

of the Pilot Program (funding year 2009) in its reports to the Commission. The overall award for those Pilot projects receiving bridge funding will be amended to reflect the original amount awarded to the projects plus any bridge funding received.

13. *Program Rules.* Except as otherwise discussed in this order, all rules regarding the Pilot Program remain in effect and are applicable to any bridge funding received by Pilot Program participants.

14. *Effective Date.* We find good cause to make this order effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** rather than 30 days after publication. Some Pilot project HCPs may exhaust all of the funding allocated to them in the last few months of Funding Year 2011. As a result, until this order becomes effective, these projects may be required by their service providers to pay the entirety of their recurring services charges until they are able to receive RHC support again, which could create hardship for some. Moreover, it takes approximately four weeks for USAC to process and send funding commitment letters to projects, which allows the projects to receive discounted rates from service providers. Requiring projects to wait an additional 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** to file requests for funding commitment letters will only result in further delay, as many projects will be ready to request funding from USAC as soon as this order is released. Accordingly, we find that there is good cause to make this order effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register**, in order to eliminate a potential gap in RHC support and to preserve connectivity that has been developed under the Pilot Program.

III. Procedural Matters

A. Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification

15. The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended (RFA), requires that a regulatory flexibility analysis be prepared for notice-and-comment rule making proceedings, unless the agency certifies that “the rule will not, if promulgated, have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.” The RFA generally defines the term “small entity” as having the same meaning as the terms “small business,” “small organization,” and “small governmental jurisdiction.” In addition, the term “small business” has the same meaning as the term “small business concern” under the Small Business Act. A “small business concern” is one which: (1) Is

independently owned and operated; (2) is not dominant in its field of operation; and (3) satisfies any additional criteria established by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

16. In this order, we maintain support on an interim basis for Pilot Program participants that will exhaust funding allocated to them before or during funding year 2012 (July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013). The order does not significantly modify the rules of the Pilot Program to create any additional burden on small entities, imposes no new burden on any company, and has no negative economic impact on any company.

17. Accordingly, we certify that the measures taken herein will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Commission will send a copy of this Public Notice, including this certification, to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. In addition, this document (or a summary thereof) and certification will be published in the **Federal Register**.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act Analysis

18. This document does not contain new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, *see* 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

C. Congressional Review Act

19. The Commission will send a copy of this order to Congress and the Government Accountability Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, *see* 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

IV. Ordering Clauses

20. Accordingly, *it is ordered* that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201, 254, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201, 254, and 403, this order *is adopted, and shall become effective* July 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) and §§ 1.4(b)(1), 1.103(a), and 1.427(a) of the Commission’s rules, 47 CFR 1.4(b)(1), 1.103(a), 1.427(a).

21. *It is further ordered* that the Commission’s Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Reference Information Center, shall send a copy of this order, including the Final Regulatory Flexibility Certification, to

the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 64

[CG Docket No. 10–210; DA 12–430]

Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, for a period of three years, the information collection associated with the Commission’s Implementation of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals, Order (*Order*). This document is consistent with the *Order*, which stated that the Commission would publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing OMB approval and the effective date of the requirement.

DATES: 47 CFR 64.610(f)(2), published at 76 FR 26641, May 9, 2011, and modified at 77 FR 20553, April 5, 2012, is effective July 18, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosaline Crawford, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at (202) 418–2075, or email Rosaline.Crawford@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on July 11, 2012, OMB approved, for a period of three years, the modified information collection requirements contained in the Commission’s *Order*, DA 12–430, published at 77 FR 20553, April 5, 2012. The OMB Control Number is 3060–1146. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of the rules. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Cathy Williams, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1–C823, 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060–1146, in your

correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to PRA@fcc.gov.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the FCC is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on July 11, 2012, for the modified information collection requirement contained in the Commission's rules at 47 CFR 64.610(f)(2).

Under 5 CFR 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060-1146.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1146.

OMB Approval Date: July 11, 2012.

OMB Expiration Date: July 31, 2015.

