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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Participation in Overseas Trade Mission

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade mission: Ambassador David Aaron's Oil, Gas, and Petrochemicals Mission the Middle East; Location: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait; Date: April 17-21, 1999.

Under Secretary for International Trade, Ambassador David Aaron, will lead an oil, gas, and petrochemicals trade mission to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Kuwait City, Kuwait. The mission will include representatives from U.S. energy companies and energy equipment and service providers interested in entering the Arabian Gulf energy market or in expanding their presence in the region.

Time frame for applications: Applications may be submitted immediately to Joseph Ayoub, Energy Division—Basic Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room H4056, Washington, 20230. Telephone: (202) 482-0313. Facsimile: (202) 482-0170 or 5361. Internet:

Joseph_Ayoub@ita.doc.gov

All applications must be received by March 17, 1999. Applications received after that date will be considered on a space available basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Ayoub, Department of Commerce Tel: 202-482-0681 Fax: 202-482-0304.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Tom Nisbet,

Director, Promotion Planning and Support Division Office of Export Promotion Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030299C]

Large Pelagics Fishing Survey

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 7, 1999.

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 Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

For randomly selected vessels permitted in the Atlantic tunas, billfish, swordfish or shark fisheries, the vessel's owner would be required to respond to telephone and dockside surveys regarding fishing effort directed at, and catch of, Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). Whether permitted or not, the vessel's owner would be required to make catch of HMS available for inspection and collection of scientific information during dockside intercepts. Other components of the telephone or dockside surveys would be voluntary (e.g., questions addressing social and economic issues). International treaty obligations pertaining to catch monitoring and provision of scientific information for stock assessments for these fisheries require a comprehensive reporting program.

II. Method of Collection

The information sought will be collected through computer-assisted

telephone interviews, in-person interviews, and/or mail surveys. For the telephone surveys, respondents will be selected at random from permit lists. For dockside surveys, respondents will be selected at random upon return to the docks after fishing trips. Mail-back surveys will distributed at random during dockside intercepts or by random selection from permit lists.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000

Estimated Time Per Response:

Average response times are estimated at 8 minutes per telephone interview, 5 minutes per dockside intercept with a follow-up telephone call (1.5 minutes each) for validating 10 percent of dockside intercepts, 3 minutes per occurrence for the socio-economic questionnaire as a telephone or dockside add-on, 5 minutes each for independent socio-economic interview of charter/headboat clients, 1 minute per intercept for supplemental biological sampling, and 8 minutes per telephone or on-board interview of selected headboat captains.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,085

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$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: March 1, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Pub. L. 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Pub. L. 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows.

DATES: 17 March 1999 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, 3100 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201-5300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, DC 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: March 1, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Spring 1999 Conference Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Spring 1999 DACOWITS Conference is to assist the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to women in the Services. Conference sessions will be held daily and will be open to the public, unless otherwise noted below.

DATES: April 26-May 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA 20171; telephone: (703) 478-2900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Major Susan E. Kolb, ARNG, or GySgt Brenda L. Warren, USMC, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, OASD (Force Management Policy), 4000 Defense Pentagon, Room 3D769, Washington, DC 20301-4000; telephone (703) 697-2122 or E-Mail: warrenb@pr.osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following rules will govern the participation by members of the public at the conference:

(1) Members of the public will not be permitted to attend the OSD Luncheon, OSD Reception and Dinner and Conference Field Trip.

(2) The Opening Session, General Session, all Subcommittee Sessions, Tri-Committee Review, Final Review and the Voting Session will be open to the public.

(3) Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Committee and/or make an oral presentation of such during the conference.

(4) Persons desiring to make an oral presentation or submit a written statement to the Committee must notify the point of contact listed above no later than April 9, 1999.

(5) Length and number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

(6) Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Sunday, May 2, 1999, before the full Committee.

(7) Each person desiring to make an oral presentation must provide the DACOWITS office with one (1) copy of the presentation by April 9, 1999 and bring 175 copies of any material that is intended for distribution at the conference.

(8) Persons submitting a written statement for inclusion in the minutes of the conference must submit to the DACOWITS staff one (1) copy of the

statement by the close of the conference on Sunday, May 2, 1999.

(9) Other new items from members of the public may be presented in writing to any DACOWITS member for transmittal to the DACOWITS Chair or Military Director, DACOWITS and Military Women Matters, for consideration.

(10) Members of the public will not be permitted to enter oral discussions conducted by the Committee members at any of the sessions; however, they will be permitted to reply to questions directed to them by the members of the Committee.

(11) After the official participants have asked questions and/or made comments to the scheduled speakers, members of the public will be permitted to ask questions if recognized by the Chair and if time allows.

(12) Non-social agenda items that are not open to the public are for administrative matters unrelated to substantive advice provided to the Department of Defense and do not involve DACOWITS deliberations or decision-making issues before the Committee. Conference sessions will be conducted according to the following agenda:

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

Conference Registration
Military Representatives Meeting
(Senior Military Representatives Only)
Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only)

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Opening Session and General Session
(Open to Public)
OSD Luncheon (Invited Guests Only)
Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)

Friday, April 30, 1999

Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)
Luncheon (Paid Registered Conference Participants Only)
Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)
Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only)
OSD Reception and Dinner (Invited Guests Only)

Saturday, May 1, 1999

Subcommittee Sessions (Open to Public)
Tri-Committee Review (Open to Public)
Subcommittee Session (Open to Public)
Field Trip (DACOWITS Members and Senior Military Representatives Only)
Executive Committee Rules and Procedures Meeting (DACOWITS Members Only)