

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

9–11 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee.
11–Noon Technical Programs Committee.
1:30–3:30 p.m. Executive Committee.
3:30–5 Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Plan (Closed Session).

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

9 a.m.–Noon Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels (Closed Session).
1:30–3 p.m. Board Meeting.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center Hotel, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272–0001 (voice) and (202) 272–0082 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items:

- Approval of the November 9, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes
- Committee of the Whole on Rulemaking Report
- Ad Hoc Committee on Passenger Vessels Report
- Technical Programs Committee Report
- Planning and Budget Committee Report
- Executive Committee Report

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. An assistive listening system will be available at the Board meetings. Members of the general public who require sign language interpreters must contact the Access Board by Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Persons attending Board meetings are requested to refrain from using perfume, cologne, and other fragrances for the comfort of other participants.

Lawrence W. Roffee,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Survey of State and Local Government Tax Revenue

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 21, 2006.

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 Christopher Pece, Chief, Public Finance Analysis Branch–B, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233–6800 (301–763–7330).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The U.S. Census Bureau plans to request an extension of the Quarterly Survey of State and Local Tax Revenue. The Census Bureau needs state and local tax data to produce benchmark statistics on public sector taxes; to provide data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis for GDP calculations and other economic indicators; and to provide data for economic research and comparative studies of governmental finances. The Census Bureau collects data quarterly from state and local government tax collecting agencies.

Tax collection data serve as important measures of economic activity for the Nation as a whole, as well as for comparison among the various states. These data are also useful in comparing the mix of taxes employed by individual states and in determining the revenue raising capacity of different types of taxes.

The survey collects data using three forms:

- Form F–71 obtains data on local government property taxes. The Census Bureau sends this form to 5,448 local government tax-collecting agencies in 530 county areas. While some counties are served by a single county-level tax collection agency, others have a mix of county, city, township, special district, and school district collectors. The form requests that each collecting agency report the total property tax collections during the past quarter.

- Form F–72 obtains data on state government taxes. The Census Bureau sends this form to state government revenue, finance, or budget agencies to obtain tax collection data for the preceding 3-month period.

- Form F–73 obtains data on major local government non-property taxes. Currently 111 local government tax collection agencies with substantial collections of local general sales and local income taxes qualify to receive this form.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau canvasses the F–71 respondents by mail. Census Bureau staff manually screen most responses and enter data via an internal Web site. We encourage governments to respond via the Internet, where they can enter data directly.

We fashion the F–72 requests according to respondents wishes, either e-mail or facsimile.

Respondents have several options for replying—e-mail, postal service, or electronically. The Census Bureau dispatches the F–73 forms by postal service, facsimile, or electronically, as requested by the governments. Respondents may use any of these formats for the returns.

In those instances when we are not able to obtain a response we conduct a follow-up.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607–0112.

Form Number: F–71, F–72, and F–73.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,610.

Estimated Time Per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,661.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost to the respondents is \$113,277.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., section 182.

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: December 15, 2005.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

AGENCY: NAF Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Decision of Panel.

SUMMARY: On December 12, 2005 the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the injury determination made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Hard Red Spring Wheat from Canada Final Injury Determination, Secretariat File No. USA-CDA-2003-1904-06. The binational panel affirmed the International Trade Commission. Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1,

1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Panel Decision: The panel affirmed the International Trade Commission's final injury determination on remand respecting Hard Red Spring Wheat from Canada.

The NAFTA Secretariat was instructed to issue a Notice of Final Panel Action on the 11th day following the December 12, 2005 panel decision.

Dated: December 14, 2005.

Caratina L. Alston,

U.S. Secretary NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southern Resident Killer Whale Watching Industry Socioeconomic Study

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

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 February 21, 2006.

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 Suzanne M. Russell, 206-860-3274 or suzanne.russell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Orca whales, also known as killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), are cultural icons for the human residents of the Pacific Northwest's Puget Sound. The importance of killer whales is clearly evident for the tribal cultures of the area, expressed in artwork throughout the Pacific Northwest, and for the whale watching tourism industry.

In 2003, the Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW) were officially listed as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This listing resulted in the development of a proposed conservation plan which outlines the steps to be taken to restore the population to full health. In 2005, the SRKW were selected for additional protection through an endangered species listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The presence of killer whales in the Puget Sound basin brings these animals in close proximity to humans. This unique circumstance has fostered the development of a whale watching industry that aims to provide tourists opportunities to view the whales. This industry is dependent on the healthy existence of the whales and their continued return to the Puget Sound.

Ongoing marine biological studies related to the SRKW consider many aspects of the ecosystem. Social sciences consider the human components of the ecosystem. Together, the biological and social sciences can complement one another, leading toward a more integrated understanding of the ecosystem. The link between the SRKW and the whale watching industry in the Puget Sound provides a uniquely important rationale for conducting studies in both biological and social science disciplines. The main goal of this study is to describe the whale watching tourism industry as it pertains to the SRKW.

II. Method of Collection

Literature reviews, secondary sources including Internet sources, U.S. Census data, key informants, focus groups, paper surveys, electronic surveys, and in person interviews will be utilized to obtain the broadest scope of information as possible.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; and business or other for-profit organizations; State or Local government, Federal government.