DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Bureau of Economic Analysis  

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Institutional Remittances to Foreign Countries

AGENCY: Bureau of Economic Analysis, 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 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 5 p.m. August 26, 2013.

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 email at jJessup@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Mark Xu, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, BE–50, Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606–9826; fax: (202) 606–5318; or via email at mark.xu@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Form BE–40, Institutional Remittances to Foreign Countries, obtains data from U.S. nonprofit organizations whose remittances were $100,000 or more for the previous year or are expected to meet or exceed that amount during the current year. The data is collected quarterly from organizations remitting $1 million or more each year and annually for organizations remitting at least $100,000 but less than $1 million each year. Potential respondents are U.S. religious, charitable, educational, scientific and similar nonprofit organizations that voluntarily agree to provide data on their transfers to foreign residents and organizations and on their expenditures in foreign countries.

The data collected are cut-off sample data. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) estimates data for non-respondents. The data are needed by BEA for compiling the U.S. international transactions accounts (ITAs), which BEA publishes quarterly. The ITAs are used extensively by both government and private organizations for national and international economic policy formulation and for analytical purposes. The information collected in this survey is used to develop the “private remittances” portion of the ITAs. Without this information, an integral component of the ITAs would be omitted. No other government agency collects comprehensive quarterly data on institutional remittances of funds to foreign countries. Quarterly reports are due 30 days after the close of each calendar or fiscal quarter and annual reports are due 90 days after the close of the calendar or fiscal year.

The survey form is reformatted to better facilitate survey responses. No changes are proposed for the data collected or for exemption levels.

II. Method of Collection

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from the BEA Web site. Respondents return the surveys one or more times during the year. The survey form is reformatted to better facilitate survey responses. No changes are proposed for the data collected or for exemption levels.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0608–0002. Form Number: BE–40. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions. Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 each quarter for quarterly respondents and 277 for annual respondents; 677 total responses annually. Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour, 30 minutes. Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,015.5. Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0. Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary. Legal Authority: Bretton Woods Agreement Act, Section 8, and E.O. 10033, as amended.

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 will 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: June 20, 2013.

Glenna Mickelson,  
Management Analyst, Office of Chief Information Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob Walton, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232 ATTN: OC coho Recovery Coordinator. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Via fax: 503–230–5441. Please include the following on the cover page of the fax “ATTN: OC coho Recovery Coordinator.”

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is charged with the recovery of OC coho, a species listed under the ESA. Recovery means that listed species and their ecosystems are restored, and their future secured, so that the protections of the ESA are no longer necessary. The ESA specifies that recovery plans must include: (1) A description of management actions necessary to achieve the plan’s goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in the species being removed from the list; and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to achieve the plan’s goal and the intermediate steps towards that goal. Section 4(f) of the ESA, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We are soliciting relevant information related to OC coho and their freshwater/marine habitats, including:

1. Criteria for removing OC coho from the list of threatened and endangered species;
2. Human activities that contribute to the ESA listing factors (section 4(a)(1)(A)–(E));
   (A) the present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
   (B) overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
   (C) disease or predation;
   (D) the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms;
   (E) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence.
3. Physical, biological or chemical features of the environment that limit the recovery of OC coho;
4. Strategies and/or actions necessary to recover OC coho;
5. Estimates of time and cost to implement recovery actions;
6. Critical knowledge gaps and/or uncertainties that need to be resolved to better inform recovery efforts; and
7. Research, monitoring and evaluation needs to address knowledge gaps and uncertainties, to assess the species’ status, or to evaluate progress in addressing the ESA listing factors relative to recovery goals.

Upon completion, the proposed Recovery Plan will be available for public review and comment through the publication of a Federal Register Notice.

Preliminary Table of Contents
We have developed a draft table of contents for the proposed Recovery Plan for OC coho which can be accessed at http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/oregon_coast/oregon_coast_salmon_recovery_domain.html.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

Dated: June 19, 2013.

Helen Golde,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XC734
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Southwest Fisheries Science Center; Online Webinar

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

ACTION: Notice of online webinar.

SUMMARY: The Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) will hold an online Pre-Assessment Workshop webinar to provide an overview of the data sources, data trends and population models that will be used in the upcoming Pacific coast groundfish stock assessments for Pacific sanddab and cowcod (rockfish). The online SWFSC Pre-Assessment Workshop webinar is open to the public, although space for online access is limited to the first 20 participants.

DATES: The SWFSC Pre-Assessment Workshop webinar will commence at 1 p.m. PST, Monday, July 15, 2013, and continue until 4 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific addresses and all other necessary information pertaining to the webinar.

Science Center address: Fisheries Ecology Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Field, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (831) 420–3907, email: John.Field@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To attend the SWFSC Pre-Assessment webinar, please reserve your seat by emailing Dr. John Field (John.Field@noaa.gov). Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email message that contains detailed information about viewing the event and joining the audio conference (toll free number).

Participants can join the webinar as audio-only, but the total number of participants for both the webinar and the audio portions is limited. Participants must register at least 5 days prior to the webinar meeting.

System requirements for attending the online webinar are as follows: PC-based attendees: Windows® 2000, XP SP#, 2003 Server, Vista 32-bit/64-bit, Windows® 7 32-bit/64-bit, 2008 Server 64-bit; Intel Core2 Duo CPU 2.18 GHz or AMD processor (2 GB of RAM recommended), JavaScript and Cookies enabled, Active X enabled and unblocked for Microsoft Internet Explorer (recommended) and Java 6.0 or above, Microsoft® Internet Explorer 6, 7 or 8 (8 is recommended), Mozilla Firefox 3.x or 4.0b, Chrome 5, 6, or 7; Mac®-based attendees: Mac OS® X 10.5 or 10.6; Other platforms supported: Linux, Solaris Solaris 10, HP–UX 11.11 and AIX 5.3; and Mobile attendees: iPhone® or iPad® (iOS 3+), Android® (v 2.1+) and Cius devices. If you experience technical difficulties connecting to the webinar meeting, it may be helpful to try using a different browser if possible.

Public listening stations for the SWFSC Pre-Assessment Workshop webinar will also be available at the following locations:

1. Conference Room (188), Fisheries Ecology Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060;
3. Conference Room 101, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest