

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 07/23/2013

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 03/20/2013

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201302-0648-007

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: 07/31/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	300	850	0
New	700	1,050	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	400	200	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting 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	Annual progress report	
Grantee final report	NA	Final progress report	
Key Contacts Form	NA	Key Contacts	
Current and pending support	NA	Current and pending support	

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
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 Forms 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, Current and Pending Form and a Key Contacts Form in addition to the standard application requirements for Federal grants. Copies of these proposed forms are included in this request. The main purpose of this information collection is to enable COP to provide summaries of each proposed project, the key applicant contact information and their current and pending Federal funding. The information gathered will enable COP to properly and quickly 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 are included in 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.

Current and Pending Federal Funding Form:

The Current and Pending Federal Funding Form provided at the time of application describes all current and pending federal financial/funding support for all principal and co-investigators, including unfunded collaborators making a substantial contribution to the research. Continuing grants are also included. This information allows merit reviewers and Federal Program Managers to determine the capability of the investigator and collaborators to complete the proposed work in light of present commitments to other projects.

Key Contacts Form:

The Key Contacts form provides the merit reviews and Federal Program Managers with a one page reference for all Key personnel involved in the application and proposal process for each applicant. The form, submitted with the application, is used to identify the appropriate personnel Federal Program Managers need to communicate with, after the competitive review process is complete.

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.

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

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.

Current and Pending Federal Funding Form:

The current and pending form is used by Federal Program Managers and merit reviewers to evaluate and determine the capability of the investigator and collaborators to complete the proposed work in light of present commitments to other projects. It is submitted at time of application.

Key Contacts Form:

The key contacts form is used to identify the appropriate personnel Federal Program Managers need to communicate with after the competitive review process is complete.

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 the Grants Management Division (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.

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 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. The final report required for each grant award as part of the standard Federal grant award conditions does not have a government-wide standard format (although the federal government grant-making programs have been making periodic efforts to develop one). The format COP developed is similar to the National Science Foundation (NSF format); however, each funded grant award is required to report progress. No duplication is performed since each award has different objectives to meet.

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

Not applicable.

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 efficient review of the proposals is not possible without these documents. If annual and final reports are not submitted, monitoring of grant performance would be much more difficult and there would be less benefit to other professionals from the projects.

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

NA.

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 October 16, 2012 (77 FR 63293) solicited public comments on this submission. No comments were received.

In response to a separate solicitation of comments on the burden sent to five grantees, six faculty from one grantee, the University of Maryland, gave a range of revised estimates, suggesting that in some cases the forms may take longer to complete than the estimated times. COP will re-examine the response time estimates in the next three months and if a determination is made that any or all requirement responses need to be significantly lengthened, a change request or revision will be submitted depending on the number of changed response rates.

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 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.

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
Current and Pending	200	1	200	30 minutes	100
Key Contacts	200	1	200	30 minutes	100
Annual Report	50	1	50	5 hours	250
Final Report	50	1	50	10 hours	500
TOTALS	700		700		1050

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 \$3,324.00. The annualized total cost is estimated as follows:

1. Project summary review 5 minutes = $5/60 \times 200 \times \$38.00$ per hour = \$633
2. Key Contacts review 5 minutes = $5/60 \times 200 \times \$38.00$ per hour = \$633
3. Current and Pending review 5 minutes = $5/60 \times 200 \times \$38.00$ per hour = \$633
4. Annual Progress report review 22.5 minutes = $22.5/60 \times 50 \times \38.00 per hour = \$712.50
5. Final Progress report review 22.5 minutes = $22.5/60 \times 50 \times \38.00 per hour = \$712.50.

Total = \$3,324.00.

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

The Current and Pending Federal Funding and Key Contacts forms are being requested due to the need for consistency. The main purpose of this information collection is to enable COP to provide a summary of the key applicant contacts and their current and pending Federal funding. The information gathered will enable COP to properly and quickly evaluate proposals in a collaborative environment with its partner agencies.

