

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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02/22/2006

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 01/09/2006.

TITLE: Application Form for Membership on a National  
Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE  
OMB NO.: 0648-0397  
EXPIRATION DATE: 02/28/2009

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	150	150	0
New	500	500	1
Difference	350	350	1
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		350	1

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

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OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP ON A NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY COUNCIL OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0397**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a; attached) allows the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more advisory councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. Councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of that specific site; fourteen Councils are established as of 10/03/05. Once a Council has been chartered, the Sanctuary Manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing a notice to the public and asking interested parties to apply for the available seats. An application form has been developed to help ease the application process for the public and facilitate the review process for the Sanctuary Manager.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

The availability of seats on a Council is announced by the appropriate sanctuary through various public channels, including a *Federal Register* notice, local press releases, announcements at local meetings, and posting on the sanctuary's web page. Interested persons can request the application kit (containing the application form, a copy of the Council's charter, and some information about the sanctuary itself) by phone, fax or email. The applicant then completes and returns the form to the sanctuary office, by mail, fax or electronically. Several sanctuaries per year will have to fill some vacancies on existing Councils; new councils may be created if new sites are proposed for designation.

The specific information requested by the application (attached) will be used in the following ways:

- ⌚ Seat applying for (applicants are asked to check a box for the seat for which they are applying): This information is used to determine which seat on the Council the applicant is interested in holding.
- ⌚ Name, addresses and phone numbers: This is basic contact information that is necessary in order to notify the applicant about whether he or she will serve on the Council; if the applicant becomes a member of the Council, this information is used to keep them informed of meeting dates, upcoming events, etc.
- ⌚ (1) Reasons for interest in serving on the Council: This information is used to

help the Sanctuary Manager determine the nature of the applicant's views on the protection and management of marine and/or Great Lakes resources.

- ⌚ (2-7): This information is used to determine the qualifications of the applicant for the seat for which he or she is applying, relative to those of other applicants for the same seat.
  
- ⌚ (8) Other qualifications or information: This information allows the applicant to provide additional information about his or her qualifications for the seat that might not be readily apparent elsewhere in the application.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Should NOAA decide to disseminate information other than members' names and addresses, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) provides a broad opportunity for the public to apply for membership on Councils. Application kits are generally available by mail or electronically on the individual sanctuary's web page, and can be submitted through the mail, by fax or electronically.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

Sanctuary Advisory Councils are bodies unique to the NMSP; no other collection of information meets the needs of the NMSP for the purpose of selecting members of Councils.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The collection of this information does not have a significant impact on small entities.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

Councils serve an important function in the management of sanctuaries, by providing advice to the Sanctuary Manager (from a variety of different perspectives and interests) and helping link the sanctuary to the community. Congress understood this importance

and deliberately provided the NMSP with its own authority to have Councils, making the Councils exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Being able to collect this information allows the NMSP to choose the best applicants to serve as members of the Council.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

A Federal Register Notice (copy attached) solicited public comment. No comments were received.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

Applicants are not given payment or gifts. If selected to serve on a Council, members are eligible for invitational travel expenses (e.g., per diem) for costs associated with official meetings (per the National Marine Sanctuaries Act).

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

If chosen to serve on a Council, members understand that their names and business contact information (or other contact information as the member prefers) are made available so that constituents from the segment of the community the member represents can contact him or her. Applicants are also informed on the application that other parts of the application may be subject to release under a request from the Freedom of Information Act, through a court order, or in response to a Congressional inquiry. Protection of applications (for both selected and non-selected applicants) is as follows:

- Council Applications for Selected Applicants: These are retained and filed in a secure location inaccessible to non-staff. When no longer needed, they are shredded. For record-keeping purposes, applications are retained for 5 years beyond the expiration of their seat term.
- Council Applications for Non-Selected Applicants: These applications are retained and filed in a secure location as described above. Applications are filed

according to the seat applied for. It is useful to have this information to solicit qualified non-selected applicants to apply again when council seats are vacated. When no longer needed, they are shredded. For record-keeping purposes, these applications are retained for 5 years beyond their application date.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

The NMSP expects to have an average of 500 applicants per year, with an estimated time per applicant of one hour for obtaining, completing and returning the application, for a total annual response time of 500 hours.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

There are no capital or start-up costs. No special equipment will need to be obtained for this information collection. The NMSP expects applications to cost about \$2.00 per person for the cost of a phone call or email request for the application and the cost of electronically returning or mailing the completed application, for a total annual cost to the public of \$1000.00.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

