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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 98-042-1]

National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (Formerly Known as the National Animal Damage Control Advisory Committee); Notice of Solicitation for Membership

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: We are giving notice that we anticipate renewing the National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee for a 2-year period. The Secretary is soliciting nominations for membership for this Committee.

DATES: Consideration will be given to nominations received on or before June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be addressed to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Martin Mendoza, Director, Operational Support Staff, WS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 87, Riverdale, MD 20737-1234, (301) 734-7921.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Wildlife Services Advisory Committee (the Committee) advises the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, program issues, and research needed to conduct the Wildlife Services (WS) program. The Committee also serves as a public forum enabling those affected by the WS program to have a voice in the program's policies.

The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among its members.

Terms will expire for the current members of the Committee in June 1998. We are soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals

to replace members on the Committee. An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership. The Secretary will select members to obtain the broadest possible representation on the Committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Regulation 1041-1. Equal opportunity practices, in line with the USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership should include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Done in Washington, DC, this 13th day of April 1998.

Charles P. Schwalbe,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Sea Grant Control.

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 June 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should

be directed to Dr. Francis M. Schuler; Executive Director, National Sea Grant College Program, NOAA (R/SG), Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-2445).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA's Sea Grant Program exists to increase the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of the Nation's ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. It does this by promoting a strong educational base, responsive research, and training. Grant monies are available for related activities. NOAA Form 90-1 summarizes certain information about the content of grant proposals, especially information about the organizations and personnel that would be involved. The information is needed to ensure that the terms and conditions of the law will be met.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted on a form as part of the application process.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0008.

Form Number: NOAA Form 90-1.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, State or local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

40.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 20 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures).

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: April 13, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office
of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Licensing of Private Remote-Sensing Space Systems

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Richard Roberts, NOAA/OFA1x1, Station 8118, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-3525, ext. 115).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pub. L. 102-555 requires that any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States who operates a private remote-sensing space system must obtain a license. Before issuing such a license NOAA must obtain certain information (see 15 CFR 960) in order for it to determine whether U.S. interests will be protected. NOAA is currently working on a revision of the applicable regulations, but some issues concerning those revisions may not be resolved prior to the expiration of the Office of Management and Budget's Paperwork Reduction Act approval of the existing regulations. This notice announces NOAA's intent to request extension of that approval for the

existing requirements so that they can remain in force until the revised requirements take effect.

II. Method of Collection

No forms are used. Respondents must address the requirements as set forth in the regulation.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0174.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.
Estimated Time Per Response: 16 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 96 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures).

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: April 14, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office
of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033198B]

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Atlantic Shark Fisheries; Notice of Availability

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Highly Migratory Species Management Division has prepared a draft consideration of the economic effects and potential alternatives to the 1997 quotas on the Atlantic large coastal shark fishery as ordered by the Middle District Court of Florida, Tampa Division, on February 26, 1998. Written comments are requested from the public.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Requests for copies of the draft should be sent to Margo Schulze at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margo Schulze or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, 301-713-2347; fax: 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fishery for Atlantic sharks is managed under the Fishery Management Plan for Sharks of the Atlantic Ocean prepared by NMFS under authority of section 304(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended, and was implemented on April 26, 1993, through regulations found at 50 CFR part 678.

On April 2, 1997 (62 FR 16648), NMFS reduced the large coastal shark commercial quota and recreational bag limit by 50 percent as proposed, with an exception for an additional recreational allowance of two Atlantic sharpnose sharks per person per trip. The prohibition on possession of white sharks was modified to allow for a catch-and-release-only recreational fishery. Otherwise, all measures were implemented as proposed. Partly because NMFS received comments that indicated the proposed measures may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities and because it wanted to ensure that the impacts were thoroughly analyzed, NMFS prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) that assessed the economic impacts of the regulation on small entities engaged in the Atlantic shark fishery in the final rule. In that FRFA, NMFS reaffirmed its conclusion from the proposed rule stage that the 1997 quotas would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities engaged in the large coastal shark fishery.