards and guidelines.

Range improvement proposals include:

- Removal of approximately 3 miles of fence no longer needed for livestock management and 2 non-functioning water developments.
- Relocation of 4 troughs and one corral outside of the Riparian Habitat Conservation Area (RHCA) and 1 fence approximately 1.5 miles long.
- Development of 16 springs including enclosures around spring source.
- Reconstruction of 3 existing spring developments.
- Construction of 2 new corrals.
- Construction of 1 hardened crossing on Aeneas Creek.
- Possible construction of approximately 13 miles of new pasture fence for rested areas.

More detailed information about the proposed action and maps can be accessed on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest internet site [http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=38873](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38873).

#### Possible Alternatives

In addition to the Proposed Action and any alternative that is developed following the scoping effort, the project interdisciplinary team will analyze the effects of:

- *No Action alternative*: No grazing permits would be reauthorized; cattle would be removed from all allotments within two years. There would be no change of allotment management in this two year period. All structural improvements currently in place would be allowed to deteriorate over time or be removed if funding is available.
- *Accelerated improvement*: This alternative would reauthorize grazing at current numbers with the implementation of a four-year strategy

that includes installation of water developments in the first year, the construction of fences in the second, third year and fourth years. This alternative would rest from livestock grazing these newly created pastures with the most sensitive riparian areas.

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Additional grazing alternatives may be considered in response to scoping issues and other resource values.

#### Responsible Official

The responsible official will be the Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801.

#### Nature of Decision To Be Made

An environmental analysis will evaluate site-specific issues, consider management alternatives and analyze the potential effects of the proposed action and alternatives. An environmental impact statement will provide the Responsible Official with the information needed to decide whether to adopt and implement the proposed action, or an alternative to the proposed action, or take no action to reauthorize grazing in the Bannan, Aeneas, Revis, and Tunk grazing Allotments.

This EIS will tier to the Okanogan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and its subsequent amendments, which provide overall guidance for land management activities on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.

#### Preliminary Issues

Preliminary issues identified include the effects of livestock grazing on riparian resources such as stream bank and channel instability, high stream width/depth ratio, lack of diverse riparian vegetation, high stream sedimentation, and soil compaction, displacement or erosion.

#### Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the Environmental Impact Statement. Public comments about this proposal are requested in order to assist in identifying issues, and determining how to best manage the resources, and focus the analysis.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record for this proposal and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the commenter with subsequent environmental documents.

#### Rebecca Lockett Heath,

*Forest Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest.*

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#### 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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title*: Mandatory Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Survey.

*OMB Control Number*: 0648-0542.

*Form Number(s)*: NA.

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

*Number of Respondents*: 1,563.

*Average Hours per Response*: 20 minutes.

*Burden Hours*: 521.

*Needs and Uses*: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

(Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the shrimp fishery in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico under the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The regulations for the Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form may be found at 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(iii)(C).

Owners or operators of vessels applying for or renewing a commercial vessel moratorium permit for Gulf shrimp must complete an annual Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form. The form will be provided by NMFS at the time of permit application and renewal. Compliance with this reporting requirement is required for permit issuance and renewal.

Through this form, NMFS is collecting census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) shrimp fishery to conduct analyses that will improve fishery management decision-making in this fishery; ensure that national goals, objectives, and requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), and Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 are met; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS' Operating Plans. This information is vital in assessing the economic, social, and environmental effects of fishery management decisions and regulations on individual shrimp fishing enterprises, fishing communities, and the nation as a whole.

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

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:**

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

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 publication of this notice to *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*.

Dated: November 16, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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**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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Title:** Vessel Monitoring System Requirements under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0596.

**Form Number(s):** None.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 78.

**Average Hours per Response:**

Activation reports and on/off notifications, 5 minutes each; installation and maintenance, 1 hour each.

**Burden Hours:** 191.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued regulations under authority of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*) to carry out the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention), including implementing the decisions of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Commission). The regulations include a requirement for the owners and operators of U.S. vessels that fish for highly migratory species on the high seas in the Convention Area to carry and operate near real-time satellite-based position-fixing transmitters ("VMS units") at all times except when the vessel is in port. As part of this requirement, vessel owners and operators must transmit: (1) "On/off reports" to NMFS whenever the VMS unit is turned off while the vessel is in port, (2) "activation reports" to NMFS prior to the first use of a VMS unit, and

(3) automatic "position reports" from the VMS unit to NOAA and the Commission as part of a vessel monitoring system (VMS) operated by the Commission (50 CFR 300.45). Under this information collection, it is expected that vessel owners and operators would also need to purchase, install, and occasionally maintain the VMS units.

The information collected from the vessel position reports is used by NOAA and the Commission to help ensure compliance with domestic laws and the Commission's conservation and management measures, and are necessary in order for the United States to satisfy its obligations under the Convention.

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

**Frequency:** Annually and on occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:**

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

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

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**Foreign-Trade Zone 8—Toledo, OH; Authorization of Production Activity; Whirlpool Corporation (Washing Machines); Clyde and Green Springs, OH**

On July 20, 2012 the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 8, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on behalf of Whirlpool Corporation, within Subzone 8I, in Clyde and Green Springs, Ohio.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the