The estimated annual costs to the federal government would include:

- ⌚ copying = \$200.00 (5000 pages at \$.04 a page for copying applications, council charters, and other information for application packages)
- ⌚ mailing = \$700.00 (mailing 700 applications at \$1.00 each)
- ⌚ labor = \$28,000.00 (2 hours per application requested to cover responding to request for application, mailing, copying for review, conducting the review, and responding to applicant; estimate 2 hours/application x 700 applications x \$20.00/hour)
- ⌚ Total = \$28,900.00

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

The number of councils has increased, so the number of respondents has been re-estimated and the burden adjusted.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

Only the name and contact information for each successful applicant would be published. Such information would likely appear in the individual sanctuary's web page, newsletters, and other usual information outlets for that sanctuary. New council members are usually announced about a month after the deadline for accepting applications has passed. Annually the NMSP also prints a directory of all council members across the program and their contact information.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

No exemptions are being sought.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

There are no exceptions.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

**NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL  
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

Before applying for advisory council membership, please review the Advisory Council Charter provided in your application kit. The Charter outlines the purposes and governs the operation of the council. In applying for council membership, you are agreeing to abide by the terms of the Charter if you are selected as a member or alternate. If you are selected, please also note that the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) will conduct a LEXIS/NEXIS check and a departmental bureau check for potential conflict of interest and other issues in your background. Also review the information provided at the end of this form; it contains important guidance with regard to the information you submit on this form and its availability under federal law.

Please note that under federal law, federal government employees are not allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity. State employees are allowed to sit on the advisory councils in a personal capacity, but must include a letter of support from their state supervisor.

Please indicate which seat(s) you are applying for, provide your contact information, and respond to the questions below. The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) may consider applicants for seats for which they have not applied if the NMSP believes they are qualified for that seat and are willing to serve in it. The application deadline is [date].

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seat applying for:** \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Industry

\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation \_\_\_\_\_ Diving \_\_\_\_\_ Education \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Recreational \_\_\_\_\_ Research \_\_\_\_\_ At-Large

**First Name\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please include full first, middle and last name.

Please thoroughly address each of the following in an attached statement:

1. Reasons for interest in serving on the Council, including a statement of guiding philosophy, or views, regarding protection and management of marine or Great Lake resources
2. Formal community and professional affiliations and employment
3. Length of residence in area affected by the sanctuary
4. Previous attendance of council and/or working group meetings
5. Particular expertise and experience germane to the goals and uses of the sanctuary, particularly in relation to the seat for which you are applying
6. Description of your philosophy of what the role of the council is, and how you will work to best support the sanctuary while on the council
7. Description of how much time you have to devote to council activities and how you will coordinate, consult, and inform the members of the constituency you will be representing
8. Other qualifications or information relevant to membership on the council

The information obtained through this application process will be used to determine the qualifications of the applicant for membership on the sanctuary advisory council. The NMSP intends affirmatively to disclose the applications only to NMSP staff and other members of the review panel. However, the NMSP may be required to disclose the applications in response to a court order, a Congressional request, or a request from the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If disclosure is requested under the FOIA, the NMSP will endeavor to protect the privacy of applicants by withholding personal information such as home addresses and telephone numbers. In contrast, statements of philosophy or opinions contained in the application would likely be released. Applying for membership on the Council is voluntary.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this

collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to National Marine Sanctuary Program, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM6, Silver Spring, Maryland 29010.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

OMB Control #0648-0397

Expires \_\_\_\_\_

*Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives*

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**16 USC** Sec. **1445a**

01/19/04

-EXPCITE-

TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION

**CHAPTER 32** - MARINE SANCTUARIES

-HEAD-

Sec. 1445a. Advisory Councils

-STATUTE-

(a) Establishment

The Secretary may establish one or more advisory councils (in this section referred to as an "Advisory Council") to advise and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. The Advisory Councils shall be exempt from the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

(b) Membership

Members of the Advisory Councils may be appointed from among -

(1) persons employed by Federal or State agencies with expertise in management of natural resources;

(2) members of relevant Regional Fishery Management Councils established under section 1852 of this title; and

(3) representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific organizations, educational organizations, or others interested in the protection and multiple use management of sanctuary resources.

(c) Limits on membership

For sanctuaries designated after November 4, 1992, the membership

of Advisory Councils shall be limited to no more than 15 members.

(d) Staffing and assistance

The Secretary may make available to an Advisory Council any staff, information, administrative services, or assistance the Secretary determines are reasonably required to enable the Advisory Council to carry out its functions.

