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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before December 26, 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Oliver P. Fischer via U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room 6H189, Washington, DC 20233, or (301) 763.6249, or by email at oliver.p.fischer@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request clearance from the Office of Management and Budget to survey residents of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to collect basic demographic data to meet the needs of the Compact of Free Association (COFA).


COFA migrants (also referred to as qualified nonimmigrants) are migrants, or their children under the age of 18, admitted or resident in one of the affected jurisdictions, who migrated from the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands during or after 1986, and from the Republic of Palau during or after 1994. In order to disburse the appropriated funds to the affected jurisdictions, the COFA Amendments Act of 2003 requires an enumeration of COFA migrants residing within the affected jurisdictions no less than every five years. The most recent enumeration of COFA migrants took place in 2013. The proposed data collection would be used to produce estimates through the year 2018.

II. Discussion of the Estimates

Throughout the period covered by the proposed estimates (2013-2018), the Department of Commerce, the U.S. Census Bureau, and the Department of the Interior will continue to conduct surveys and censuses of other jurisdictions to collect demographic and economic information.\uf60e

The Department of Commerce has provided funds to the CNMI’s Rota and Tinian islands as estimated by the 2010 Decennial Census for American Samoa, CNMI, and Guam, and 2000—2011 American Community Survey (ACS) data for Hawaii. These data sources were determined by stakeholders to produce the most accurate, reliable, and cost-effective estimates for the purposes of the 2013 enumeration. The next enumeration is set to take place in 2018. The Department of the Interior has provided the Census Bureau funding for the work required to produce the estimates.

The Census Bureau proposes that the 2018 Estimates of COFA migrants follow the methodology used to produce the 2008 Estimates of COFA migrants. The approach is three-pronged due to differences between the jurisdictions in overall population, expected number of COFA migrants, and currently available data.

The methodology consists of the following:

1. Conduct independent sample surveys for CNMI and Guam. Field enumeration will be required for CNMI and Guam since the Census Bureau has no other reliable up-to-date demographic data source for these areas beyond the 2010 Decennial Census. The survey for CNMI will only include Saipan since the 2010 Decennial Census data indicates low numbers of COFA migrants living in other parts of CNMI. The sample surveys will obtain data on place of birth, residential tenure, age, sex, and relationship to head of household of all members of selected households. The sample will be designed to yield estimates with a margin of error similar to that of three years of ACS data.

2. Perform special tabulations on a three-year average of results from 2015 to 2017 ACS data to create estimates for Hawaii (all islands).

3. Use the 2010 Decennial Census results for American Samoa, and CNMI’s Rota and Tinian islands as estimates of the 2018 counts. It would not be cost effective to conduct an independent survey in these areas due to the low numbers of COFA migrants as indicated by the 2010 Decennial Census and the negligible impact these
low numbers will have on the overall distribution of the $30 million in
Compact funds.

II. Method of Collection

In Guam, approximately 45 sample blocks totaling about 3,300 sample
addresses will be listed and enumerated. In CNMI, approximately 30
sample blocks totaling about 2,000 sample addresses will be listed and
enumerated. The data will be collected via in-person interviews. A content
re-interview will be conducted to assess the accuracy and reliability of the data
collected. For the re-interview, a sample of approximately 400 respondents
will be selected and contacted for a follow-up interview via a telephone number
they provided during the original interview.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607–XXXX.
Form Number(s): XXXX.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Residents of Guam
and CNMI.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
Approximately 4,770 respondents.
Estimated Time per Response: 32
minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours: 2,544.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public: There is no cost to the
respondents other than their time.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C.
Section 8(b) and Public Law 106–188,
The Compact of Free Association

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.

Sheleen Dumas,
Departmental PRA Lead, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security
Information Systems Technical
Advisory Committee: Notice of
Partially Closed Meeting—Revised

The Information Systems Technical
Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet
on November 1 and 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m.,
in the Herbert C. Hoover Building,
Room 3884, 14th Street between
Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues
NW., Washington, DC. The Committee
advises the Office of the Assistant
Secretary for Export Administration on
technical questions that affect the level
of export controls applicable to
information systems equipment and
technology.

Wednesday, November 1
Open Session
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Working Group Reports
3. Old Business
4. Industry Presentations: Basic Buffer
   Overflows
5. NIST IoT Cybersecurity Program
6. New business

Thursday, November 2
Closed Session
6. Discussion of matters determined to
   be exempt from the provisions
   relating to public meetings found in
   5 U.S.C. app. 2 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).
   The open session will be accessible
   via teleconference to 20 participants on
   a first come, first serve basis. To join the
   conference, submit inquiries to Ms.
   Yvette Springer at Yvette.Springer@b
his.doc.gov, no later than October 25,
2017.
   A limited number of seats will be
   available for the public session.
   Reservations are not accepted. To the
   extent time permits, members of the
   public may present oral statements to
   the Committee. The public may submit
   written statements at any time before or
   after the meeting. However, to facilitate
distribution of public presentation
materials to Committee members, the
Committee suggests that public
presentation materials or comments be
forwarded before the meeting to Ms.
Springer.

The Assistant Secretary for
Administration, with the concurrence of the
delegate of the General Counsel,
formally determined on February 27,
2017, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the
Federal Advisory Committee Act, as
amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 (l0)(d)), that
the portion of the meeting concerning
trade secrets and commercial or
financial information deemed privileged
or confidential as described in 5 U.S.C.
552b(c)(4) and the portion of the
meeting concerning matters the
disclosure of which would be likely to
frustrate significantly implementation of
an agency action as described in 5
U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt
from the provisions relating to public
meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2
10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining
portions of the meeting will be open to
the public.

For more information, call Yvette
Springer at (202) 482–2813.

Yvette Springer,
Committee Liaison Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration
RIN 0648–FX329
Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to
Specified Activities; Taking Marine
Mammals Incidental to a Low-Energy
Geophysical Survey in the
Northeastern Pacific Ocean

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

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of an Incidental
Harassment Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
regulations implementing the Marine
Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as
amended, notification is hereby given that
NMFS has issued an incidental
harassment authorization (IHA) to the
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
(SIO) to incidentally harass, by Level A
and Level B harassment, marine
mammals during a low-energy marine
geophysical survey in the northeastern
Pacific Ocean.

DATES: This Authorization is valid from
September 22, 2017, through September
19, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Jordan Carduner, Office of Protected
Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.
Electronic copies of the application and