Each of the two forms would be submitted by 200 respondents (the applicants), with the total burden for each being 100 hours: total of 400 responses and 200 hours added to the previous totals.

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.

Usage of this form is not approved for other program offices.

OMB Approval: 0648-0384

Expiration Date: 3/31/2013

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.

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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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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.

Current and Pending Support

The following information should be provided for each investigator and other senior personnel. Failure to provide this information may delay consideration of this proposal.

Investigator:	Other agencies (including NSF) to which this proposal has been/will be submitted.			
Support: <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Submission Planned in Near Future <input type="checkbox"/> *Transfer of Support Project/Proposal:				
Source of Support: Total Award Amount: _____ Total Award Period Covered: _____ to _____ Location of Project: Person-Months Per Year Committed to the Project. Cal: Acad: Sumr:				
Support: Current Pending Submission Planned in Near Future *Transfer of Support Project/Proposal:				
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*If this project has previously been funded by another agency, please list and furnish information for immediately preceding funding period.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY

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KEY CONTACTS FORM

Authorized Representative: *Original awards and amendments will be sent to this individual for review and acceptance, unless otherwise indicated.*

Name: _____

Title: _____

Complete Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Payee: *Individual authorized to accept payments.*

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Administrative Contact: *Individual from Sponsored Program Office to contact concerning administrative matters (i.e., indirect cost rate computation, rebudgeting requests etc.)*

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Principal Investigator: *Individual responsible for the technical completion of the proposed work.*

Name: _____

Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

FAX Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Web URL: _____

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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:

1. 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: improved water quality, lower frequency of harmful algal blooms, reduced hypoxic zone area, 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

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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.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Ocean Service, CSCOR/COP Office, 1315 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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.

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.

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

- i. New fundamental or applied knowledge
- ii. Scientific publications
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- v. New or advanced tools

C. Management outcomes - II. Societal condition improved due to management action resulting from output; examples: improved water quality, lower frequency of harmful algal blooms, reduced hypoxic zone area, 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.

Project Final Report

10/4/2012

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.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the National Ocean Service, CSCOR/COP Office, 1315 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the 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.

United States. In such instances, we will instruct CBP to liquidate unreviewed entries at the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

Cash Deposit Requirements

In April 2012, the International Trade Commission (ITC) determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of this order would not be likely to lead to the continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. *See Certain Orange Juice From Brazil*, 77 FR 22343 (Apr. 13, 2012). *See also* USITC Publication 4311 (April 2012), titled *Certain Orange Juice from Brazil (Inv. No. 731-TA-1089)*. As a result of the ITC's negative determination, the Department revoked the order on OJ from Brazil on April 20, 2012, effective as of March 9, 2012 (*i.e.*, the fifth anniversary of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the antidumping duty order). *See Revocation of Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Orange Juice From Brazil*, 77 FR 23659 (Apr. 20, 2012). Consequently, the collection of cash deposits of antidumping duties on entries of the subject merchandise is no longer required.

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility, under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2), to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice serves as the only 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.

We are issuing and publishing these results of review in accordance with

sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 9, 2012.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration

Appendix—Issues in Decision Memorandum

General Issues

1. Offsetting of Negative Margins
2. Treatment of By-Product Revenue in the Calculation of General and Administrative and Financial Expenses

Cutrale Issues

3. Constructed Export Price Offset for Cutrale
4. Use of Actual Brix To Calculate the Prices and Quantities for Cutrale's Home Market Sales
5. Inventory Carrying Costs for Cutrale's U.S. Sales
6. Capping of Certain Revenues Received by Cutrale by the Amount of Reported Expenses
7. Cutrale's Biological Assets

Fischer Issues

8. Calculation of Fischer's International Freight Expenses To Include Bunker Fuel
9. Ministerial Errors in Fischer's Cost Calculations
10. Loss on Hedge Operations Included in the Calculation of Fischer's Financial Expense Ratio
11. Exclusion of Long-Term Interest Income From the Calculation of Fischer's Financial Expense Ratio

