

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Fishing Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements**

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 March 10, 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 Robert Dickinson, (301) 713-9090 or Bob.Dickinson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Regulations at 50 CFR 600.503 require that a foreign fishing vessel display the vessel's international radio call sign on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weatherdeck. The numbers must be of a specific size. The display of the identifying number aids in fishery law enforcement and allows other fishermen to report suspicious activity.

The regulations also require that foreign fishing vessels that deploy gear that is not physically and continuously attached to the vessel mark that gear with a buoy displaying the vessel identification number and attach a light visible for two miles on a night with good visibility. The marking of gear aids law enforcement and enables other fishermen to report on gear placed in unauthorized areas.

There currently are no foreign vessels authorized to do fishing that would be subject to the gear identification requirement.

II. Method of Collection

Information is displayed on vessels and gear.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0356.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes per vessel.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$120.

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: January 4, 2008.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary of Defense****Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the Department of

Defense Education Benefits Board of Actuaries (hereafter referred to as the Board).

The Board, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2006(e), is a non-discretionary Federal advisory committee established to: (1) Annually advise the Secretary of Defense on the actuarial status of the Department of Defense Education Benefits Fund (hereafter referred to as the Fund); (2) shall furnish its advice and opinion on matters referred to it by the Secretary; review valuations of the Fund conducted under the provisions of 10 U.S.C., § 2006(f); (3) report to the Secretary of Defense annually on the actuarial status of the Fund; and (4) recommend to the President and Congress such changes as, in the Board's judgment, are necessary to protect the public interest and maintain the Fund on a sound actuarial basis.

The Board shall be composed of not more than three members appointed by the Secretary of Defense from among qualified professional actuaries who are members of the Society of Actuaries. The members shall serve for a term of 15 years, except that a member of the Board appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the end of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall serve only until the end of such term. A member may serve after the end of the term until a successor has taken office. A member of the Board may be removed by the Secretary of Defense for misconduct or failure to perform functions vested in the Board, and for no other reason.

Members may not be reappointed for successive terms. The Chairperson of the Board shall be designated by the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, for a five-year term.

Board Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and shall, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2006(e)(1)(C), serve with compensation, to include travel and per diem for official travel.

The Board shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, the Secretary of Defense or the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness). The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal