

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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Office of the Chief Information Officer
14th and Constitution Ave. NW.
Room 6625
Washington, DC 20230

04/20/2005

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 02/03/2005.

TITLE: Statement of Financial Interests, Regional Fishery Management Councils

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): 88-195

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0192

EXPIRATION DATE: 10/31/2007

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	195	110	0
New	185	108	0
Difference	-10	-2	0
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		-2	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

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

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 b. <input type="checkbox"/> None 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
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS
REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0192**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The Magnuson Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act authorizes the establishment of Regional Fishery Management Councils to exercise sound judgment in the stewardship of fishery resources through the preparation, monitoring, and revision of such fishery management plans under circumstances (a) which will enable the States, the fishing industry, consumers, environmental organizations, and other interested persons to participate in the development of such plans, and (b) which take into account the social and economic needs of fishermen and dependent communities. Section 302(j) of the Act also requires that Council members disclose their financial interest in any Council fishery. These interests include harvesting, processing, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction.

The Act further provides that a member shall not vote on a Council decision that would have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest. A Council decision shall be considered to have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest if there is a close causal link between the Council decision and an expected and substantially disproportionate benefit to the financial interest of the affected individual relative to the financial interest of other participants in the same gear type or sector of the fishery. However, an affected individual who is declared ineligible to vote on a Council action may participate in Council deliberations relating to the decision after notifying the Council of his/her recusal and identifying the financial interest that would be affected.

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 information is intended to inform the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and the public of potential council members' conflicts of interest. If this collection were not conducted, equivalent information would have to be collected before the Secretary could make new appointments to the councils, and before the members could vote on any matter in which they have a financial interest without violating the Magnuson-Stevens Act and conflict of interest laws.

Council nominees for appointment must provide and file a financial interest form as prescribed by the Secretary prior to the date of appointment. Seated Council members appointed by the Secretary, including the Tribal Government appointees, must file a financial interest form within 45 days of taking office, must file an updated form at least annually, and must file an update of their statements within 30 days of a financial interest being acquired or substantially changed.

The information collection is designed to yield data that meet applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will meet 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 financial disclosure form will be made available to council members on the NMFS, Sustainable Fisheries Homepage in PDF format for downloading. Electronic submission of the form is not allowed. An original signature is required.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

There is no duplication. Information being collected is specific and relevant only to the Regional Fishery Management Councils.

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

This information collection will not have a significant impact on small businesses, organizations or government entities.

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

Failure to collect the information from the nominees disqualifies them from participating as a candidate for possible Secretarial appointment to one of eight regional fishery management councils. Less frequent collection increases the risk of council members violating conflict of interest laws.

Equivalent information would have to be collected before the Secretary could make new appointments to the councils, and before the members could vote on any matter in which they have a financial interest without violating the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

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 on this renewal. Only one comment was received, which was not relevant to the collection.

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

There will be no payments or gifts.

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

There is no assurance of confidentiality provided. Financial statements will be retained by the Council, made available for public viewing at reasonable hours at the Council Office, and at each public hearing or public meeting.

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 sensitive questions are asked.

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

Estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information:

Number of respondents = 178

Frequency of responses = yearly

Total number of responses expected = 185

Average response time per response = 35 minutes (0.58 hours)

Total annual response time = 108 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).

Annualized cost per respondent are estimated at \$.67 (\$.37 for postage + \$.30 for copying) Based on 185 total responses, this equates to \$123.95

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

Staff time to process x salary of processor = \$19/hour x 30 hours = \$570.00.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or

14 of the OMB 83-I.

The burden hours have been adjusted for a lower number of respondents.

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

The results will not be published.

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.

N/A

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

The collection does not use statistical methods.

<p align="center">STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS</p> <p>For Use By Voting Members of, and Nominees to, the Regional Fishery Management Councils</p>	<p>1) Name:</p>
	<p>2) Council:</p>
<p>3) Position:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nominee</p>	<p>4) Type of filing:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Original filing [if nominee]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supplementary filing [if seated member]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual filing [if seated member]</p>

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Authority to Require this Information

Pursuant to Section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the financial disclosure regulations at 50 C.F.R. 600.235, you are required to disclose your financial interests if you are nominated by the Governor of a State for appointment as a voting member of a Regional Fishery Management Council (Council), or if you are a voting member of a Council appointed by the Secretary of Commerce under Section 302(b)(2) or (b)(5) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Disclosure Requirements

On the attached form, list the financial interests held by yourself, your spouse, minor child, or partner, and any organization in which you are serving as an officer, director, trustee, general partner, or employee. The nature of your participation in each financial interest, such as ownership (percentage), directorship, employee, or contractor, must be identified. The information to be listed does not require a showing of the amount of financial interest. You must include a description, for each such activity, of the fisheries participated in, the product type produced, and, where applicable, the gear type utilized. For example, if you own a one-third interest in a fishing vessel, your response might be: ABC Co, 15 Main Street, Brunswick, Georgia 31521; commercial fishing vessel "Miss AMY," ID - 123456; South Atlantic swordfish fishery, fresh swordfish, rod and reel; one-third ownership; John and Mary Doe (self and spouse). In the event any of the required information, including holdings placed in trust, is not known to you but is known to another person, you should request that other person to submit the information on your behalf and should report such request in the section titled "Information Requested of Other Persons."

Requests for Assistance or Additional Information

Refer to the financial disclosure regulations at 50 C.F.R. 600.235 for additional information. If you have any questions regarding the Statement of Financial Interests or related issues, please contact the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5882, Washington, D.C. 20230, or telephone (202) 482-5384.

