NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 03/18/2010

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Suzanne Hilding
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 10/08/2009

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 200909-0648-009
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Application Package
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0384
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 03/31/2013 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	400	900	0
New	300	850	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-100	-50	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs			
IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Summary	NA	Abstract project summary	
Grantee annual report	NA	Annuial progress report	
Grantee final report	NA	Final progress report	

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
DOC/NOAA/NOS/COP

2. OMB control number b. [ ] None
a. 0648 - 0384

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)
a. [ ] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [✔] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number
For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)
a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by ____/____/____
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify: ____/____

7. Title NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Application Package

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*) N/A

9. Keywords "coastal zone, seashores"

10. Abstract

The CSCOR/COP provides direct financial assistance for the management of coastal ecosystems. Applicants for assistance are required to provide information in addition to the Standard Forms and grant application information. The additional requirement is the CSCOR/COP project summary. Successful applicants must file annual progress reports and a project final report in accordance with CSCOR/COP format.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. x Individuals or households
b. x Business or other for-profit
c. P Not-for-profit institutions
d. ___ Farms
e. ___ Federal Government
f. x State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)
a. [ ] Voluntary
b. [✔] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [ ] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden
a. Number of respondents 200
b. Total annual responses 300
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically 95 %
c. Total annual hours requested 850
d. Current OMB inventory 900
e. Difference -50
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change -50
2. Adjustment ____

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden *(in thousands of dollars)*
a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 0
b. Total annual costs (O&M) 0
c. Total annualized cost requested 0
d. Current OMB inventory 0
e. Difference 0
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change ____
2. Adjustment ____

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. P Application for benefits
b. x Program evaluation
c. __ General purpose statistics
d. __ Audit
e. __ Program planning or management
f. __ Research
g. __ Regulatory or compliance

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting *(check all that apply)*
a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [✔] Reporting
1. [✔] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [✔] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [ ] Other (describe) ____

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[ ] Yes [✔] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)
Name: Laurie Golden
Phone: 301-713-3338 ext. 151

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 signed by Hugh Johnson	Date 09/22/2009
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature Sarah Brabson	Date 09/24/2009

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
NOAA COASTAL OCEAN PROGRAM GRANTS PROPOSAL APPLICATION PACKAGE
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0384

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

Beginning in late FY1998, the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Ocean Service (NOS), Coastal Ocean Program (COP) was able to provide direct financial assistance in the form of discretionary research grants and cooperative agreements under its own program for the management of coastal ecosystems. COP financial assistance had been previously provided to non-profit organizations and educational institutions through joint participation in the Sea Grant omnibus vehicle.

The COP is part of a unique federal-academic partnership designed to provide predictive capability for managing coastal ecosystems. Under the authority of 33 U.S.C. Section 1442, "Research program respecting possible long-range effects of pollution, overfishing, and man-induced changes of ocean ecosystems", COP supports research on critical issues associated with the Nation's estuaries, coastal waters and the Great Lakes, and translates its finding into accessible information for coastal managers, planners, lawmakers and the public. COP's projects are multi-disciplinary, large in scale and long in duration (usually three to five years). Grants monies are available for related activities. Multi-year funding will be funded incrementally.

All potential NOAA COP grant recipients are required to submit the Standard Form used by NOAA for Federal grants as follows: SF-424, the SF-424A, Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs; the SF-424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs; the CD-511 and 512 Certifications and the SF-LLL (lobbying form) if applicable.

At the time of application, COP grant applicants will be asked to include a COP Project Summary (Abstract) Form in addition to the standard application requirements for Federal grants. A copy of the proposed form is attached with this request. The main purpose of this information collection is to enable COP to provide a summary of each proposed project. The information gathered will enable COP to properly evaluate proposals in a collaborative environment with its partner agencies.

Grant recipients will also be required to file COP Annual Progress Reports and a COP Project Final Report. The proposed formats for this information are attached to this request. The COP Annual Progress Report and the COP Project Final Report provide a consistent, detailed format to grantees.

Project Summary (Abstract) Form:

The Project Summary (Abstract) Form provided at time of application includes a statement of objectives, methods to be employed and the significance of the proposed activity to the advancement of knowledge or education. This information collection shall not be more than one page in length and must be written in the third person. The summary is used to help compare proposals quickly and allows the respondents to summarize these key points in their own words.

Reporting Requirements:

Consistency in reporting requirements for competitive research grant programs is desirable and this is behind COP's efforts in proposing a standardized format/form. In accordance with current OMB guidance, recipients are responsible for managing and monitoring each project, program, sub-award, function or activity supported by an award. The Federal awarding agency prescribes the frequency with which the performance reports shall be submitted, which typically shall not be required more frequently than quarterly or less frequently than annually. A final report will be required upon expiration or termination of grant support.

Format – Annual Performance Report:

The format chosen provides the minimum information required by this program to evaluate the project's progress with respect to its goals and objectives, schedule for accomplishments, and application to resource management. It has been determined that with respect to research, semi-annual reports are an unnecessary reporting burden, especially for large multi-investigator projects typical of the COP. The request for annual performance reports has been accepted and approved by the NOAA Grants Management Division for COP-sponsored grants or cooperative agreements.

Format – Final Report:

The use of the Project Final Report format provides the level of detail required to evaluate the effort invested by investigators and staff on project management; any actual accomplishments and research findings; and what goals and objectives were attained. The proposed final report format is compatible with the format in use by other agencies that participate in joint projects with COP, e.g. the National Science Foundation (NSF).

2. <u>Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.</u>

Project Summary (Abstract) Form:

The summary is used to help compare proposals quickly by the reviewing officials in the competitive process. It is submitted at time of application.

Annual Report:

For the proposed progress report format, the first section is taken from the COP-implementation plan and has some advantages in that previously-funded investigators will be familiar with the format. Use of this format will provide COP with the necessary information required to evaluate performance for the purpose of renewal of research grants. Since COP's grants are typically three to five years in duration, one annual report will be requested at the end of each year funded. A copy of the annual progress report is maintained in the COP Program Information File and it is electronically transmitted to GMD through the NOAA Grants On Line system.

Final Report:

Final reports are reviewed to determine if any information products were delivered by the grantee. In addition, the final report is used as a management tool by program managers to determine recipient compliance and performance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA 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 to Question 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. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA Fisheries Service decide to disseminate the information, 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.

There is Web availability of the grant application kit on the COP's home page at: http://www.cop.noaa.gov/. The Web site offers the public the ability to print all COP – required forms with accompanying instructions from the internet. Applicants are able to electronically submit grant applications at: www.grants.gov and the progress reports can be submitted electronically by those recipients having electronic access at: https://grantsonline.rdc.noaa.gov/flows/home/Login/verifyLogin.do.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

No duplication has been identified.

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

The program does not significantly impact small business entities.

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

Summaries are submitted only at the time of application and needed for efficient review of the proposals. Annual and final reports are minimum requirements for Federal grants.

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

This request does not require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide information on 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 the data elements to be recorded, disclosed or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on July 7, 2009 (74 FR 32106) solicited public comments on this submission. No comments were received.

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

No payments or gifts are provided (other than grant monies).

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

As stated on the summary and report forms, grant files are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, the forms also state, unpublished research results shall not be published without prior permission from the recipient.

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.

There are no sensitive questions.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

Requirement	# of Annual Respondents	# of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Time per Response	Total Annual Response Time (Hours)
Summary	200	1	200	30 minutes	100
Annual Report	50	1	50	5 hours	250
Final Report	50	1	50	10 hours	500
TOTALS	**300**		**300**		**850**

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

No capital expenditures are required.

In the research grant environment, applicants have staff dedicated to the submission of proposals, including clerical support. Both time and dollar costs are charged to grantors under the general and administrative overhead line item on the proposal budget. This includes hours spent for preparation of the other reports.

