

Written comments concerning the proposed action and the environmental review should be directed to NMFS as described above (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

Public Scoping Process

Public scoping will be conducted through this notice. Further participation by the public will occur throughout the Council's decision-making process. All decisions during the Council process benefit from written and oral public comments delivered prior to or during the Council meeting. These public comments are considered integral to scoping for developing this EIS. Council meetings that offer opportunities for public involvement include the April 9–14, 2016, meeting in Vancouver, Washington (Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. 6th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660). Future opportunities for public involvement have yet to be determined but will be posted in the Council Briefing Book (on the Council's Web site (<http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/briefing-books/>) prior to the meeting. For further information on these meetings, visit the Council's Web site, <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/future-meetings/>.

Special Accommodations

The Council meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kris Kleinschmidt at Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 27, 2016.

Emily H. Menashes,

Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(“PRA”), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (“ICR”) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 2, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”) in OMB, within 30 days of the notice's publication, by email at OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the comments by OMB Control No. 3038-0078. Please provide the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) with a copy of all submitted comments at the address listed below. Please refer to OMB Reference No. 3038-0078, found on <http://reginfo.gov>. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, or submitted through the Agency's Web site at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

Comments may also be mailed to: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581 or by Hand Delivery/Courier at the same address.

A copy of the supporting statements for the collection of information discussed above may be obtained by visiting <http://RegInfo.gov>. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jacob Chachkin, Special Counsel, Division of Swap Dealer and Intermediary Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418-5496, email: jchachkin@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Conflicts of Interest Policies and Procedures by Futures Commission Merchants and Introducing Brokers (OMB Control No. 3038-0078). This is

a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: On April 3, 2012, the Commission adopted Commission regulation 1.71 (Conflicts of interest policies and procedures by futures commission merchants and introducing brokers)¹ pursuant to section 4d(c)² of the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”). Commission regulation 1.71 requires generally that, among other things, futures commission merchants (“FCM”)³ and introducing brokers (“IB”)⁴ develop conflicts of interest procedures and disclosures, adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with their conflicts of interest and disclosure obligations, and maintain specified records related to those requirements.⁵ The Commission believes that the information collection obligations imposed by Commission regulation 1.71 are essential (i) to ensuring that FCMs and IBs develop and maintain the conflicts of interest systems, procedures and disclosures required by the CEA, and Commission regulations, and (ii) to the effective evaluation of these registrants' actual compliance with the CEA and Commission regulations. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The Commission did not receive any comments on the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, 80 FR 73732, dated November 25, 2015.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection to reflect the current number of registered FCMs and IBs. Accordingly, the respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Number of Registrants: 1,362.⁶
Estimated Average Burden Hours per Registrant: 44.5.

Estimated Aggregate Burden Hours: 60,609.

Frequency of Recordkeeping/Third-party Disclosure: As applicable.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

¹ 17 CFR 1.71.

² 7 U.S.C. 6d(c).

³ For the definition of FCM, see section 1a(28) of the CEA and Commission regulation 1.3(p). 7 U.S.C. 1a(28) and 17 CFR 1.3(p).

⁴ For the definition of IB, see section 1a(31) of the CEA and Commission regulation 1.3(mm). 7 U.S.C. 1a(31) and 17 CFR 1.3(mm).

⁵ See 17 CFR 1.71.

⁶ Reflects a slight reduction in the number of registered FCMs and IBs provided in the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, 80 FR 73732 (November 25, 2015).

Dated: January 27, 2016.

Robert N. Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 5, 2016.

PLACE: Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Surveillance, enforcement, and examinations matters. In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.cftc.gov>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964.

Natise Allen,

Executive Assistant.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

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Commission with a copy of all submitted comments at the address listed below. Please refer to OMB Reference No. 3038-0089, found on <http://reginfo.gov>. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, and to the Commission through its Web site at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Guerin, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 734-4194, email: tguerin@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0089.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 12, 2015 (80 FR 69948).

Title: Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements: Pre-Enactment and Transition Swaps (OMB Control No. 3038-0089). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 723 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act") directed the Commission to adopt rules providing for the reporting of data pertaining to swaps entered into before the date of enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act ("pre-enactment swaps") and swaps entered into on or after the date of enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act but prior to the compliance date specified in the CFTC's final swap data reporting rules ("transition swaps"). On May 17, 2012, the CFTC adopted regulation 46, which imposes recordkeeping and

reporting requirements relating to pre-enactment and transition swaps. This ICR concerns the collections of information required by 17 CFR part 46.

Commission staff estimate that approximately 30,125 entities, including swap dealers, major swap participants, and swap counterparties that are neither swap dealers nor major swap participants, are affected by this ICR. The Commission did not receive any comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this ICR.

Burden Statement: Commission staff estimate that the total annual time burden for this ICR is 18,903 hours. Commission staff estimate that the total annual cost for this ICR is \$1,436,258. The time burden estimate represents the annual burden that swap dealers, major swap participants, and swap counterparties that are neither swap dealers nor major swap participants incur to operate and maintain swap recordkeeping and reporting systems to facilitate the recordkeeping and reporting of pre-enactment and transition swaps. Commission staff calculated the time burden by estimating the burden incurred by respondents to operate and maintain swap data recordkeeping and reporting systems and then estimating the portion of that burden associated with pre-enactment and transition swaps. Commission staff calculated the cost burden by multiplying the estimated time burden by an estimated appropriate hourly wage rate of \$75.98. Commission staff derived the estimated appropriate hourly wage rate by averaging the salaries and bonuses of relevant professions reported in the SIFMA Report on Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Swap dealers, Major Swap Participants, and other counterparties to a swap transaction (*i.e.*, end-user, non-swap dealer/non-major swap participant counterparties).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,125.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 18,903 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,436,258.

Frequency of Collection: Ongoing.

(**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: January 27, 2016.

Robert N. Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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