Louis Dreyfus Issues

12. Date of Sale for Louis Dreyfus
13. Classification of Louis Dreyfus' U.S. Sales as CEP Sales
14. Calculation of Louis Dreyfus' Brokerage and Handling Expenses
15. Calculation and Application of Louis Dreyfus' U.S. Indirect Selling Expense Ratio
16. Use of Partial Adverse Facts Available for Louis Dreyfus' U.S. Indirect Selling Expenses and Inventory Carrying Costs

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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), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general

public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@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

This request is for a revision of a currently approved information collection. 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. The statutory authority for COP is Public Law 102-567 Section 201 (Coastal Ocean Program). In addition to standard government application requirements, applicants for financial assistance are required to submit a project summary form, current and pending form and a key contacts 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.

This request is for a revision due to the addition of the Key Contacts and the Current and Pending Federal Support forms. These additional forms are necessary for consistency. The main purpose of this information collection is to enable COP to provide a summary of the key applicant contacts and their current and pending Federal funding. The information gathered will enable COP to properly and quickly evaluate proposals in a collaborative environment with its partner agencies.

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 (revision of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 700.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes each for a project summary, key contacts and current and pending federal support; 5 hours for an annual report; and 10 hours for a final report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,050.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: October 11, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; availability of joint state/tribal hatchery plan and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife have submitted five Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans, to be considered jointly, to NMFS pursuant to the limitation on take prohibitions for actions conducted under Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead promulgated under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The plans specify the propagation of five species of salmon and steelhead in the Elwha River of Washington state. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the proposed evaluation of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) as to whether implementation of the joint plan will appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead.

This notice further advises the public of the availability for review of an Environmental Assessment of the effects of the NMFS determination on the subject plans and associated harvest.

DATES: Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on November 15, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be addressed to the NMFS Salmon Management Division, 1201 NE. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232, or faxed to 503-872-2737. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: ElwhaHatcheries.nwr@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Elwha River hatchery programs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allyson Purcell, at phone number: (503) 736-4736, or email: Allyson.Purcell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Puget Sound. Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally produced and artificially propagated Puget Sound. Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*): threatened Puget Sound/Washington Coast. Pacific eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*): threatened southern DPS.

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe and the WDFW have submitted to NMFS five jointly operated hatchery programs in the Elwha River basin. The plans were submitted pursuant to limit 6 of

the 4(d) Rule for the listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon evolutionarily significant unit (ESU) and listed Puget Sound steelhead distinct population segment (DPS). Two of the hatchery programs release ESA-listed Chinook salmon and steelhead, and three hatchery programs release non-ESA listed coho, fall chum, and pink salmon into the Elwha River watershed. All of the programs are currently operating, and all five hatchery programs raise fish native to the Elwha River basin.

As required by the ESA 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160, June 28, 2005), the Secretary is seeking public comment on his pending determination as to whether the joint plans for hatchery programs in the Elwha River would appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the ESA-listed Puget Sound salmon and steelhead.

Under section 4(d) of the ESA, the Secretary is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. NMFS has issued a final ESA 4(d) Rule for salmon and steelhead, adopting in Limit 6 regulations necessary and advisable to harmonize statutory conservation requirements with tribal rights and the Federal trust responsibility to tribes (50 CFR 223.209).

This 4(d) Rule applies the prohibitions enumerated in section 9(a)(1) of the ESA. NMFS did not find it necessary and advisable to apply the take prohibitions described in section 9(a)(1)(B) and 9(a)(1)(C) to artificial propagation activities if those activities are managed in accordance with a joint plan whose implementation has been determined by the Secretary to not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the listed salmonids. As specified in limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule, before the Secretary makes a decision on the joint plan, the public must have an opportunity to review and comment on the pending determination.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000, as updated in 70 FR 37160, June 28, 2005) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. Limit 6 of the updated 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(b)(6)) further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the