Title: Implementation of the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010, Section 105, Relay Services for Deaf-Blind Individuals, CG Docket No. 10-210.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit entities; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 106 respondents; 989 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 to 120 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annual, on occasion, one-time, monthly, and semi-annually reporting requirements; Record keeping requirement; Third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefit. The statutory authority for the information collections

is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154, 254(k); sections 403(b)(2)(B), (c), Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56. Interpret or apply 47 U.S.C. 201, 218, 222, 225, 226, 228, 254(k), and 620.

Total Annual Burden: 21,465 hours.

Total Annual Cost: None.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Confidentiality is an issue to the extent that individuals and households provide personally identifiable information (PII), which is covered under the FCC's system of records notice (SORN), FCC/CGB-3, "National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program." As required by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commission also published a SORN, FCC/CGB-3 "National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program," in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2012 (77 FR 2721) which became effective on February 28, 2012. Also, the Commission is in the process of preparing the new privacy impact assessment (PIA) related to the PII covered by these information collections, as required by OMB's Memorandum M-03-22 (September 26, 2003) and by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a.

Privacy Impact Assessment: Yes. The Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) was completed on June 28, 2007. It may be reviewed at: http://www.fcc.gov/omd/privacyact/Privacy_Impact_Assessment.html. The Commission is in the process of updating the PIA to incorporate various revisions made to the SORN and is in the process of preparing a new SORN to cover the PII collected related thereto, as stated above.

Needs and Uses: On April 6, 2011, in document FCC 11-56, the Commission released a *Report and Order*; published at 76 FR 26641, May 9, 2011, adopting final rules to implement section 719 of the Communications Act of 1934 (the Act), as amended, which was added to the Act by the "Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010" (CVAA). See Public Law 111-260, § 105. Section 719 of the Act authorizes up to \$10 million annually from the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Fund (TRS Fund) to support eligible programs that distribute equipment designed to make telecommunications service, Internet access service, and advanced communications accessible by low-income individuals who are deaf-blind. Specifically, the rules adopted in document FCC 11-56 established the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) as a pilot program for two years with an option to extend the program for one

additional year. The rules adopted in document FCC 11-56 have the following information collection requirements:

(a) State equipment distribution programs, other public programs, and private entities may submit applications for NDBEDP certification to the Commission. For each state, the Commission will certify a single program as the sole authorized entity to participate in the NDBEDP and receive reimbursement from the TRS Fund.

(b) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must submit certain program-related data electronically to the Commission, as instructed by the NDBEDP Administrator, every six months, commencing with the start of the pilot program.

(c) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must retain all records associated with the distribution of equipment and provision of related services under the NDBEDP for two years following the termination of the pilot program.

(d) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must obtain verification that NDBEDP applicants meet the definition of an individual who is deaf-blind.

(e) Each program certified under the NDBEDP must obtain verification that NDBEDP applicants meet the income eligibility requirements.

(f) Programs certified under the NDBEDP shall be reimbursed for the cost of equipment that has been distributed to eligible individuals and authorized related services, up to the state's funding allotment under this program. Within 30 days after the end of each six-month period of the Fund Year, each program certified under the NDBEDP pilot must submit documentation that supports its claim for reimbursement of the reasonable costs of equipment and related services.

On March 20, 2012 in document DA 12-430, the Commission released an *Order*; published at 77 FR 20553, April 5, 2012, to conditionally waive the requirement in section (f), above, for NDBEDP certified programs to submit reimbursement claims at the end of each six-month period of the TRS Fund Year to permit certified programs to submit reimbursement claims as frequently as monthly. Each certified program that wishes to take advantage of this waiver will be permitted to elect a monthly or quarterly reimbursement schedule, must notify the TRS Fund Administrator of its election at the start of each Fund Year, and must maintain that schedule for the duration of the Year.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Office of Managing Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[Docket No. 120118050-2206-02]

RIN 0648-BB49

Marine Recreational Fisheries of the United States; National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this final rule to amend the regulations that implement section 401(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The amendments eliminate duplicative permitting and registration requirements for holders of Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits; allow states that exempt minors under the age of 17 from the state license or registration requirements to be eligible for Exempted State designation; allow the U.S. Virgin Islands to be designated as an Exempted State under the qualifying regional survey option of the rule; and clarify and update various provisions of the rule.

