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X. Agency Contact**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edgar L. Lewis, Program Manager, USDA Rural Development, Cooperative Programs, Stop 3252, Room 4204, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3252, Telephone: (202) 690-3407, e-mail: edgar.lewis@wdc.usda.gov.

XI. Paperwork Reduction Act

The paperwork burden associated with this initiative has been cleared by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Number 0570-0041.

Dated: March 19, 2008.

Ben Anderson,

Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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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: NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Progress Reports.
Form Number(s): None.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0334.

Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 268.

Number of Respondents: 142.

Average Hours Per Response: Transfer application, 1 hour; transfer appeal, 4 hours.

Needs and Uses: The License Limitation Program (LLP) is a step toward a comprehensive rationalization program to solve the conservation and management problems of Alaska's open access fisheries. The LLP provides stability in the fishing industry and identifies the field of participants in the fisheries. The LLP restricts access to the commercial groundfish fisheries, commercial crab fisheries and commercial scallop fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska except for certain areas where alternative programs exist. The intended effect of the LLP is to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in fisheries off Alaska.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at: dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 20, 2008.

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: Pacific Islands Region Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0360.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,134.

Number of Respondents: 301.

Average Hours Per Response: Vessel marking for South Pacific tuna vessels, 1 hour and 15 minutes; for all other vessels, 45 minutes; gear marking, 2 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information covers regulatory requirements for fishing vessel and gear identification authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other applicable law. The vessels in federally-regulated fisheries in the western Pacific region are required to display the vessel's official number in three locations. Purse seine vessels in the South Pacific are required to display their international radio call sign in three locations and on any helicopter or skiff. The fishing gear in the western Pacific pelagic longline fisheries, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands crustacean fishery, and western Pacific coral reef ecosystem fisheries are required to be marked with the vessel's official number in a specific manner and location. This collection renews OMB Control No. 0648-0360 and adds vessel identification requirements for western Pacific fisheries and the South Pacific purse seine fishery from OMB Control No. 0648-0361. The vessel identification requirements for fisheries off the U.S. west coast will continue to be covered under OMB Control No. 0648-0361.

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

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at: dHynek@doc.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: Northeast Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0350.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 4,500.

Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Federally permitted fishing vessels in the Northeast Region of the U.S. must display their vessel identification numbers on three locations (port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and an appropriate weather deck) on the vessel at a specified size. The requirement is needed to assist the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Coast Guard in enforcing fishery regulations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at: dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Fax number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

**Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; 2010 Decennial
Census**

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Department of 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before May 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at: dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Frank Vitrano, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 3H174, Washington, DC 20233-9200, 301-763-3961 (or via Internet at: frank.a.vitrano@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates that the U.S. House of Representatives be reapportioned every ten years by conducting a national census of all residents. In addition to the reapportionment of the U.S. Congress, by law, Census data are required in order to redraw legislative district boundaries. Census data also are used to determine funding allocations for the distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars of federal and state funds each year.

From the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau will produce the basic

population totals by state for Congressional apportionment, as mandated by the Constitution, and more specifically elaborated in Title 13 U.S. Code. Title 13 of the United States Code also provides for the confidentiality of responses to various surveys and censuses.

In compliance with Public Law 94-171, for each state, the Census Bureau will tabulate total population counts by race, Hispanic origin, and, for those 18 years of age and over, by a variety of census geographic areas including legislative district, voting district, and census tabulation blocks. In compliance with Public Law 94-171, the Census Bureau also will tabulate housing unit counts by occupancy status (and vacant).

In the process of developing our data collection instruments for the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau has attempted to reduce respondent burden in two major ways: (1) By providing all households a short form questionnaire containing seven population questions for each household member and four household questions for the person completing the form, and (2) by providing enumerators working in the neighborhoods an up-to-the-minute status of completed questionnaires received by the office, thereby eliminating the need to visit a household that sent in a late return by mail.

II. Method of Collection

A. Mailing Strategy for Questionnaires, Letters, Reminder Postcards

The mailout/mailback method is the primary means of census taking during the 2010 Census. The U.S. Postal Service will deliver Census Bureau-addressed questionnaires to housing units. Residents will be asked to complete and mail the questionnaires back in a postage-paid envelope. For Census 2000, this method was used for more than 80 percent of the housing units in the United States. We will use this method again in 2010.

In the designated mailout/mailback areas of the United States, the 2010 Census will use a multiple mailing strategy—an advance notice letter, an initial questionnaire, a reminder or thank you postcard, and a replacement questionnaire. Our “multiple contact” mailing strategy was developed to get the highest mail response rate possible. Our studies have shown that mailing both a letter telling residents that a questionnaire is on the way, and a postcard reminding them to send it in, increase the mail return rate. We have found that the second mailing, or