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David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import  
Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NWHI Mokupapapa Discovery Center Exhibit Evaluation

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),  
Department of 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 May 19, 2008.

**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Requests for additional information or  
copies of the information collection  
instrument and instructions should be  
directed to Linda Schubert,  
808.933.8184 or  
[linda.schubert@noaa.gov](mailto:linda.schubert@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Mokupapapa Discovery Center  
(Center) is an outreach arm of  
Papahānaumokuākea Marine National  
Monument that reaches 60,000 people  
each year in Hilo, Hawaii. The Center  
was created four years ago to help raise  
support for the creation of a National  
Marine Sanctuary in the Northwestern  
Hawaiian Islands. Since that time, the  
area has been proclaimed a Marine  
National Monument and the main  
messages we are trying to share with the  
public have changed to better reflect the  
new monument status and the joint  
management by the three co-trustees of  
the Monument. We therefore are seeking  
to find out if people visiting our Center  
are getting our new messages by  
conducting an optional exit survey.

## II. Method of Collection

Surveys will be conducted by in-  
person interview as people exit the  
Center. Interviewers will record  
responses on paper, and later transfer  
them to an electronic database.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or  
households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
250.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 7  
minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*  
*Hours:* 29.

*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: March 12, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief  
Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF70

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional  
Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries,  
Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant  
Regional Administrator) has made a  
preliminary determination that the  
subject Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)  
application from the University of New  
England (UNE) and the University of  
New Hampshire (UNH) 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 Assistant  
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 April 2,  
2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be  
submitted by e-mail to  
[dogfish.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:dogfish.efp@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  
Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the  
outside of the envelope, "Comments on  
UNE dogfish possession EFP proposal."  
Comments may also be sent via  
facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ryan Silva, Cooperative Research  
Program Specialist, phone: 978-281-  
9326, fax: 978-281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FMP  
implemented a semi-annual quota.  
When a semi-annual quota is projected  
to be harvested, NMFS closes the fishery  
until the next semi-annual quota opens.  
During a dogfish closure, no vessel may  
fish for or possess dogfish. A dogfish  
closure is currently in effect through  
April 30, 2008.

As part of a continuing research  
project, UNE, in collaboration with the  
UNH, is investigating Gulf of Maine  
dogfish age and growth, and size at  
sexual maturity characteristics. The  
applicant states that current dogfish life  
history data need updating, particularly  
in light of recent stock declines and  
potential regional variability in life  
history traits. The project investigators  
are attempting to develop a more  
accurate aging tool, which would

improve age and size at sexual maturity determinations. The applicant notes that these data would provide critical life history information needed for effective dogfish management decisions, particularly for the Gulf of Maine.

The applicant would collect at least 10 dogfish samples per month per sex, but not to exceed 50 dogfish per month. The applicant would require only partial samples from May, June, November, and December (maximum of 25 per month) to complete their monthly sample objectives. Therefore, the maximum number of dogfish landed under this EFP would not exceed 600 individuals.

Samples would be collected during commercial NE multispecies fishing trips in areas open to commercial NE multispecies regulations in statistical areas 125 and 132. Vessels would fish with otter trawl and gillnet gear that is fully compliant with NE multispecies regulations and adhere to the following conditions: Possess 50 or fewer dogfish per trip; all live dogfish bycatch would be returned to the ocean as quickly as possible; no dogfish may be landed for sale; dogfish would not be targeted during the fishing trips.

If approved, participating vessels would not be allowed to possess or retain more than 50 dogfish on any trip, and no dogfish may be sold.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs. The applicant may place requests for minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and minimal so as not to change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 12, 2008.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XG32**

#### Unified Synthesis Product Development Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Unified Synthesis Product Development Committee (USPDC) and announcement of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Establishment of the USPDC will result in the provision of advice to the Under Secretary of Commerce on the content of a report that will integrate and evaluate the findings of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program in the context of current and projected global climate change trends, both human-induced and natural, and analyze the effects of current and projected climate change on: ecosystems and biological diversity; agriculture; energy production and use; land and water resources; transportation; and human health and social systems. This advice will be used by NOAA to develop a final product that addresses these topic areas. Following establishment of the USPDC, the first Committee meeting will be held. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2008 and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. Meeting information, including the names of the Lead Author team nominees, will be available online on the NOAA Climate Program Office CCSP website:

<http://www.climate.noaa.gov/index.jsp?pg=/.ccsp/index.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** The first meeting of the USPDC will be held at the Hilton O'Hare Airport Hotel, Chicago, IL.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Christopher D. Miller, the USPDC Designated Federal Official (DFO) and the Program Manager, NOAA/OAR Climate Program Office Climate Change Data and Detection Program Element, Climate Program Office, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12239, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 301-734-1241, e-mail: [Christopher.D.Miller@noaa.gov](mailto:Christopher.D.Miller@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5

U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule of Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 102-3, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Unified Synthesis Product Development Committee (USPDC) is in the public interest, in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The USPDC will consist of no more than 35 members to be appointed by the Under Secretary to assure a balanced representation among preeminent scientists, educators, and experts reflecting the full scope of the scientific issues addressed in the CCSP Unified Synthesis Product. The USPDC will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act 15 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

##### Status

Please note that meeting times and agenda topics described below are subject to change. The meeting will be open to public participation and will include a 30-minute public comment period on March 31 from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (check website to confirm this time). In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments will also be accepted and (at least 35 copies) should be received by the USPDC Designated Federal Official (DFO) by March 20, 2008 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after March 20 will be distributed to the USPDC, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

##### Matters To Be Considered

The meeting will discuss plans for development of the First Draft of the Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Unified Synthesis Product.

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**Mary M. Glackin,**

*Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.*

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