NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 09/21/2007

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Barry West
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 06/27/2007

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 200705-0648-010
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0497
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 09/30/2010 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	165	55	0
New	165	55	68
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	68
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs			
IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet	NA	NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request

DOC/NOAA/Fisheries/Office of Habitat Conservation

2. OMB control number a. 0648 - 0497 b. [ ] None

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)

a. [ ] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [✔] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number

For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)

a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by ___/___/___
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify: ___/___

7. Title Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*)

9. Keywords "Natural Resources"

10. 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 NRDA process.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)

a. x Individuals or households
b. x Business or other for-profit
c. x Not-for-profit institutions
d. x Farms
e. x Federal Government
f. P State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)

a. [✔] Voluntary
b. [ ] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [ ] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden

a. Number of respondents	66
b. Total annual responses	165
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically	50 %
c. Total annual hours requested	55
d. Current OMB inventory	55
e. Difference	0
f. Explanation of difference	
1. Program change	
2. Adjustment	

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden *(in thousands of dollars)*

a. Total annualized capital/startup costs	0
b. Total annual costs (O&M)	0
c. Total annualized cost requested	0
d. Current OMB inventory	0
e. Difference	0
f. Explanation of difference	
1. Program change	
2. Adjustment	

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)

a. ___ Application for benefits
b. ___ Program evaluation
c. ___ General purpose statistics
d. ___ Audit
e. P Program planning or management
f. ___ Research
g. ___ Regulatory or compliance

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting *(check all that apply)*

a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [✔] Reporting
1. [✔] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [✔] Other (describe) At least 1 time per year.

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[ ] Yes [✔] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)

Name: John Rapp
Phone: (225) 578-7924

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

(a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;

(b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;

(c) It reduces burden on small entities;

(d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;

(e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;

(f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;

(g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):

- (i) Why the information is being collected;
- (ii) Use of information;
- (iii) Burden estimate;
- (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
- (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
- (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;

(h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);

(i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and

(j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee	Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)	
Signature signed by Patricia Montanio	Date 05/07/2007
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature signed by Sarah Brabson	Date 05/22/2007

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0497

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. <u>Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.</u>

The purpose of the collection of this information is to assist state and federal Natural Resource Trustees in more efficiently carrying out the restoration planning phase of Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4370d; 40 CFR 1500-1500 and other federal and local statutes and regulations as applicable. Currently, when a release or substantial threat of release of oil occurs and a NRDA is conducted, state and federal Natural Resource Trustees carry out three phases: pre-assessment, restoration planning, and restoration implementation. Traditionally, the restoration planning phase is time-consuming and expensive because Trustees must contact numerous governmental agencies, as well as private groups and non-government organizations, to develop a list of restoration project alternatives for each incident; a requirement before selecting a suitable project(s) to compensate the public and environment for lost services and resources. This information sheet will facilitate the collection of information on a continual basis; thereby markedly shortening the time needed to generate a list of restoration alternatives following each incident. By reducing the time needed to conduct the restoration planning phase of a NRDA, the entire NRDA process becomes more efficient and habitat restoration projects will be implemented sooner for more benefit to the public and the environment.

2. <u>Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines</u>.

The purpose of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet is to collect information on existing, planned, or proposed habitat restoration projects in a localized region. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) staff and other federal and state agencies enter the collected information into a database on an on-going basis. Following the release or substantial threat of release of oil (hereafter referred to as incident), NOAA staff and other state and federal agencies may query the database to identify potential restoration projects suitable for compensating the public and environment for the loss of services and/ or resources as a result of the incident. Nonprofit organizations and members of the public may also make queries for potential projects. The frequency of queries by agencies, organizations, and the general public will depend on the number of incidents or interest in habitat restoration.

Portions of the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. The information collection is designed to yield information that meets all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

The information collection by the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet will consist of:

(a) Contact Information – Basic details necessary to identify and contact project managers such as name, title, address, organization, city, state, zip code, phone and fax numbers, e-mail, and URL for Web sites.
(b) General Information – Basic project information such as the project title, details on the physical location of the project site including Parish/ County and watershed, latitude and longitude.
(c) Habitat Types – Respondents have the opportunity to indicate the habitat type(s) to potentially restore as well as the method of restoration (creation, enhancement, protection, etc.), number of acres restored (by acres created, re-established, or rehabilitated) and benefited (acres enhanced or protected) for each habitat type.
(d) Project Status – Basic information indicating whether certain phases of the project, such as planning/design/permitting, are either funded or completed.
(e) Description and Benefits – A detailed description of the project with background about the site as well as other potential benefits.
(f) Project Partners – details on support (e.g. planning, funding, technical assistance) provided by other organizations including partner name, contact information, and involvement.

3. <u>Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology</u>.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet will be provided to government agencies, private organizations, non-government organizations, and the general public as a hard copy and will also be available from the Internet at http://www.darrp.noaa.gov. It may be developed on a personal computer (if desired); however, while electronic submission of the information is allowed, it is not required. The Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet will be available as a fillable form that can be saved and used to produce subsequent project submissions.

4. <u>Describe efforts to identify duplication</u>.

There are no other collections that gather similar information. No duplication of effort exists with other Federal Government information collection efforts.

5. <u>If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden</u>.

The information to be collected is very basic in its nature and should not be a hardship or burden for small entities to produce. Separate requirements based on their size have not been developed.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

The state and federal natural resource trustees feel that this information is critical in order to pursue cost-effective planning and implementation of restoration projects.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The proposed collection of information will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A *Federal Register* notice solicited public comment on this information collection. No comments were received. Consultations with interested and affected persons are an integral part of this information collection, and were accomplished by discussion with a representative cross section of intended submitters to explain and clarify the information needed.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment, gifts, or other remuneration will be provided.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

The information collection does not request any proprietary or confidential information. No confidentiality is provided.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

It is estimated that approximately 66 respondents will annually submit completed Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheets, with each respondent submitting an average of 2 to 3 Information Sheets for individual projects. It is estimated that approximately 165 annual responses will be received. At an estimated response time of 20 minutes each, this yields an estimate of 55 burden hours. Estimated total burden hours and labor costs for this collection will be 55 hours and $1,024 (based on an average hourly wage of $18.62 [U.S. Department of Labor, 2005]), respectively. However, it should be noted that the restoration project information collected is intended to provide information to restoration practitioners throughout the areas of collection, including those submitting the data. Therefore, the burden of data collection is expected to be offset (and in some cases exceeded) by the benefits accrued to restoration practitioners from having access to project information.

U.S. Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2005. National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States, June 2005. Bulletin 2581 http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/sp/ncbl0832.pdf

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

If the information is submitted via electronic mail, this collection will incur no cost burden on respondents beyond the costs of response time (assuming respondents have a computer). If respondents opt to mail the information, they will incur the cost of standard postage at $0.41 per envelope if sent separately. If all responses were mailed separately, the maximum cost burden incurred would total approximately $67.65 annually. If respondents opt to fax the information, they will incur the cost of a toll call, which varies depending on the carrier. Assuming a cost of $1 per faxed page, the maximum cost to the respondents using this method of submittal would be $165 annually. It is assumed that most respondents will choose to either email or mail the information rather than fax it, since there are no time constraints on submittals.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

It is estimated that screening the submitted projects will require 1 weeks of a federal employees' time. The total estimated cost is $1,366.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

Based on the postage increase from $0.37 to $0.41, the cost, if all 165 responses are submitted by mail, would increase from $61.05 to $67.65.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

All data collected will be summarized and available either in table format and/ or on the internet.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

Paperwork Reduction Act Information

Natural Resource Damage Assessment
Restoration Project Information Sheet

Responses to this collection are voluntary. Collection of restoration project information will be undertaken in order to provide information to 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. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 20 minutes including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation, Restoration Center, Louisiana State University, Sea Grant Building, Room 124C Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The identity of respondents will not remain confidential. The information collected will be reviewed for compliance with the NOAA Section 515 Guidelines established in response to the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, and certified before dissemination.

OMB Control No.: 0648-0497
Expiration Date: 07/31/2007

NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Organization:		**Project Name:**	
Organization Web Page:		**Project Location:**	
Contact Name:		**County or Parish (in LA) & Watershed:**	
Contact Title:		**Latitude/Longitude:**	
Contact Address:			
Contact Phone:		**Contact Fax:**	
Contact E-Mail:			

Restoration Activity

Resource/Habitat/Service	☐ Marine/Estuarine Wetland ☐ Freshwater Wetland ☐ Reef ☐ Biological (Fish, Birds, Wildlife) ☐ Upland ☐ Recreational ☐ _____		
Restoration Result	☐ Creation ☐ Rehabilitation ☐ Enhancement ☐ Protection ☐ _____	**Project Size:** _____	**Affected Area:** _____

Project Status (please provide as much information as is currently available)

