

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 112702E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coral Reefs - Economic Valuation Study**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).**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: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

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 and instructions should be directed to Dr. Vernon R. Leeworthy, NOS/Special Projects, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 9th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (or via the Internet at Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The purpose of this data collection is to provide information on the value of Hawaii's coral reef habitats to specific segments of the U.S. population. The study will measure total economic values for Hawaii's coral reefs. This effort is designed to provide defensible information for both resource managers and damage assessments on the value of coral reef habitats and alternative management actions. The project is designed as a phased three-year effort to ensure effective use of all the available information. This effort will involve development of extensive knowledge about how reef habitats are perceived, implication of alternative management actions, designing original survey instruments, interviewing of a large number of respondents (1500-2000), conducting formal statistical analysis of the data, and developing a decision

support system for use by resource managers. For total economic value, a nationally-oriented survey will be conducted using stated preferences methods.

II. Method of Collection

Up to 48 one-on-one cognitive interviews will be conducted. In addition, one pretest of the full survey instrument will be tested for a response of up to 150 usable observations. The final survey instrument will be administered to a sample of up to 2000 people.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,198.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours for an interview; 30 minutes for a pretest; and 30 minutes for a final survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,369.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: November 27, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 112702D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).**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: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

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 Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Richard Surdi, 1315 East-West Highway, room 13142, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone 301-713-2337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principal state fishery official who will perform duties under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state authority over a managed fishery. Nominees for council membership must provide the governor or tribe with background documentation, which is then submitted to NOAA with the nomination. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act are being met.

II. Method of Collection

State governors and Indian treaty tribes submit written nominations to the Secretary of Commerce, together with recommendations and statements of candidate qualifications. Designations of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0314.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s); 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment; 16 hours for background documentation from nominees; and 2 hours for a request to reinstate state authority.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,543.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,052.

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: November 27, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Millennium Pipeline Company From an Objection by the New York Department of State

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Reopening public comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the period for the public to comment on the administrative appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by the Millennium Pipeline Company (Consistency Appeal of Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.).

DATES: Public comments on the appeal must be received by January 8, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent by mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Materials from the appeal record will be available at the Internet site <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm> and at the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Branden Blum, Senior Counselor, Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services, via e-mail at gcos.inquiries@noaa.gov, or at (301) 713-2967, extension 186.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Millennium Pipeline Company filed an administrative appeal with the Department of Commerce, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, asking that the Secretary of Commerce override the State of New York's objection to Millennium's proposed natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would extend from the Canadian border in Lake Erie and cross the Hudson River, affecting the natural resources or land and water uses of New York's coastal zone.

On September 9, 2002, NOAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** inviting the public to comment on any of the issues that the Secretary may consider in deciding the appeal. The deadline for submitting comments was December 2, 2002.

NOAA has been requested to provide additional time to allow for adequate comment on the issues raised within the appeal. The State of New York submitted its brief and supporting materials on October 16, 2002;

additional materials and briefs were submitted by three amici on October 23, 2002. In response to the public requests, and in recognition of the complex issues and information reflected in these and other filings, NOAA is reopening the public comment period and will accept comments through January 8, 2003. Comments received after the end of the initial comment period on December 2, 2002, but before publication of this notice will be considered to be timely filed.

Written comments may be submitted by e-mail to millennium.comments@noaa.gov or forwarded via mail to the Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services. Comments must be received by January 8, 2003. Comments will be made available to the parties; they are also expected to be posted on the Department of Commerce Web site at <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

[Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.]

Dated: November 26, 2002.

James R. Walpole,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112702A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 473-1433

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Janice Straley, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology, University of Southeast Alaska, 1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 473-1433-02.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NOAA Fisheries, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.