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Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Region Permit Family of Forms

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 June 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 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 Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, (Section 303(b)(1) specifically recognizes the need for permit issuance), fishermen and processors wishing to participate in groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off the coast of Alaska must obtain a Federal Fisheries Permit, a Federal Processor Permit, or an Exempted Fishing Permit. The application information is used to identify participants and expected activity levels in the fishery and to aid enforcement of fishery regulations. The information from this collection-of-information is used to monitor and manage groundfish fisheries by NMFS, Alaska Region.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include e-mail of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0206.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 886.

Estimated Time Per Response: 21 minutes for Federal Fisheries Permit application; 21 minutes for Federal Processor Permit application; and 35 hours for Exempted Fisheries Permit application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 378.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,335.

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 26, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Tijuana River (California), North Carolina, and Kachemak Bay (Alaska) National Estuarine Research Reserves.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR Part 921, Subpart E and Part 923, Subpart L. Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visits.

DATES AND TIMES: The Tijuana River (California) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held April 13-17, 2009. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, 301 Caspian Way, Imperial Beach, California.

The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held April 20-24, 2009. Two public meetings will be held during the week. The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Center for Marine Science Auditorium, 5600 Marvin K. Moss Lane, Wilmington, North Carolina. The second public

meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research, NOAA/NCNERR Administration Building Auditorium, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, North Carolina.

The Kachemak Bay (Alaska) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held April 28–May 1, 2009. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 6 p.m., at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, Seminar Room, 95 Sterling Highway, Homer, Alaska.

ADDRESSES: Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these National Estuarine Research Reserves are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the last public meeting held for a Reserve. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563-1182.

Dated: March 25, 2009.

David M. Kennedy,
Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) was established by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

DATE AND TIME: The public meeting will be held April 14–15, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The times and agenda topics are subject to change. Refer to the HSRP Web site listed below for the most current meeting agenda.

LOCATION: Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, Tel: (410) 547-1200, and Fax: (410) 539-5780.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain Steven Barnum, NOAA, Designated Federal Official (DFO), Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service (NOS), NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; *Telephone:* 301-713-2770, *Fax:* 301-713-4019; *e-mail:* Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public and public comment periods will be scheduled at various times throughout the meeting. These comment periods will be part of the final agenda that will be published before the meeting date on the HSRP Web site listed above. Each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 30 copies) should be submitted to the DFO by April 3, 2009. Written comments received by the DFO after April 3, 2009, will be distributed to the HSRP, but may not be reviewed before the meeting date. Approximately 25 seats will be available for the public, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters To Be Considered: (1) NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan and agency/congressional updates; (2) Panel discussion with various stakeholders in the region on use of and interest in NOAA Navigation Services; (3) Updates on NOAA PORTS® project, NOAA's Height Modernization, Print on Demand, Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping, and Arctic issues; and (4) public statements.

Dated: March 23, 2009.

Captain Steven R. Barnum,

Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Annapolis, Maryland.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Historic Inns of Annapolis, 58 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (*Phone:* 301-713-3100 x136, *Fax:* 301-713-3110); *e-mail:* lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, and from 8:35 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by April 17, 2009.

Matters to be Considered: The Committee will hear a panel