Activity	Funded?	Completed?	Additional Notes
Planning/Design/Permitting:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Property or Resource Acquisition:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Construction:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Maintenance and Future Activities:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Future Construction & Oversight:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Restoration Monitoring:	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Conservation Servitude/Easement		☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	
Other (_____):	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ n/a	

Restoration Description and Benefits

Project Partners

Organization	Contact Information	Project Involvement

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NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT RESTORATION PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Guidelines for Completion

Please complete all of the information requested with the best information that you have available. Limited attachments are acceptable if they are necessary to adequately describe the project, however every effort should be made to have all pertinent information included on the Restoration Project Information Sheet. Below are specific guidelines for completion.

Organization: The name of the organization or agency submitting the information.

Organization Web Page: The web page of the above organization or agency.

Contact Name: The name of a person who can be contacted for additional information.

Contact Title: The title of the above individual.

Contact Address: The mailing address of the above individual.

Phone/Fax/Email: The Phone number, Fax and E-mail of the above individual.

Project Name: The common name of the project, usually a combination of location and restoration activity, for example the Cross Bayou Mangrove Restoration.

Project Location: The location where the restoration activity will take place, for example East Timbalier Island.

County & Watershed: The Parish and Watershed where the project will be completed.

Latitude/Longitude: The project location in Degrees/Minutes/Seconds or Decimal Degrees

Resource/Habitat/Service: The type of resource, habitat, and/or service that will be restored.

Restoration Result: The type of activity that will be completed as part of the restoration
Creation: Creation of a habitat, resource, or service in a area where it did not previously exist.
Rehabilitation: The reestablishment or rehabilitation of an area that once provided, but does not currently, the resource, habitat, or service in which you are trying to restore.
Enhancement: The enhancement of an existing resource, habitat, or service.
Preservation/Protection: The removal of a threat to a resource, habitat, or service.

Project Size: The size of the area where restoration activities will be completed.

Affected Area (Size): The size of the area that will be affected by the restoration activity.

Project Status: Please check the appropriate boxes concerning whether certain aspects of the project have funding from an outside source allocated to them, and/or if certain activities have been completed. Additionally if a certain activity is not required for completion of the project check the box "n/a" for not applicable.

Conservation Servitude: Please check the appropriate box indicating whether or not the landowner would be willing to sign a conservation servitude. A conservation servitude or easement is a restriction landowners voluntarily place on specified uses of their property for a predesignated period of time to protect the natural resources on their property while maintaining private ownership. A conservation easement is recorded as a written legal agreement between the landowner and the "holder" of the easement, which may be either a non-profit conservation organization or government agency.

Project Description And Benefits A 1-2 paragraph description of the project and the restoration activities to be completed, along with information on the benefits of this project to public and environment. In addition feel free to attach other information, maps, or diagrams concerning your project.

Project Partners: Please provide the name, contact, and involvement (equipment, matching funds, design, etc.) of other organizations or agencies involved with the restoration activity.

LIST OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS POTENTIALLY APPLICABLE UNDER NRDA RESTORATION PLANS

Law/Regulation	Scope	Responsible Agency	Compliance	Permit?
FEDERAL				
Anadromous Fish Conservation Act, 16 USC 757	Conservation and restoration of anadromous fish resources and habitat	NMFS, USFWS, State	Project-specific coordination with responsible parties	No
Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 USC 7401 et seq.	Prevention of degradation of air quality.	EPA, Ecology	Project-specific	No
Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 USC 1251 et seq.; Section 404 & 301	Regulating discharge of dredge and fill material in waters of the US; protection of wetlands.	Corps, EPA	Project-specific	Yes
Clean Water Act, Sections 401 & 402	Compliance with state water quality standards; discharges to waters of the Puyallup Tribe	Puyallup Tribe, State	Project-specific	Yes
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 USC 9601	Provides authorization and program framework for Superfund site remediation and restoration; requires plan development and public involvement.	NOAA, DOI, DOJ, State Ecology	NEPA process to guide plan development and public involvement; consultation with DOJ and federal courts and needed.	No
Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 USC 1451 et seq.	Compliance with CZMA for protection of coastal zone; certification by state required.	NOAA, State Ecology	Project-specific; review at state level.	Cert.
Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 USC 1531 et seq.	Continued existence of listed threatened and endangered species.	USFWS, NMFS	Partial compliance with RP/EIS. Project-specific consultation with USFWS also required.	No
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 USC 661.	Protection of fish and wildlife. Applies to federal actions only.	USFWS, NMFS	Project-specific coordination with USFWS and NMFS.	No

