

following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2008 Survey of Qualified

Nonimmigrants.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 1,502.

Number of Respondents: 5,300.

Average Hours per Response: 17 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting approval to conduct a survey of the residents of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) as a means to estimate the stock of qualified nonimmigrants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau in 2008. According to the Compact of Free Association Act, a qualified nonimmigrant is defined as “* * * a person, or their children under the age of 18, admitted or resident pursuant to section 141 of the US–RMI or US–FSM Compact or section 141 of the Palau Compact who, as of a date referenced in the most recently published enumeration is a resident of an affected jurisdiction.” (Pub. L. 108–188, Sec. 104(e)(2)(B)).

The Compact of Free Association is a joint congressional-executive agreement that states that the U.S. will provide funds to Guam, CNMI, Hawaii and American Samoa for a range of development programs and other benefits that are necessary due to the migration of citizens from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. The Compact of Free Association became effective for citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia in 1986, and for citizens of the Republic of Palau in 1994.

The Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 introduced the requirement for an enumeration of qualified nonimmigrants to be conducted no less frequently than every five years in Guam, CNMI, Hawaii and American Samoa. In accordance with the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, the Office of the Insular Affairs of the U.S. Department of the Interior requested the U.S. Census Bureau to produce estimates of such qualified nonimmigrants for 2008.

The Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 stipulates that \$30,000,000 will be made available for grants to help defray the costs to

jurisdictions whose health, educational, social, or public safety services are affected by the increase in qualified nonimmigrants from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. To assist in the distribution of funds, an enumeration of the jurisdictions that are affected must be done no less frequently than every five years.

The proposed survey will collect data on place of birth, age, date of birth, sex and year of entry for qualified nonimmigrants residing in Guam and CNMI. Only questions pertaining to the needs of the legislation will be asked. The questionnaire content and data collection procedures will generally follow the American Community Survey (ACS) and Census 2000 procedures. Since data can be obtained for Hawaii from the ACS, it is not cost-effective to include Hawaii in the survey. Because it would be cost prohibitive to design a survey resulting in reliable estimates of the small number of qualified nonimmigrants in American Samoa, the estimate for this area will be derived from existing Census 2000 data.

The jurisdictions outlined in Public Law 108–188 are American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the State of Hawaii as areas that are to receive funds as part of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395–7314.

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 6625, 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 Brian Harris-Kojetin, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202–395–7245) or e-mail (bharrisk@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 3, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to discuss the Sustainable Manufacturing Initiative and the Manufacturing 2040 project.

DATES: July 23, 2008.

Time: 2 p.m. (e.d.t.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202–482–1369), or visit the Council's Web site at <http://www.manufacturing.gov/council>.

Dated: July 2, 2008.

Kate Sigler,

Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application for Commercial Fisheries Authorization Under Section 118 of 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 September 8, 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia Lawson, (301) 713-2322 or Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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.

II. Method of Collection

Most fishers have their information imported directly into the Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) from their state. Otherwise they can fill out the forms on NMFS' Web page at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/interactions/mmap_registration_form.pdf or mail in an application made available to them in the NMFS regions.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0293.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$326,310.

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: July 3, 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-XI95

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a joint meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs).

DATES: The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 and conclude by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will meet to develop recommendations for a prioritized five year Gulf of Mexico research plan for submission to the Secretary of Commerce. The SSC will also review the terms of reference for several upcoming stock assessments including SEDAR benchmark (full) assessments on red drum and black grouper, and SEDAR update assessments for red snapper, greater

amberjack, gag, and red grouper. In addition, the SSC will review the proposed annual catch limit (ACL) guidelines, and will discuss the future role of the SSC under SEDAR and ACL guidelines.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSCs for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the SSCs will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 3, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XI96

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 and conclude no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.