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

The total annualized cost burden to the Government for conducting the collection and handling the information submitted is estimated at $950.00. This does not include costs for secondary uses of the information or costs for reviewing the annual and final progress reports. The summary form is the only collection of information incurring additional expense. This estimate is based on staff time per response of five minutes for the project summary. A salary cost of $38/hr was used. The annualized total cost is estimated as follows:

5 min per project summary review (5/60) x 200 annual respondents x $38.00/hr = $634.00.

15. Explain the reason for any program changes or adjustments.

The number of applications and related documents has decreased, due to a change in the way the CSCOR program competitions are announced. For most programs, the solicitations now name a specific region and the priorities that need to be addressed in that region. Previously, the applicants had more leeway in submitting their own ideas for priorities and regions.

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

Not applicable. Grants products may be published, but not applications or reports.

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

Not applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

OMB Approval: 0648-0384
Expiration Date: 10/31/2009

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project Summary (abstract) should include a statement of objectives, methods to be employed, and the significance of the proposed activity to the advancement of knowledge or education. Avoid use of the first person to complete this summary.
DO NOT EXCEED ONE PAGE.

NOTICE

The Project Summary (Abstract) Form, provided at time of application, shall include a statement of objectives, methods to be employed, and the significance of the proposed activity to the advancement of knowledge or education. This information collection shall not be more than one page in length and shall be written in the third person. The summary is used to help compare proposals quickly and allows the respondents to summarize these key points in their own words.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including 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 other aspects of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the National Ocean Service, CSCOR/COP Office, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Grant files are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Confidentiality will not be maintained-the information will be made available to the public. However, unpublished research results shall not be published without prior permission from the recipient.

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FORMAT for Annual Progress Report

A. Grant Number:

B. Amount of Grant:

C. Project Title:

D. Grantee:

E. Award Period: From: To:

F. Period Covered by this Report: From To

G. Summary of Progress and Expenditures to Date:

l. Work Accomplishments: (as related to project objectives and schedule for completion)

a. Provide a brief summary of progress, including results obtained to date, and their relationship to the general goals of the grant; and

b. Provide a brief summary of work to be performed during the next year of support, if changed from the original proposal; and indication of any current problems or unusual developments that may lead to deviation of research directions or delay of progress toward achieving project objectives.

2. Applications:

This section should describe specifically the outputs and management outcomes achieved. Outputs are defined as products (e.g. publications, models) or activities that lead to outcomes (changes in user knowledge or action). In cases where proposed management outcomes are not fully achieved, indicate the progress made during the reporting period. Also, indicate expected outputs and management outcomes for the next year of support.

a. Outputs

i. New fundamental or applied knowledge
ii. Scientific publications
iii. Patents
iv. New methods and technology
v. New or advanced tools (e.g. models, biomarkers)
vi. Workshops
vii. Presentations
viii. Outreach activities/products (e.g. website, newsletter articles)

b. Management outcomes - I. Management application or adoption of:

i. New fundamental or applied knowledge
ii. New or improved skills
iii. Information from publications, workshops, presentations, outreach products
iv. New or improved methods or technology

v. New or advanced tools

c. Management outcomes - II. Societal condition improved due to management action resulting from output; examples:

i. Improved water quality
ii. Lower frequency of harmful algal blooms
iii. Reduced hypoxic zone area
iv. Improved sustainability of fisheries

d. Partnerships established with other federal, state, or local agencies, or other research institutions (other than those already described in the original proposal).

3. Expenditures:
   a. Describe expenditures scheduled for this period..

   b. Describe actual expenditures this period.

   c. Explain special problems that led to differences between scheduled and actual expenditures, etc.

Prepared By:
Signature of Principal Investigator Date

NOTICE

Subsequently, all NOAA COP recipients with approved grants will be asked to file a COP Annual Progress Report in the specified format. The first section of the proposed format is taken from the COP implementation plan and has some advantages in that previously-funded investigators will be familiar with the format. Consistency in reporting requirements for competitive research grant programs is desirable and this is behind COP’s efforts in proposing a standardized format. This annual report format will enable COP program staff to monitor each project supported by an award.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 300 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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Format for Project Final Report

I. Report Title, Author, Organization, Grant Number, Date

II. Executive Summary

A brief and succinct summary of Final Report.