LIST OF APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS POTENTIALLY APPLICABLE UNDER NRDA RESTORATION PLANS

Law/Regulation	Scope	Responsible Agency	Compliance	Permit?
FEDERAL				
National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). 42 USC 4321-4370d; 40 CFR 1500-1508.	Disclosure of environmental impacts of proposed project; evaluation of alternatives. Applies to federal actions.	Federal lead agency; EPA	Partial compliance through RP/EIS process. Additional project-specific NEPA compliance as appropriate.	No
National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 12 USC 470 et seq.	Preservation/protection of historic and pre-historic resources.	State, Tribes	Project-specific; review at state level.	No
Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, 33 USC 403 et seq., Section 10	Prohibits obstruction or alterations of navigable waters. Regulates construction of any structures within navigable waters of the US	Corps	Project-specific	Yes
LOCAL				
Law/Regulation	**Scope**	**Responsible Agency**	**Compliance**	**Permit?**
Zoning Ordinances	Restricts types of development within designated zones.	Local government	Project-specific	No
Clearing and Grading Ordinances	Regulates clearing and grading activities	Local government	Project-specific	Yes
Noise/Nuisance Ordinances	Restricts noise and nuisance levels	Local government	Project-specific	No

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A–469–805

Stainless Steel Bar from Spain: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dmitry Vladimirov or Minoo Hatten, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–0665 and (202) 482–1690, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

At the request of an interested party, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from Spain for the period March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2006. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 71 FR 25145 (April 28, 2006). On December 1, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice extending the due date for the completion of these preliminary results of review from December 1, 2006, to February 13, 2007. See *Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 71 FR 69550 (December 1, 2006) (*Extension Notice*).[1]

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review by the current deadline of February 13, 2007. We require additional time to analyze supplemental questionnaire responses with respect to a number of cost issues in this administrative review. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review to March 22, 2007.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777 (i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 31, 2007.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretaryfor Import Administration.

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[1] In the *Extension Notice* we stated inadvertently that we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of this review to February 13, 2006. On December 15, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** a correction notice announcing the extension of the due date for the completion of these preliminary results of review to February 13, 2007. See *Correction to Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 71 FR 75503 (December 15, 2006).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 9, 2007.

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, (225) 578–7924 or *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 NRDA process.

II. Method of Collection

The Restoration Project Information Sheet can be submitted on paper through the mail or faxed, or can be submitted electronically via the Internet or e-mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0497.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal governments; individuals or households; business or other for-profits organizations; not-for-profit institutions; farms; and the federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 66.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 55.

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: January 31, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Applications and Reporting Requirements for the Incidental Take of Marine Mammals by Specified Activities Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 9, 2007.

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 Kenneth R. Hollingshead, (301) 713–2055, ext. 128 or *ken.hollingshead@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibits the taking by harassment, injury, or mortality of marine mammals unless exempted or authorized by permit. The incidental-take program authorizes the taking of marine mammal incidental to maritime activities (military, oil industry, oceanographic research). It is the responsibility of the activity to determine if it might have a ''taking'' and, if it does, to apply for an authorization. Applications are necessary for NOAA to know that an authorization is needed and to determine whether authorization can be made under the MMPA. The reporting requirements are mandated by the MMPA and are necessary to ensure that determinations made concerning the impact on marine mammals are valid.

II. Method of Collection

Applications and reports are submitted by paper copy via overnight delivery and via e-mail to provide us with the .pdf and .doc copies that we use to work on the application and for posting for the public to download and review. While our application instructions are posted on the Web, we do not have the ability to accept applications via the Web. We are currently beta-testing the system for accepting applications for scientific research permits which we may be able to apply to this information collection also.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0151.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 72.

Estimated Time Per Response: 483 hours for a request for new or the renewal of regulations; 45 hours for an application for Letter of Authorization (response times vary significantly based on the complexity of the application); 200 hours for an application for an Incidental Harassment Authorization; and 93–120 hours for a 90-day, quarterly, or annual report under a Letter of Authorization or Incidental Harassment Authorization.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,376.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $1,359.

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: January 31, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for an EFP to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application from the University of New England (UNE) that would allow Northeast multispecies vessels to possess spiny dogfish for a spiny dogfish life history study contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received on or before February 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *DA7–25@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: ''Comments on UNE dogfish possession EFP proposal.'' Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn