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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: U.S. Fishermen Fishing in Russian Waters.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0228.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1.

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 1.

Needs and Uses: United States (U.S.) fishermen who wish to fish in the Russian Federation Economic Zone may apply for a Russian Permit by submitting application information to the National Marine Fisheries Service for transmittal to Russian authorities. The permit holders must provide information regarding their permits and must report when entering or leaving the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone. Regulations at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart J apply.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: 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 7845, 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: December 5, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: Application for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0293.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 180.

Number of Respondents: 800.

Average Hours per Response: Initial applications, 15 minutes; and renewals, 9 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires any commercial fisher operating in Category I and II fisheries to register for a certificate of authorization that will allow the fisher to take marine mammals incidentals to commercial fishing operations. Category I and II fisheries are those identified by NOAA as having either frequent or occasional takings of marine mammals.

Some states have integrated the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) registration process into the existing state fishery registration process and fishers in those fisheries do not need to file a separate Federal registration. If applicable, vessel owners will be notified of this simplified registration process when they apply for their state or Federal permit or license.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Dated: December 5, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: NMFS Alaska Region Observer Providers.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0318.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 875.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes for industry request for assistance in improving observer data quality issues; 60 hours for new permit application for observer provider; 15 minutes for update to provider information and for observer candidates' college transcripts and disclosure statements; 5 minutes for notification of observer physical examination, observer provider; 7 minutes for projected observer assignment; 7 minutes for briefing registration and for debriefing registration; 12 minutes for certificate of insurance; 15 minutes for copies of contracts; 7 minutes for weekly

deployment/logistics reports; 2 hours for reports of problems; and 4 hours for permit appeal.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program was implemented in early 1990. The observers in this Program collect and disseminate catch, bycatch, and biological data necessary to support in-season monitoring and stock assessment. Alaska Fisheries Science Center in Seattle, Washington provides the operational oversight of the Program, certification training, definition of observer sampling duties and methods, debriefing of observers, and management of the data. Owners of vessels, shoreside processors, or stationary floating processors required to carry observers must arrange for observer services from an observer provider.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Dated: December 5, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 0811171463-81465-01]

Annual Retail Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is conducting the Annual Retail Trade Survey (ARTS). The Census Bureau has determined to

collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, percent of e-commerce sales to customers located outside the United States, year-end inventories, total operating expenses, purchases, accounts receivables, and for select industries, merchandise line sales and percent of sales by class of customer. The ARTS was not conducted in 2007 because these data were collected by the 2007 Economic Census—a detailed portrait of the Nation's economy conducted once every five years, from the national to the local level.

ADDRESSES: The Census Bureau will furnish report forms to organizations included in the survey. Additional copies are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Wellwood, Service Sector Statistics Division, at (301) 763-6816, or by e-mail at daniel.wellwood@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ARTS is a continuation of similar retail trade surveys conducted each year since 1951 (except 1954). It provides, on a comparable classification basis, annual sales, e-commerce sales, purchases, and year-end inventories for 2008. These data are not available publicly on a timely basis from nongovernmental or other governmental sources.

The Census Bureau will require a selected sample of firms operating retail establishments in the United States (with sales size determining the probability of selection) to report in the 2008 ARTS. We will furnish report forms to the firms covered by this survey and will require their submissions within 30 days after receipt. The sample will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on the subjects specified above.

The Census Bureau is authorized to take surveys that are necessary to furnish current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses authorized by Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 182, 224, and 225. This survey will provide continuing and timely national statistical data on retail trade for the period between economic censuses. For 2008, the survey will, as it has in the past, operate as a separate sample of retail companies. The data collected in this survey will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data will provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies.

These data also apply to a variety of public and business needs.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, the OMB approved the Annual Retail Trade Survey under OMB Control Number 0607-0013.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that an annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: December 5, 2008.

Steve H. Murdock,

Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[T-4-2008]

Foreign-Trade Zone 267—Fargo, ND, Temporary/Interim Manufacturing Authority, CNH America, LLC (Construction Equipment); Notice of Approval

On September 30, 2008, the Executive Secretary of the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board filed an application submitted by the Fargo Municipal Airport Authority, grantee of FTZ 267, requesting temporary/interim manufacturing (T/IM) authority, on behalf of CNH America, LLC, to manufacture wheel loaders under FTZ procedures within FTZ 267—Site 2, in Fargo, North Dakota.

The application was processed in accordance with T/IM procedures, as authorized by FTZ Board Orders 1347 (69 FR 52857, 8/30/04) and 1480 (71 FR 55422, 9/22/06), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (73 FR 60237, 10/10/08). The FTZ staff examiner reviewed the application and determined that it meets the criteria for approval under T/IM procedures. Pursuant to the authority delegated to the FTZ Board Executive Secretary in the above-referenced Board Orders, the application is approved, effective this date, until December 4, 2010, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.