(e) Public participation and procedural matters

The following guidelines apply with respect to the conduct of business meetings of an Advisory Council:

(1) Each meeting shall be open to the public, and interested persons shall be permitted to present oral or written statements on items on the agenda.

(2) Emergency meetings may be held at the call of the chairman or presiding officer.

(3) Timely notice of each meeting, including the time, place, and agenda of the meeting, shall be published locally and in the Federal Register, except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory Council established to provide assistance regarding any individual national marine sanctuary the notice is not required to be published in the Federal Register.

(4) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and contain a summary of the attendees and matters discussed.

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(Pub. L. 92-532, title III, Sec. 315, as added Pub. L. 102-587, title II, Sec. 2112, Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 5046; amended Pub. L. 104-283, Secs. 5, 9(f), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3363, 3368; Pub. L. 106-513, Secs. 16, 19(b)(5), Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2391, 2393.)

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## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, as amended, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

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## AMENDMENTS

2000 - Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-513, Sec. 16, substituted "advise and make recommendations" for "provide assistance".

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-513, Sec. 19(b)(5), made technical amendment to reference in original act which appears in text as reference to section 1852 of this title.

1996 - Pub. L. 104-283, Sec. 9(f), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 102-587, Sec. 2112, which added this section.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 104-283, Sec. 5, inserted before period at end ", except that in the case of a meeting of an Advisory Council established to provide assistance regarding any individual national marine sanctuary the notice is not required to be published in the Federal Register".

*Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives*

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Scientific Research Permits, Exempted Fishing Permits, and Letters of Authorization**

**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 October 31, 2005.

**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Heather Stirratt, National Marine Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or (301) 713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The information requested will be used in support of the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) issuing Scientific Research Permits (SRP), Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP), and Letters of Authorization (LOA) regarding highly migratory species (HMS). This information will also enhance and facilitate NMFS' compliance enforcement capabilities regarding HMS scientific research and exempted fishing activities. In addition, the information will assist with future stock assessments.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information is submitted on forms or other written format, and may be submitted electronically by e-mail.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0471.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; State, local, and tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours for a scientific research plan; 40 minutes for an application for an EFP, display, SRP, chartering permit, or LOA for Highly Migratory Species; 1 hour for an interim report; 30 minutes for an annual fishing report; 15 minutes for an application for an amendment to an EFP; 5 minutes for notification of departure phone calls to NMFS Enforcement; 2 minutes for "no-catch" reports; and 2 minutes for tag applications.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 169.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$68.45.

**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: August 25, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. 05-17284 Filed 8-30-05; 8:45 am]

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application Form for Membership on a National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Karen M. Brubeck, 206-842-6084 or [Karen.brubeck@noaa.gov](mailto:Karen.brubeck@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a) allows the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more advisory councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. The councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of the sanctuary. Once a council has been chartered, the sanctuary manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing notice to the public and asking interested parties to apply for the available seats.

**II. Method of Collection**

An application form and guidelines for a narrative submission must be submitted to the sanctuary manager. Submissions may be made electronically.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0397.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 500 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

#### 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.

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Dated: August 25, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Protocol for Access to Tissue Specimen Samples From the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia Lawson, (301) 713-2322 or [Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov](mailto:Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank (NMMTB) was established in 1992 and provides protocols, techniques, and physical facilities for the long-term storage of tissues from marine mammals. Scientists can request tissues from this repository for retrospective analyses to determine environmental trends of contaminants and other substances of interest. The NMMTB collects, processes, and stores tissues from specific indicator species (e.g., Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic white sided dolphins, pilot whales, harbor porpoise), animals from mass strandings, animals that have been obtained incidental to commercial fisheries, animals taken for subsistence purposes, biopsies, and animals from unusual mortality events.

The purpose of this collection of information is to enable NOAA to allow the scientific community the opportunity to request tissue specimen samples from the NMMTB.

##### II. Method of Collection

Electronic and paper applications are acceptable from participants, and methods of submittal include Internet, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0468.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 40.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$33.60.

##### 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: August 25, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Sawfish Encounter Survey

**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 October 31, 2005.

**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Shelley Norton, (727) 824-5312 or [shelley.norton@noaa.gov](mailto:shelley.norton@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is seeking information from permitted commercial reef, reef charter, charter coastal pelagic, shark, and shrimp fishers on the location of historic and current encounters with sawfish within the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean. The NMFS plans to