

expected to be filed in September 2004. The final EIS is expected to be filed in May 2005.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS state but that are not raised until after the completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d. 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 409 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45 day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the participating agencies at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the participating agencies in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the participating agencies are required to respond to comments and responses received during the comment period that pertain to the environmental consequences discussed in the draft EIS and applicable laws, regulations, and policies considered in making a decision regarding the proposal. The Forest Supervisor for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forest will be the Federal responsible official for this EIS and its Record of Decision. Should the selected alternative involve National Forest System lands, the Federal responsible official will document the decision and reasons for the decision in the Record Decision. That decision will

be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (36 CFR part 215).

Dated: November 3, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 110503B]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted 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: Southeast Region Permit Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0205.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 9,862.

Number of Respondents: 10,592.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes for a dealer permit application; 20 minutes for a vessel permit application; 4 hours to install a vessel monitoring system in the rock shrimp fishery; 2 hours to annually maintain a vessel monitoring system; .23 hours for a position report; 1 hour for an operator permit application; 2 hours for a rock shrimp vessel non-renewed endorsement request; 20 minutes for an aquacultured live rock site permit application; 45 minutes for an aquacultured live rock site evaluation report; 5 minutes for notification of the permit purchase price for a permit transfer; 20 minutes for an endorsement transfer in the Gulf red snapper fishery; 5 minutes for an endorsement (placement) in the Gulf red snapper fishery; 20 minutes for other endorsements; 5 minutes for notification of lost or stolen traps in the golden crab or Caribbean spiny lobster fishery; 5 minutes for an observer or vessel transit notification in the golden crab fishery; 15 minutes for a notification of authorization for trap removal; 5 minutes for notification of harvest activity for aquacultured live rock; and 5 minutes for a permit application for octocoral or allowable chemical vessel permit.

Needs and Uses: Participants in the Federally-regulated fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean

are required to obtain Federal permits under the existing permit program. NOAA needs information from the applications and associated data collections to identify fishing vessels/dealers/participants, properly manage the fisheries, and generate fishery-specific data.

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

Frequency: Biennially, triennially, and on occasion.

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.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted 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: Economic Surveys for U.S. Commercial Fisheries.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0369.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 12,299.

Number of Respondents: 9,678.

Average Hours Per Response: The response times for individual surveys will vary from a 10-minute survey added to existing logbooks to 2 hours for full surveys.

Needs and Uses: NOAA is proposing to expand its current clearance for