

confidentiality and to protect individual privacy and civil liberties.

As a non-regulatory Federal agency, NIST developed the Framework in a manner that is consistent with its mission to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness through the development of standards and guidelines in consultation with stakeholders in both government and industry. The Framework provides owners and operators of critical infrastructure the ability to implement security practices in the most effective manner while allowing organizations to express requirements to multiple authorities and regulators. Issues relating to harmonization of existing relevant standards and integration with existing frameworks were also considered. While the focus is on the Nation's critical infrastructure, the Framework was developed in a manner to promote wide adoption of practices to increase cybersecurity across all sectors and industry types.

The Framework was developed through an open public review and comment process that included information collected through a Request for Information (RFI), a series of public workshops, and a 45-day public comment period on the preliminary version of the Cybersecurity Framework ("preliminary Framework").

NIST published the RFI in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 13024) on February 26, 2013.³ Comments received in response to the RFI are available at http://csrc.nist.gov/cyberframework/rfi_comments.html.

NIST held five open public workshops to provide the public with additional opportunities to provide input. The first workshop was conducted on April 3, 2013, at the Department of Commerce in Washington, DC. The second workshop was conducted on May 29–31, 2013, at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The third workshop was conducted on July 10–12, 2013, at the University of California, San Diego. The fourth workshop was conducted on September 11–13, 2013, at the University of Texas at Dallas. The fifth workshop was conducted on November 14–15, 2013, at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Agenda, discussion materials, and presentation slides for each of these workshops are available at <http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/cybersecurity-framework-events.cfm>.

³ <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/02/26/2013-04413/developing-a-framework-to-improve-critical-infrastructure-cybersecurity>

NIST issued the preliminary Framework and announced a 45-day public comment period in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 64478) on October 29, 2013.⁴ Comments received in response to the public comment period on the preliminary Framework are available at http://csrc.nist.gov/cyberframework/preliminary_framework_comments.html.

Throughout the process, NIST issued public updates on the development of the Cybersecurity Framework.

NIST issued the first update on June 18, 2013, and it is available at http://www.nist.gov/itl/upload/nist_cybersecurity_framework_update_061813.pdf. NIST issued the second update on July 24, 2013, and it is available at <http://www.nist.gov/itl/upload/NIST-Cybersecurity-Framework-Update-072413.pdf>.

NIST issued the third update on December 4, 2013, and it is available at http://www.nist.gov/itl/upload/nist_cybersecurity_framework_update_120413.pdf.

NIST issued the fourth update on January 15, 2014, and it is available at <http://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/upload/NIST-Cybersecurity-Framework-Update-011514-2.pdf>. The fourth update was issued after the conclusion of the public comment period for the preliminary Framework and highlights major themes reflected in the submissions, along with NIST's responses to these comments.

The Framework incorporates existing consensus-based standards to the fullest extent possible, consistent with requirements of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995,⁵ and guidance provided by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities."⁶ Principles articulated in the Executive Office of the President memorandum M-12-08 "Principles for Federal Engagement in Standards Activities to Address National Priorities"⁷ are followed. The Framework is also consistent with, and supported by the broad policy goals of, the Administration's 2010 "National Security Strategy,"⁸ 2011 "Cyberspace

⁴ <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/10/29/2013-25566/request-for-comments-on-the-preliminary-cybersecurity-framework>

⁵ Public Law 104-113 (1996), codified in relevant part at 15 U.S.C 272(b).

⁶ http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a119

⁷ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/2012/m-12-08.pdf>

⁸ http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/national_security_strategy.pdf

Policy Review,"⁹ "International Strategy for Cyberspace"¹⁰ of May 2011 and HSPD-7 "Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection."¹¹

Dated: February 11, 2014.

Patrick Gallagher,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; DOC National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Questionnaire and Checklist

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 April 21, 2014.

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 Steve Kokkinakis at 240-533-9021 or steve.kokkinakis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) and

⁹ http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/Cyberspace_Policy_Review_final.pdf

¹⁰ http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/rss_viewer/international_strategy_for_cyberspace.pdf

¹¹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/memoranda/fy04/m-04-15.pdf>

the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) require that federal agencies complete an environmental analysis for all major federal actions significantly affecting the environment. Those actions may include a federal agency's decision to fund non-federal projects under grants and cooperative agreements, including infrastructure projects. In order to determine NEPA compliance requirements for a project receiving Department of Commerce (DOC) bureau-level funding, DOC must assess information which can only be provided by the applicant for federal financial assistance (grant).

The Environmental Questionnaire and Checklist (EQC) provides federal financial assistance applicants and DOC staff with a tool to ensure that the necessary project and environmental information is obtained. The EQC was developed to collect data concerning potential environmental impacts that the applicant for federal financial assistance possesses and to transmit that information to the Federal reviewer. The EQC will allow for a more rapid review of projects and facilitate DOC's evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of a project and level of NEPA documentation required. DOC staff will use the information provided in answers to the questionnaire to determine compliance requirements for NEPA and conduct subsequent NEPA analysis as needed. Information provided in the questionnaire may also be used for other regulatory review requirements associated with the proposed project, such as the National Historic Preservation Act.

Revision: The checklist is being revised to improve understanding and clarity of the questions.

II. Method of Collection

The main method of submission is electronic. Some supporting documents may be mailed.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0690–0028.
Form Number: CD–593.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; and Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000 in miscellaneous costs (\$5 × approximately 200 respondents who would mail attachments rather than emailing them).

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: February 11, 2014.

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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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the Shrimp and Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panels.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5 until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Hotel, 333—1st Street, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; telephone: (727) 894–5000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203

North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL, 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist and Statistician or Dr. Morgan Kilgour, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630; fax: (813) 348–1711; emails: john.froeschke@gulfcouncil.org or morgan.kilgour@gulfcouncil.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Shrimp Advisory Panel, Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Approval of minutes from May 23, 2013 meeting
3. Plan of work
4. Review of new stock assessments for brown, white, and pink shrimp
5. Biological review of the Texas closure
6. Review draft options for shrimp Amendment 15 status determination criteria for penaeid shrimp and adjustments to the shrimp FMP framework procedure
7. Discussion of ACL adjustment and accountability measures for royal red shrimp
8. Kemp's Ridley stock assessment with discussion
9. Update on the status of the new shrimp ELB monitoring program
10. Other Business

Joint Shrimp and Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panels, Thursday, March 6, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of new chair election for Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from February 28, 2013 Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP Meeting
4. Plan of work: Council charge-discussion of issues, impacts, and concerns associated with artificial reef siting criteria
 - a. Shrimp effort
 - b. Artificial reefs sites (past and present)
 - c. Bottom type
 - d. Depth
 - e. Other criteria
5. Rigs to reefs
6. Habitat limitations of age 2 red snapper and their association with petroleum platforms
7. Other Business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues