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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: Modification to Gulf of Maine/ Georges Bank Herring Letter of Authorization.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0602.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Number of Respondents: 46.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 12.

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

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. We, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Regional Fishery Management Councils are delegated the majority of this responsibility. The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) develops management plans for fishery resources in New England.

In 2009, we implemented modifications to the requirements for midwater trawl vessels issued an All Areas Limited Access Herring Permit and/or an Areas 2 and 3 Limited Access Herring Permit that fish in Northeast (NE) multispecies Closed Area I (CA I). Affected vessels intending to fish in CA I at any point during a trip are required to declare their intention when scheduling a NMFS-approved at sea observer. To ensure 100 percent observer coverage, midwater trawl vessels are not permitted to fish in CA I without an observer.

Midwater trawl vessels in the directed herring fishery that have been assigned a NMFS-approved at-sea observer and that are fishing in CA I, are prohibited, unless specific conditions are met (see below), from releasing fish from the codend of the net, transferring fish to another vessel that is not carrying a

NMFS-approved observer, or discarding fish at sea, unless the fish have first been brought aboard the vessel and made available for sampling and inspection by the observer.

We recognize that there are certain conditions under which fish must be released from the codend without being sampled. Therefore, fish that have not been pumped aboard the vessel may be released if the vessel operator finds that: Pumping the catch could compromise the safety of the vessel; mechanical failure precludes bringing some or all of a catch aboard the vessel; or spiny dogfish have clogged the pump and consequently prevent pumping of the rest of the catch. If a net is released for any of these three reasons, the vessel operator must complete and sign a CA I Midwater Trawl Released Codend Affidavit detailing where, when, and why the net was released as well as a good-faith estimate of both the total weight of fish caught on that tow and the weight of fish released (if the tow had been partially pumped). The completed affidavit form must be submitted to us within 48 hr of the completion of the trip.

Following the release of a net for one of the three exemptions specified above, the vessel is required to exit CA I. The vessel may continue to fish, but may not fish in CA I for the remainder of the trip.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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: December 14, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: Jones and NOAA Awards Nominations.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0598.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Number of Respondents: 13.

Average Hours per Response: 1.

Burden Hours: 13.

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

The 1990 reauthorization of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) authorized an awards program to "implement a program to promote excellence in coastal zone management by identifying and acknowledging outstanding accomplishments in the field." As authorized in Section 314 of the CZMA, the Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards recognize three categories of excellence: Coastal Steward of the Year, Excellence in Local Government, and Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study. The CZMA authorizes NOAA to conduct public ceremonies to acknowledge such awards, which allows NOAA to fund invitational travel and purchase awards for the Jones Awards.

In conjunction with the Walter B. Jones Memorial Awards, NOAA instituted several additional categories of awards, to recognize additional contributions to ocean and coastal resource management, including Volunteer of the Year, Nongovernmental Organization of the Year, Excellence in Promoting Cultural and Ethnic Diversity (in honor of Secretary Ronald Brown), Excellence in Business Leadership, and the Susan Snow Cotter Award for Excellence in Ocean and Coastal Resource (NOAA re-named this award in honor of Susan Snow Cotter in 2007).

As part of conducting the awards program, NOAA will distribute a "Call for Nominations" to representatives from Federal, state, local and nongovernmental organizations and Members of Congress that work in, are knowledgeable of or benefit from, ocean and coastal resource management.

Revision: The call for nominations brochure was digitalized in 2012 and is now emailed to NOAA constituents and available during the nomination period at <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/programs/ocrm/jones-noaa-awards.html>.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments; not-for-profit institutions; federal government.

Frequency: Biannually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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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: Limits on Application of Take Prohibitions—Threatened Salmonids.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0399.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Number of Respondents: 301.

Average Hours Per Response:

Diversion screens, aiding/rescue of salmon and artificial propagation, 5 hours each; road maintenance agreements and tribal or joint state/tribal plans, 20 hours each; urban development ordinance packages, 30 hours; fishery harvest and hatchery plans, 10 hours; research permit applications and annual reports, 2 hours each.

Burden Hours: 1,705.

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

Section 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) requires the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to adopt such regulations as it “deems necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of” threatened species. Those regulations may include any or all of the prohibitions provided in section 9(a)(1) of the ESA, which specifically prohibits “take” of any endangered species (“take” includes actions that harass, harm, pursue, kill, or capture). The first salmonid species listed by NMFS as threatened were protected by virtually blanket application of the section 9 take prohibitions. There are now 22 separate Distinct Population Segments (DPS) of west coast salmonids listed as threatened, covering a large percentage of the land base in California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. NMFS is obligated to enact necessary and advisable protective regulations. NMFS makes section 9 prohibitions generally applicable to many of those threatened DPS, but also seeks to respond to requests from states and others to both provide more guidance on how to protect threatened salmonids and avoid take, and to limit the application of take prohibitions wherever warranted (see 70 FR 37160, June 28, 2005, 71 FR 834, January 5, 2006, and 73 FR 55451, September 25, 2008). The regulations describe programs or circumstances that contribute to the conservation of, or are being conducted in a way that limits impacts on, listed salmonids. Because we have determined that such programs/circumstances adequately protect listed salmonids, the regulations do not apply the “take” prohibitions to them. Some of these limits on the take prohibitions entail voluntary submission of a plan to NMFS and/or annual or occasional reports by entities wishing to take advantage of these limits, or continue within them.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, state, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

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Dated: December 13, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B-89-2012]

Foreign-Trade Zone 277—Western Maricopa County, AZ; Application for Expansion; (New Magnet Site) 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 Foreign-Trade Zone 277, requesting authority to expand its zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) to include two additional new magnet sites in western Maricopa County, Arizona and request usage-driven designation for an existing temporary site. 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 docketed on December 12, 2012.

FTZ 277 was approved by the Board on December 22, 2010 (Board Order 1733, 76 FR 1134, 01/07/2011) and was reorganized under the ASF on December 16, 2011 (Board Order 1804, 76 FR 80886, 12/27/2011). The zone project currently has a service area that includes a portion of Maricopa County, Arizona.

The current zone project includes the following magnet sites: *Site 1* (230.25 acres)—within the 416-acre Airport Gateway at Goodyear industrial complex, Bullard Avenue and Van Buren Street, Goodyear; *Site 2* (133.01 acres)—within the 286-acre Surprise Pointe Business Park, Waddell Road and Litchfield Road, Surprise; *Site 3* (234.84 acres)—within the 1,600-acre Palm Valley 303 Industrial Park, Camelback Road and State Road 303, Goodyear; and, *Site 4* (319.84 acres)—within the 1,314-acre 10 West Logistics Center, Van Buren Street and Interstate 10 at 339th