DATES: This final rule is effective August 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Regulatory Impact Review/Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis are available from: Gordon Colvin, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS Office of Science and Technology Web site at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/mrip/>. Comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection-of-information requirements contained in this rule should be submitted in writing to Gordon Colvin, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD

20910 and to OMB by email to OIRA.Submission@omb.eop.gov, or fax to 202-395-7285.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon Colvin, phone: 301-427-8118; fax: 301-713-1875; or email: gordon.colvin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This final rule is accessible via the Internet at the Office of the Federal Register's Web site at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/index.html>. Background information and documents are available at the NMFS Office of Science and Technology Web site at <http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov/index.html>.

Background

The action amends regulations at 50 CFR 600.1400 that implement the National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program (NSAR). The rule established the requirements and procedures for anglers, spear fishers and for-hire fishing vessels to register with NMFS unless exempt from the registration requirement. The NSAR regulations also established the requirements and procedures whereby states may be designated as Exempted States. The anglers and for-hire fishing vessels licensed or registered by Exempted States, and those anglers and vessels that are not required to be licensed or registered under the laws of such states, are not required to register with NMFS.

Based on its experience with administering NSAR and input from states, NMFS has determined that minor revisions to the rule are needed to clarify and update certain provisions in order to address the following objectives: (1) Eliminate duplicative permitting and registration requirements for holders of Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permits; (2) allow states that exempt minors under the age of 17 from the state license or registration requirements to be eligible for Exempted State designation; (3) allow the U.S. Virgin Islands to be designated as an Exempted State under the qualifying regional survey option of the rule; and (4) clarify and update various provisions of the rule.

The proposed changes were explained in the preamble to the proposed rule.

Comments and Responses

On February 6, 2012, NMFS published a notice of the proposed rule (77 FR 5751). The public comment period ended on April 6, 2012. NMFS received thirteen comments on the

proposed rule, including one from a state, one from a regional fishery management council, one from a non-governmental organization and ten from individuals. The comments and responses are summarized below.

- *General comment:* One non-governmental organization commented generally in support of the proposed revisions to §§ 600.1400, 600.1405, 600.1416 and 600.1417 that were not otherwise addressed in the organization's specific comments.

Response: NMFS acknowledges the comment.

- *Section 600.1405(b)(7):* NMFS proposed to clarify that the exception to the NSAR registration requirement for licensed commercial fishing vessels is only for commercial fishing and not for for-hire fishing.

Comment: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council opposed this proposal and requested that the exemption from registration also apply to for-hire fishing vessels licensed by the State of Hawaii. The comment noted that the State of Hawaii issues a single license, the "Commercial Marine License" (CML), for both commercial fishing and for-hire vessels. Because the license is named a "commercial" marine license, the holders are not currently required to register with NMFS under the commercial license exception in § 600.1405(b)(7), even when they are operating as for-hire fishing vessels otherwise required to register under § 600.1405(a). The Council believes that requiring Hawaii-licensed for-hire vessels to be federally registered is unnecessary and duplicative, given the requirement for all holders of CML's to report trips and catch.

Response: All states, except Hawaii, are designated as Exempted States and have entered into Memoranda of Agreement to provide the necessary data to NMFS regarding their for-hire fisheries. Only Hawaii would be affected by the proposed rule change. All vessels that hold the Hawaii "Commercial Marine License," including for-hire vessels, are required to complete and submit trip reports to the state. Because Hawaii already collects for-hire catch data from the trip reports and submits the data to NMFS, it is not necessary at the present time to compile a separate list or registry of for-hire vessels for sampling purposes. Therefore, NMFS agrees that this proposed amendment is not necessary now and will defer its adoption for future consideration.

- *Section 600.1405(b)(8):* NMFS proposed to provide that holders of Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Non-