III. Purpose

A. Overarching goal(s) of the project.
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B. Hypotheses (if applicable) and objectives of the project.

IV. Approach

A. Detailed description of the work that was performed.

B. Project management: List individuals and/or organizations actually performing the work and how it was done.

V. Findings

A. Actual accomplishments and findings.

B. If significant problems developed which resulted in less than satisfactory or negative results, they should be discussed.

C. Description of need, if any, for additional work.

VII. Applications

Outputs and management outcomes achieved. Outputs are defined as products (e.g. publications, models) or activities that lead to outcomes (changes in user knowledge or action).

A. Outputs

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iii. Patents
iv. New methods and technology
v. New or advanced tools (e.g. models, biomarkers)
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A. Management outcomes - II. Societal condition improved due to management action resulting from output; examples:

i. Improved water quality
ii. Lower frequency of harmful algal blooms
iii. Reduced hypoxic zone area
iv. Improved sustainability of fisheries

VIII. Evaluation

Describe the extent to which the project goals and objectives were attained. Provide explanation for modification of goals and objectives.

NOTICE

Subsequently, all NOAA COP recipients with approved grants will be asked to file a COP Project Final Report in the specified format upon expiration or termination of grant support. Consistency in reporting requirements for competitive research grant programs is desirable and this is behind COP's efforts in proposing a standardized format. The use of the Project Final Report format will provide the level of detail required to evaluate the effort invested by investigators and staff on project management; any actual accomplishments and research findings; and what goals and objectives were attained. The proposed final report format is compatible with the format in use by other agencies that participate in joint projects with COP, e.g. the National Science Foundation.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 600 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

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33 USC Sec. *1442* 01/19/04

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TITLE 33 - NAVIGATION AND NAVIGABLE WATERS

CHAPTER 27 - OCEAN DUMPING

SUBCHAPTER II - RESEARCH

-HEAD-

Sec. 1442. Research program respecting possible long-range effects of pollution, overfishing, and man-induced changes of ocean ecosystems

-STATUTE-

(a) Secretary of Commerce

(1) The Secretary of Commerce, in close consultation with other appropriate Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities shall, within six months of October 23, 1972, initiate a comprehensive and continuing program of research with respect to

the possible long-range effects of pollution, overfishing, and man-induced changes of ocean ecosystems. These responsibilities shall include the scientific assessment of damages to the natural resources from spills of petroleum or petroleum products. In carrying out such research, the Secretary of Commerce shall take into account such factors as existing and proposed international policies affecting oceanic problems, economic considerations involved in both the protection and the use of the oceans, possible alternatives to existing programs, and ways in which the health of the oceans may best be preserved for the benefit of succeeding generations of mankind.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that the program under this section complements, when appropriate, the activities undertaken by other Federal agencies pursuant to subchapter I of this chapter and section 1443 of this title. That program shall include but not be limited to -

(A) the development and assessment of scientific techniques to define and quantify the degradation of the marine environment;

(B) the assessment of the capacity of the marine environment to receive materials without degradation;

(C) continuing monitoring programs to assess the health of the marine environment, including but not limited to the monitoring of bottom oxygen concentrations, contaminant levels in biota, sediments, and the water column, diseases in fish and shellfish, and changes in types and abundance of indicator species;

(D) the development of methodologies, techniques, and equipment for disposal of waste materials to minimize degradation of the marine environment.

(3) The Secretary of Commerce shall ensure that the comprehensive and continuing research program conducted under this subsection is consistent with the comprehensive plan for ocean pollution research and development and monitoring prepared under section 1703 (!1) of this title.

(b) Action with other nations

In carrying out his responsibilities under this section, the Secretary of Commerce, under the foreign policy guidance of the President and pursuant to international agreements and treaties made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, may act alone or in conjunction with any other nation or group of nations, and shall make known the results of his activities by such channels of communication as may appear appropriate.

