

information or documentation indicating that a review or reconsideration is warranted. If a nation has not imported in the previous 6 months yellowfin tuna or yellowfin tuna products that are subject to a ban on direct importation into the United States under section 101(a)(2)(B), the nation shall no longer be considered an intermediary nation, and these import restrictions shall no longer apply. The status of a nation as an intermediary nation will remain valid until the Assistant Administrator has sufficient evidence that a nation is not importing yellowfin tuna or tuna products subject to a direct ban under section 101(a)(2)(B) of the MMPA. The Assistant Administrator may require the submission of additional supporting documentation or verification of statements made in connection with requests to review or change the status of an intermediary nation.

As a reminder, the interim final regulations implementing the IDCPA (65 FR 30, January 3, 2000) also set forth a mechanism for lifting primary embargoes against nations harvesting yellowfin tuna in the ETP purse seine fishery. Harvesting or exporting nations, if different, must submit documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator and request an affirmative finding as required by 50 CFR 216.24(f)(9). The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation meet several conditions related to compliance with the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP). To issue an annual affirmative finding, NMFS must receive the following information:

1. A statement requesting an affirmative finding;
2. Evidence of membership in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC);
3. Evidence that a nation is meeting its obligations to the IATTC, including financial obligations;
4. Evidence that a nation is complying with the IDCP. For example, national laws and regulations implementing the Agreement on the IDCP and information that the nation is enforcing those laws and regulations;
5. Evidence of a tuna tracking and verification program comparable to the U.S. tracking and verification regulations at 50 CFR 216.94;
6. Evidence that the national fleet dolphin mortality limits (DMLs) were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;
7. Evidence that the national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits, if they are allocated to countries, were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;

8. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries complete, accurate, and timely information necessary to verify and inspect Tuna Tracking Forms; and

9. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries information whether a nation is meeting its obligations of membership to the IATTC and whether a nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP, including managing (not exceeding) its national fleet DMLs or its national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits. A nation may opt to provide this information directly to NMFS on an annual basis or to authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS in years when NMFS will review and consider whether to issue an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

Date: August 25, 2000.

William T. Hogarth,

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held in the Aquarium Conference Center of the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA; telephone: 508-495-2373.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to consider

in-season adjustment to the 2000 Loligo quota.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final 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 Joanna Davis at the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Department of Defense Commercial Air Carrier Quality and Safety Review Program

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary of Defense announces the proposed reinstatement of a public collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments by November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the DoD Air Carrier and Analysis Office (HQ AMC/DOB), 402 Scott Drive, Unit 3A1, Scott AFB, IL 62225-5302, ATTN: Mr. Larry Elliott.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address or call HQ AMC/DOB at 618-229-3092.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: DoD Statement of Intent, AMC Form 207, OMB Number 0701-0137.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to assist the overall evaluation of commercial aircraft to provide quality, safe, and reliable airlift service when procured by the Department of Defense (DoD).

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,230.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden for Respondent: 41 Minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are commercial air carriers desiring to supply airlift services to DoD. AMC 207 provides vital information from the carriers needed to determine their eligibility to participate in the DoD Air Transportation Program.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 6, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires

that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: The National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR) Quality of Research Rating Scale.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 300

Burden Hours: 100

Abstract: To assess quality of NIDRR funded research, a reliable, valid, and efficient instrument needs to be developed and tested. The attached

form will be administered to 300 people. Responses will be analyzed for validity and reliability. If the results are satisfactory, the form will be used for future quality of research assessment.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346.

Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jackie Montague at (202) 708-5359 or via her internet address Jackie_Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB), Fernald

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Fernald. Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Plantation Restaurant, 9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, OH 45036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Spriggs, Phoenix Environmental, 6186 Old Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310, at (513) 648-6478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.