

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

[I.D. 101003D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

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 December 15, 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 John Rapp, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, P.O. Box 25092, Baton Rouge, LA 70894-5092 (or via the Internet at john.rapp@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Restoration Project Information Sheet is designed to facilitate the collection of information on existing, planned, or proposed restoration projects. This information will be used by the Natural Resource Trustees to develop potential restoration alternatives for natural resource injuries and service losses requiring restoration during the restoration planning phase of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) process.

II. Method of Collection

Project information can be submitted to the Natural Resource Trustees by either completing the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet or submitting project information directly to the

Natural Resource Trustees without the form. The NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet will be made available to the general public on the Internet or by requesting a hard copy or digital copy from the Natural Resource Trustees. All project information submitted to the Natural Resource Trustees with or without the NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet will be compiled and considered for potential implementation.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 165.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 55.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$65.

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: October 8, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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

[I.D. 101003E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA's Teacher-At-Sea Program

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 December 15, 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 Jennifer Hammond at 1315 East West Highway, Rm 12746, Silver Spring, MD 20910; at 301-713-3418, ext. 138; or at jennifer.hammond@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Teacher-At-Sea Program provides educators with the opportunity to participate in research projects aboard NOAA vessels and other vessels that conduct NOAA Research. The respondents are educators who provide information about themselves and their teaching situation. They also submit a follow-up report with ideas for classroom applications. Recommendations are also required.

II. Method of Collection

Application forms must be submitted. On-line forms can be filled-in, printed, and mailed. Persons with full Adobe Acrobat software can save the on-line form and submit it electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0283.

Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 375.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes to read a complete application; 15 minutes to complete a Health Services Questionnaire; 15 minutes to deliver and discuss recommendation forms to persons who will fill them out; 15 minutes to complete a recommendation form; and 2 hours for a follow-up report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 309.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$536.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Minnesota and Texas Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs: Conditional Approvals, Final Findings Documents and Records of Decision

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of conditional approval of Coastal Nonpoint Programs and availability of Final Findings Documents and Records of Decision for Minnesota and Texas.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the conditional approval of the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs (coastal nonpoint programs) and of the availability of the Final Findings Documents and Records of Decision for Minnesota and Texas. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) requires States and Territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs.

NOAA and EPA have approved, with conditions, the coastal nonpoint programs submitted by Minnesota and Texas. In order to receive final approval of their programs, Minnesota and Texas will need to meet the conditions within the associated timeframes as indicated in the Final Findings Documents.

DATES: The conditional approval of the coastal nonpoint pollution control programs for Minnesota and Texas is effective upon the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final Findings Documents are available on the NOAA Web site at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm>.

Copies of the Final Findings and Records of Decision also may be obtained upon request from: Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, e-mail helen.farr@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Farr, NOAA, (301) 713-3155, x150; or Don Wayne, EPA (202) 566-1170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA and EPA have prepared a Findings Document for each coastal nonpoint program submitted for approval. The Findings Documents were prepared by NOAA and EPA to provide the rationale for the agencies' decision to approve each State and Territory coastal nonpoint program. Proposed Findings documents, Environmental Assessments, and Findings of No Significant Impact prepared for the coastal nonpoint programs submitted by Minnesota and Texas were made available for public comment in the Federal Register on March 17, 2003 (68 FR 12675) and April 7, 2003 (68 FR

16787), respectively. No public comments were received on the programs.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NOAA has also prepared a Record of Decision on each program. The Record of Decision: (1) States what the decision was; (2) identifies all alternatives considered, specifying the alternative considered to be environmentally preferable; and (3) states whether all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the alternative selected have been adopted.

In March 1996, NOAA published a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) that assessed the environmental impacts associated with the approval of State and Territory coastal nonpoint programs. The PEIS forms the basis for the environmental assessments NOAA has prepared for each State and Territorial coastal nonpoint program submitted to NOAA and EPA for approval. In the PEIS, NOAA determined that the approval and conditional approval of coastal nonpoint programs will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that these actions will have an overall beneficial effect on the environment. Because the PEIS served only as a "framework for decision" on individual State and Territorial coastal nonpoint programs, and no actual decision was made following its publication, NOAA has prepared a NEPA Record of Decision on each individual State and Territorial program submitted for review.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration).

Dated: October 9, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and