(c) Cooperation of other departments, agencies, and independent instrumentalities

Each department, agency, and independent instrumentality of the Federal Government is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Secretary of Commerce in carrying out the purposes of this section and, to the extent permitted by law, to furnish such information as may be requested.

(d) Utilization of personnel, services, and facilities; inter-agency agreements

The Secretary of Commerce, in carrying out his responsibilities under this section, shall, to the extent feasible utilize the personnel, services, and facilities of other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities (including those of the Coast Guard for monitoring purposes), and is authorized to enter into appropriate inter-agency agreements to accomplish this action.

-SOURCE-

(Pub. L. 92-532, title II, Sec. 202, Oct. 23, 1972, 86 Stat. 1060; Pub. L. 94-62, Sec. 2, July 25, 1975, 89 Stat. 303; Pub. L. 96-381, Sec. 3, Oct. 6, 1980, 94 Stat. 1524; Pub. L. 96-470, title II, Sec. 201(f), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2242; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, Sec. 6062, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 131; Pub. L. 100-627, title I, Sec. 101, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3213.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1703 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), was repealed by Pub. L. 102-567, title II, Sec. 204, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4282.

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AMENDMENTS

1988 - Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-627 added par. (3).

1986 - Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-272, Sec. 6062(1)-(3), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted "in close consultation" for "in consultation", and added par. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-272, Sec. 6062(4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c), and struck out former subsec. (c) which required the Secretary of Commerce to make an annual report to Congress, in March of each year, on the results of activities undertaken by him pursuant to this section during the previous fiscal year, and to include in that report the report to Congress required by section 665 of title 16 on activities of the Department of Commerce under that section.

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 99-272, Sec. 6062(4), redesignated subsec. (e) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

1980 - Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-381 inserted provision including within the responsibilities of the Secretary the scientific assessment of damages to natural resources from spills of petroleum or petroleum products.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-470 inserted provision requiring the Secretary to include in his annual report the report on activities of the Department of Commerce under section 665 of title 16.

1975 - Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-62 substituted "March" for "January".

-TRANS-

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

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SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1444 of this title.

-FOOTNOTE-

    (!1) See References in Text note below.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Application Package

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 September 8, 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 Laurie Golden, 301–713–3338 ext 151 or *laurie.golden@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Ocean Program (COP) provides direct financial assistance through grants and cooperative agreements for research supporting the management of coastal ecosystems. In addition to standard government application requirements, applicants for financial assistance are required to submit a project summary form. Recipients are required to file annual progress reports and a project final report using COP formats. All of these requirements are needed for better evaluation of proposals and monitoring of awards.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0384.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes for a project summary; 5 hours for an annual report; and 10 hours for a final report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 900.

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.

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: July 1, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC)

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau.

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: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 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(s) and instructions should be directed to Michelle Wiland, U.S. Census Bureau, DSD/CPS HQ–7H108E, Washington, DC 20233–8400, (301) 763–3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request clearance for the collection of data concerning the Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to be conducted in conjunction with the February, March, and April Current Population Survey (CPS). The Census Bureau has conducted this supplement annually for over 50 years. The Census Bureau, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Department of Health and Human Services sponsor this supplement.

In the ASEC, we collect information on work experience, personal income, noncash benefits, health insurance coverage, and migration. The work experience items in the ASEC provide a unique measure of the dynamic nature of the labor force as viewed over a one-year period. These items produce statistics that show movements in and out of the labor force by measuring the number of periods of unemployment experienced by people, the number of different employers worked for during the year, the principal reasons for unemployment, and part-/full-time attachment to the labor force. We can make indirect measurements of discouraged workers and others with a casual attachment to the labor market.

The income data from the ASEC are used by social planners, economists, government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the country as a whole and selected population groups of interest. Government planners and researchers use these data to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of various assistance programs. Market researchers use these data to identify and isolate potential customers. Social planners use these data to forecast economic conditions and to identify special groups that seem to be especially sensitive to economic