

*Title:* Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Requirement in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0573.

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Average Hours Per Response:* VMS installation and activation reports, and exemption reports, 5 minutes; gear declaration reports, 4 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 771.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

NOAA has established large-scale depth-based management areas, referred to as Groundfish Conservation Areas (GCAs), where groundfish fishing is prohibited or restricted. These areas were specifically designed to reduce the catch of species while allowing healthy fisheries to continue in areas and with gears where little incidental catch of overfished species is likely to occur. Because NOAA needs methods to effectively enforce area restrictions, certain commercial fishing vessels are required to install and use a vessel monitoring system (VMS) that automatically sends hourly position reports. Exemptions from the reporting requirement are available for inactive vessels or vessels fishing outside the monitored area. The vessels are also required to declare what gear will be used.

To ensure the integrity of the GCAs and Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCA), a pilot VMS program was implemented on January 1, 2004. The pilot program required vessels registered to Pacific Coast groundfish fishery limited entry permits to carry and use VMS transceiver units while fishing off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California. On January 1, 2007, the VMS program coverage was expanded on to include all open access fisheries in addition to the limited entry fisheries.

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

*Frequency:* Every four years, annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

This information collection can be viewed at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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* or fax no. (202) 395-5806.

Dated: February 20, 2014.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Census Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is giving notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC). The NAC will address census policies, research and methodology, tests, operations, communications/messaging, and other activities to ascertain needs and best practices to improve censuses, surveys, operations, and programs. The NAC will meet in a plenary session on March 20-21, 2014. Last-minute changes to the schedule are possible, which could prevent giving advance public notice of schedule adjustments.

**DATES:** March 20-21, 2014. On March 20, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m. On March 21, the meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. and end at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, Maryland 20746.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeri Green, [Jeri.Green@census.gov](mailto:Jeri.Green@census.gov), Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H182, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, telephone 301-763-6590. For TTY callers, please use the Federal Relay Service 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NAC comprises up to thirty-two members. The Committee provides an organized and continuing channel of communication between race, ethnic, and other populations and the Census Bureau. The Committee will advise the Director of the Census Bureau on the full range of economic, housing, demographic, socioeconomic, linguistic, technological, methodological, geographic, behavioral, and operational variables affecting the cost, accuracy, and implementation of Census Bureau programs and surveys, including the decennial census.

The NAC also assists the Census Bureau on ways that census data can best be disseminated to diverse race and ethnic populations and other users. The Committee is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2, Section 10(a)(b)).

All meetings are open to the public. A brief period will be set aside at the meeting for public comment on March 21. However, individuals with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to Ms. Jeri Green at least three days before the meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by Monday, March 17, 2014. You may access the online registration form with the following link: [http://www.regonline.com/mar\\_nac2014\\_meeting](http://www.regonline.com/mar_nac2014_meeting). Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign-language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Committee Liaison Officer as soon as possible, preferably two weeks prior to the meeting.

Due to increased security and for access to the meeting, please call 301-763-9906 upon arrival at the Census Bureau on the day of the meeting. A photo ID must be presented in order to receive your visitor's badge. Visitors are not allowed beyond the first floor.

Dated: February 19, 2014.

**John H. Thompson,**

*Director, Bureau of the Census.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Emerging Technology and Research Advisory Committee (ETRAC) will meet on March 12 and 13, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Room 3884, at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on emerging technology and research activities, including those related to deemed exports.

#### Agenda

*Wednesday, March 12*

1. Welcome and Introductions.