

Type of Request: Extension for a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This information is collected in order to monitor funding requests, outputs and outcomes of the Program; and to adhere to the reporting regulations requirements outlined in 7 CFR Parts 25, 3016, and 3019.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 hours per response.

Respondents: Rural Empowerment Zones, Rural Enterprise Communities and Champion Communities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 67.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 2.

Estimated Number of Responses: 150.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,616 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0043.

Comments:

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Office of the Secretary, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Office of the Secretary's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to Cheryl Thompson, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 29, 2008.

LeAnn M. Oliver,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 16, 2009; 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 624 Ninth Street, NW., Rm. 540, Washington, DC 20425.

Meeting Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2008 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Program Planning
 - Future Briefing Topics
 - Update on Status of 2009 Statutory Report
 - Briefing Report on the Department of Justice's Enforcement of Voting Rights in the 2008 Presidential Elections
- VI. State Advisory Committee Issues
 - Alabama SAC
 - Commissioner Involvement in SACs
- VII. Future Agenda Items
- VIII. Adjourn

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

INFORMATION: Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8582.

Dated: January 6, 2009.

David Blackwood,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Pacific Islands Region Coral Reef Ecosystems Logbook and Reporting.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0462.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 382.

Number of Respondents: 5.

Average Hours per Response: At-sea notification, 3 minutes; daily catch report, 30 minutes; and transshipment log, 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, logbooks are required for United States (U.S.) fishing vessels registered to use (or any U.S. citizen issued with) a Special Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishing Permit authorized under the Fishery Management Plan for Coral Reef Ecosystems of the Western Pacific Region. The information in the mandatory logbooks are used to obtain fish catch/fishing effort data on coral reef taxa harvested in designated low-use marine protected areas and on potentially harvested coral reef taxa in certain waters of the U.S. exclusive economic zone in the western Pacific region. These data are needed to determine the condition of the stocks and whether the current management measures are having the intended effects, to evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and to monitor and respond to incidental takes of endangered and threatened marine animals.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: January 5, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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