

necessary to ensure that the interests of U.S. stakeholders in the fisheries of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean are adequately represented in NAFO. NOAA is also announcing a meeting of the NAFO Consultative Committee.

**DATES:** The NAFO Consultative Committee Meeting will be held on August 30, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations for NAFO Consultative Committee members should be made in writing to Mr. Patrick E. Moran, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Nominations and questions about the NAFO Consultative Committee meeting may also be sent via email ([Pat.Moran@noaa.gov](mailto:Pat.Moran@noaa.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Patrick E. Moran, (301) 427-8370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

NAFO is a regional fisheries management organization that coordinates scientific study and cooperative management of the fisheries resources of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean, excluding salmon, tunas/marlin, whales and sedentary species (e.g., shellfish). NAFO was established in 1979 by the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. The United States acceded to the Convention in 1995, and has participated actively in NAFO since that time. In 2005, NAFO launched a reform effort to amend the Convention in order bring the Organization more in line with the principles of modern fisheries management. As a result of these efforts, the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries entered into force in May 2017. NAFO currently has 12 Contracting Parties, including Canada, Cuba, Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland), European Union, France (in respect of St. Pierre and Miquelon), Iceland, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States.

As outlined in 16 U.S.C. 5607 provides that the Secretaries of Commerce and State shall jointly establish a NAFO Consultative Committee (NCC) to advise the Secretaries on issues related to the NAFO Convention. Membership in the NCC is open to representatives from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the States represented on those Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the fishing industry, the seafood processing industry, and others

knowledgeable and experienced in the conservation and management of fisheries in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. Members shall be appointed to a 2-year term and are eligible for reappointment. The NCC is exempted from the Federal Advisory Committee Act. NCC members are invited to attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Commissioners and at such meetings are given an opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of study and investigation, reports, recommendations, and regulations of issues relating to the Act and proceedings of NAFO. In addition, NCC members may attend all public meetings of the NAFO Commission and any other meetings to which they are invited.

**Nominations**

Nominations to the NCC will be accepted at any time and should document an individual's qualifications based on those outlined in 16 U.S.C. 5607 (see above). Résumés and/or curriculum vitae will be requested from nominees. Self-nominations are acceptable, and current and former NCC members are eligible for reappointment. Nominations will be evaluated by officials in the Department of Commerce who are familiar with the duties and responsibilities of NCC membership. All nominees will be notified of their status and any need for further information once the nomination process is complete.

**Meeting**

A meeting of the NCC will be held 1:30-3 p.m. on August 30, 2017, at the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office at 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. All members of the public with an interest in the fisheries of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean are welcome to attend.

Dated: July 27, 2017.

**Steven Wilson,**

*Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Region Dealer Purchase Reports**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 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 2, 2017.

**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 the Internet at [pracomments@doc.gov](mailto:pracomments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to David Ulmer, (757) 723-0303 or [David.Ulmer@noaa.gov](mailto:David.Ulmer@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Federally permitted dealers, and any individual acting in the capacity of a dealer, must submit to the Regional Administrator or to the official designee a detailed report of all fish purchased or received for a commercial purpose, other than solely for transport on land, by one of the available electronic reporting mechanisms approved by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The information obtained is used by economists, biologists, and managers in the management of the fisheries. The data collection parameters are consistent with the current requirements for Federal dealers under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This is an extension request of the current approval.

**II. Method of Collection**

Dealers submit purchase information through an electronic process by one of the following: The web based system as administered by the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program, the computer based trip ticket program issued by the NMFS or through a NMFS approved proprietary mechanism.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0229.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (request for extension of a currently approved information collection).

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 715.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 minutes per fishing trip.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 30,980.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$23,235 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

#### 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 27, 2017.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 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.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Day 8 to 10 Forecast Focus Groups, Interviews and Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-xxxx.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (request for a new information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 775.

*Average Hours per Response:* Focus groups, 2 hours; interviews, 1 hour; survey, 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 485.

*Needs and Uses:* The objective of the web-based focus groups, phone interviews, and online survey is to collect information on the current use of NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) products, including probabilistic forecasts focusing on the 8 to 10 day timeframe, as well as forecast needs. The web-based focus groups and phone interviews will ask participants to explain their survey responses. This information will help create better 8 to 10 day weather forecast products used by the National Weather Service (NWS) to protect lives and property.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: July 27, 2017.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### 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 Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

*Title:* Submission of proposed information collection; Computer and Internet Use Supplement to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS).

*OMB Control Number:* 0660-0021.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (Revision of a currently approved collection).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54,000 households.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Needs and Uses:* As the next installment of a decades-long series of data collections, NTIA proposes to add 66 questions to the U.S. Census Bureau's ("Bureau") November 2017 CPS to gather reliable data on computer and broadband (also known as high-speed Internet) use by U.S. households. President Trump has expressed support for broadband expansion in the United States, particularly in rural communities, stating an intention to include broadband in the \$1 trillion infrastructure plan the Administration is developing.<sup>1</sup> In addition, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has noted broadband's importance to the nation's future and its economic policy, including at his confirmation hearing in January 2017.<sup>2</sup>

To aid the Administration's plan to incorporate broadband in the upcoming infrastructure initiative and ensure the digital preparedness of the nation's current and future workforce, NTIA data will reveal consumers' changing demand for broadband, as well as their online activities. The information may inform decisions about the scope and scale of the needed infrastructure, particularly in remote and sparsely populated areas where broadband deployment may be difficult and costly. It may also shed light on opportunities to increase digital literacy and use among Americans who currently use the Internet sparingly, if at all. NTIA works with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and other stakeholders to develop and advance economic and regulatory policies that foster broadband deployment and adoption. Current, systematic, and comprehensive data on broadband use and non-use by U.S. households are critical to allow policymakers not only to gauge progress made to date, but also to identify problem areas with a specificity that

<sup>1</sup> See Remarks by President Trump on Agricultural Innovation in Cedar Rapids, IA (June 21, 2017) at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/06/22/remarks-president-trump-agricultural-innovation-cedar-rapids-ia>. See also Remarks by President Trump in Listening Session with Members of Congress (Feb. 16, 2017) at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/02/16/remarks-president-trump-listening-session-members-congress>.

<sup>2</sup> See Amir Nasr, *Here's What Ross Said About Tech Policy During His Confirmation Hearing*, Morning Consult (Jan. 18, 2017) at <https://morningconsult.com/2017/01/18/heres-ross-said-tech-policy-confirmation-hearing/>.