

to pre-register by contacting Ms. Lisa Stephens at (202) 401-6438, by fax at (202) 401-6156 or by e-mail to [lstephens@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:lstephens@nifa.usda.gov). Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period per topic area, and should indicate the topic area(s) for which they are registering (*i.e.*, identification of veterinarian shortage situations and/or administration of the VMLRP). For any participant who may require only one 5-minute period to fully present testimony regarding both topic areas, the participant should indicate this intention and may reserve their 5-minute comment period under one of the two topic areas. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. All other attendees may register at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All comments must be received by close of business Monday, November 15, 2010, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the NIFA Web site for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Stephens as directed above.

### Background and Purpose

**Note:** On October 1, 2009, the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) became the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA), section 7511(f).

In December 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA). This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations. In November 2005, the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-97), appropriated \$495,000 to implement the Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP) and represented the first time funds had been appropriated for this program. In February 2007, the Revised Continuing

Appropriations Resolution, 2007 (Pub. L. 110-5), appropriated an additional \$495,000 for support of the program, and in December 2007, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Pub. L. 110-161), appropriated an additional \$868,875 for support of this program, and on March 11, 2009, the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8) was enacted, providing an additional \$2,950,000, for the VMLRP. In October 2009, the President signed into law, Pub. L. 111-80, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010, which appropriated \$4,800,000 for the VMLRP. Consequently, there was a cumulative total of approximately \$9.6 million available for NIFA to administer this program when NIFA rolled out its first Request for Applications for this program on April 30, 2010.

The first VMLRP application period resulted in 260 applications in which 62 applications were selected for loan repayment awards totaling \$5,988,086.

Section 7105 of the FCEA amended section 1415A to revise the determination of veterinarian shortage situations to consider (1) geographical areas that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians; and (2) areas of veterinary practice that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians, such as food animal medicine, public health, epidemiology, and food safety. This section also added that priority should be given to agreements with veterinarians for the practice of food animal medicine in veterinarian shortage situations.

NARETPA section 1415A requires the Secretary, when determining the amount of repayment for a year of service by a veterinarian, to consider the ability of USDA to maximize the number of agreements from the amounts appropriated and to provide an incentive to serve in veterinary service shortage areas with the greatest need. This section also provides that loan repayments may consist of payments of the principal and interest on government and commercial loans received by the individual for the attendance of the individual at an accredited college of veterinary medicine resulting in a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or the equivalent. This program is not authorized to provide repayments for any government or commercial loans incurred during the pursuit of another degree, such as an associate or bachelor degree. Loans eligible for repayment include educational loans made for one or more of the following: Loans for tuition expenses; other reasonable

educational expenses, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses, incurred by the individual; and reasonable living expenses as determined by the Secretary. In addition, the Secretary is directed to make such additional payments to participants as the Secretary determines appropriate for the purpose of providing reimbursements to participants for individual tax liability resulting from participation in this program. The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out this program to NIFA.

NIFA is holding a public meeting to obtain comments to use in improving the administration of the VMLRP. The meeting is open to the public. Written comments and suggestions on issues that may be considered during the meeting may be submitted to the NIFA Docket Clerk at the address above.

Done in Washington, DC, this 7th day of October 2010.

**Meryl Broussard,**

*Deputy Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.*

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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, October 22, 2010; 9:30 a.m. EDT.

**PLACE:** 624 9th St., NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

### Meeting Agenda

This meeting is open to the public.

I. Approval of Agenda.

II. Program Planning.

- Approval of New Black Panther Party Enforcement Report.
- Consideration of Findings and Recommendations for Briefing Report on English-Only in the Workplace.
- Consideration of Policy on Commissioner Statements and Rebuttals.
- Update on Sex Discrimination in Liberal Arts College Admissions—Some of the discussion of this agenda item may be held in closed session.
- Update on Clearinghouse Project.

III. State Advisory Committee Issues.

- Kentucky SAC.
- Maryland SAC.
- Vermont SAC.

IV. Staff Director's Report.

V. Announcements.

VI. Approval of Minutes of October 8 Meeting.

VII. Adjourn.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION:** Lenore Ostrowsky, Acting Chief, Public Affairs Unit (202) 376-8591. *TDD:* (202) 376-8116.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. *TDD:* (202) 376-8116.

Dated: October 12, 2010.

**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:* Interim Capital Construction Fund Agreement and Certificate Family of Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0090.

*Form Number(s):* 88-14.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (renewal of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Average Hours per Response:* Agreement and application, 30 minutes, Schedules A and B, and certificate, 1 hour.

*Burden Hours:* 2,500.

*Needs and Uses:* The respondents will be commercial fishing industry individuals, partnerships, and corporations which are applying for or have entered into Capital Construction Fund agreements with the Secretary of Commerce for allowing deferral of Federal taxation on fishing vessel income deposited into the fund for use in the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of fishing vessels. Deferred taxes are recaptured by reducing an agreement vessel's basis for depreciation by the amount withdrawn from the fund for its acquisition, construction, or reconstruction. The information collected from agreement holders is used to determine their eligibility to participate in the Capital

Construction Fund Program pursuant to 50 CFR part 259.

At the completion of construction/reconstruction, a certificate stating completion and costs must be submitted.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:*

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

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 6616, 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

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: October 7, 2010.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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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:* Marine Mammal Stranding Reports/Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Disposition Report.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0178.

*Form Number(s):* 89-864, 89-878.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (renewal of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 2,400.

*Needs and Uses:* This notice is for renewal of this information collection. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) Section 402, the Secretary of Commerce is responsible for collecting information on strandings, which the Secretary will compile and

analyze, by region, to monitor species, numbers, conditions of marine mammals stranded, and causes of their illnesses or deaths. The Secretary is also responsible for collection of information on other life history and reference level data, including marine mammal tissue analyses, that would allow comparison of the causes of illness and deaths in stranded marine mammals with physical, chemical, and biological environmental parameters. Responsibility for collection and analysis of the information has been delegated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

A small fraction of marine mammals are alive when stranded and are deemed appropriate candidates for rehabilitation and a Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Disposition Report is completed for each one. This report provides NMFS with information on the disposition of animals brought in for rehabilitation, types of disease and other health related issues upon admission, types of and response to medical treatment, and the number of animals released. This information assists NMFS in tracking marine mammals that are transferred to captive display facilities following a determination of non-releasability and in the monitoring of rehabilitation facilities and release protocols.

*Affected Public:* State, local, and tribal government; not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:*

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