Paperwork Reduction Act

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a 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. The public reporting burden for this collection of information, on this NOAA Form 88-195, is estimated to average 35 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of the Chief Information Officer (F/CIO), 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC #3, 3rd Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Information Requested of Other Persons. If any information is to be supplied by other persons, e.g., trustee, attorney, accountant, or relative, please indicate the name and address of such persons, the date upon which you requested that the information be supplied and the nature of the subject matter involved .

IF YOU HAVE NO APPLICABLE INFORMATION TO DISCLOSE, WRITE "NONE" IN THE SECTION, BELOW.

Name and Address	Date of Request	Nature of Subject Matter

NOTE: If none, write "NONE" in the section above.

Certification

I certify that the statements I have made are true complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if during the period of my appointment, I undertake new employment, I must promptly file an amended statement, and I must also report any new financial interests acquired during this period. I also certify that I am currently familiar with the statutes, regulations, and policies governing my responsibilities and conduct as applied to the duties I am assigned.

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM, BELOW:

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Results of the Eleventh Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Pure and Alloy Magnesium From Canada ("Decision Memorandum") from Jeffrey May, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to James J. Jochum, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, which is hereby adopted by this notice. Attached to this notice as an appendix is a list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded in the *Decision Memorandum*. Parties can find a complete discussion of the issues raised in this review, and the corresponding recommendations, in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Department building. In addition, a complete version of the *Decision Memorandum* can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/index.html>. The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of the record and comments received, we have made no changes to the preliminary results net subsidy rates.

Final Results of Reviews

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we calculated an individual subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this review. For the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, we determine the net subsidy rate for the reviewed companies to be as follows:

NET SUBSIDY RATE: PURE MAGNESIUM

Manufacturer/exporter	Percent
Norsk Hydro Canada, Inc.	1.07

NET SUBSIDY RATE: ALLOY MAGNESIUM

Manufacturer/exporter	Percent
Norsk Hydro Canada, Inc.	1.07
Magnola Metallurgy, Inc.	1.84

Assessment Rates

The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") within 15 days of publication of these final results of reviews. As requested by NHCI on October 17, 2003, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1516a(g)(5)(c)(i), the Department will not order the liquidation of entries of pure or alloy magnesium from Canada

exported by NHCI on or after January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, pending final disposition of dispute settlement proceedings under NAFTA (USA/CDA-00-1904-09 (panel) and ECC-2003-1904-01 USA, respectively) with respect to *Pure and Alloy Magnesium From Canada; Final Results of Full Sunset Review*, 65 FR 41436 (July 5, 2000). Liquidation of NHCI entries will occur at the rates described in these final results of reviews, if appropriate, following the final disposition of the previously mentioned NAFTA dispute settlement proceedings.

Cash Deposit Instructions

The Department will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the percentages detailed above of the f.o.b. invoice value on all shipments of the subject merchandise from NHCI and Magnola entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of these administrative reviews.

We will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company (except Timminco Limited, which was excluded from the countervailing duty orders on pure magnesium and alloy magnesium from Canada (*See Countervailing Duty Orders: Pure Magnesium and Alloy Magnesium from Canada*, 57 FR 39392 (August 31, 1992)). Accordingly, the cash deposit rate that will be applied to non-reviewed companies covered by the orders is that established in *Pure and Alloy Magnesium From Canada: Final Results of the Second (1993) Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 62 FR 48607 (September 16, 1997) or the company-specific rate published in the most recent final results of an administrative review in which a company participated. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

These administrative reviews and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 9, 2004.

James J. Jochum,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix—List of Comments and Issues in the Decision Memorandum

Comment 1: Adjusting Current Assessment Rates to Compensate for Over-assessment on Prior Entries

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090704C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Statement of Financial Interests, Regional Fishery Management Councils

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 15, 2004.

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 Bruce C. Morehead, F/SF5, RM: 13142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2337).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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and revision of such fishery management plans under circumstances (a) which will enable the States, the fishing industry, consumers, environmental organizations, and other interested persons to participate in the development of such plans, and (b) which take into account the social and economic needs of fishermen and dependent communities. Section 302(j) of the Act also requires that Council members disclose their financial interest in any Council fishery. These interests include harvesting, processing, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction.

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II. Method of Collection

Respondents submit paper forms. With the exception of the Tribal Government nominees, Council nominees for appointment must provide and file a financial interest form as prescribed by the Secretary prior to the date of appointment. Seated Council members appointed by the Secretary, including the Tribal Government appointees, must file a financial interest form within 45 days of taking office and must file an update of their statements within 30 days of the time any such financial interest is acquired or substantially changed.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0192.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-195.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 185.

Estimated Time Per Response: 35 min.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 108.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$124.00.

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: September 2, 2004.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090704A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Emergency Beacon Registrations

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 Lou Rubin, 5200 Auth Road, Suitland, MD 20746 (phone 301-457-5678 ext. 112).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

An international system exists to use satellites to detect and locate ships, aircraft, or individuals in distress if they are equipped with an emergency radio beacon. Persons purchasing a digital distress beacon, operating with a U.S. country code and in the frequency range of 406.010 to 406.100 MHz, must register it with NOAA. The data provided by registration can assist in identifying who is in trouble and in suppressing false alarms.

II. Method of Collection

The respondents complete a paper form (also available on a website) and mail or fax the form to NOAA. On-line registration is also available thereby eliminating paperwork previously required.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0295.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, and state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$8,000.

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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