

developers, technology integrators, financial institutions, and manufacturers. The Secretary appoints to the Committee at least one individual representing each of the following:

- a. A U.S. renewable energy company involved in international trade;
- b. A U.S. energy efficiency company involved in international trade;
- c. A U.S. small business in the renewable energy or energy efficiency industry that is involved in international trade;
- d. A U.S. trade association in the renewable energy or energy efficiency sector;
- e. A U.S. private sector organization involved with international investment or financing activities concerning the international trade of renewable energy and energy efficiency products and services;
- f. A U.S. company or organization involved with business activities concerning the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in international markets; and
- g. A U.S. smart grid company or organization with technology or services that improve the reliability, efficiency, and/or security of the electric grid and involved in international trade.

Members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary from the date of appointment to the Committee to the date on which the Committee's charter terminates, June 12, 2016. Members, all of whom come from the private sector, serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of a U.S. entity or U.S. organization, as well as their particular subsector. They are, therefore, not Special Government Employees. Members will not be compensated for their services or reimbursed for their travel expenses.

Additional information on the Committee is available at: [http://export.gov/reee/eg\\_main\\_023040.asp](http://export.gov/reee/eg_main_023040.asp).

#### Eligibility and Nomination Process:

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

- i. The member must represent either a U.S. company, a U.S. trade association, or a U.S. private sector organization with activities focused on the competitiveness of U.S. exports of renewable energy and energy efficiency goods and services;
- ii. The member must not be registered as foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; and
- iii. The member must not represent a company that is majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or foreign government entities.

In order to be considered for membership on the Committee, please

follow the instructions in the Nominations section.

Nominations: If you are interested in applying or nominating someone else to be a member of the Committee, please provide the following information:

(1) Sponsor letter on the company's, trade association's or organization's letterhead containing the name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) An affirmative statement that the nominee will be able to meet the expected time commitments of Committee work. Committee work includes (1) attending in-person committee meetings roughly four times per year (lasting one day each), (2) undertaking additional work outside of full committee meetings including subcommittee conference calls or meetings as needed, and (3) frequently drafting, preparing, or commenting on proposed recommendations to be evaluated at Committee meetings;

(3) Short biography of nominee, including credentials;

(4) Brief description of the company, trade association, or organization to be represented and its business activities; company size (number of employees and annual sales); and export markets served;

(5) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Committee eligibility requirements. Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information.

Nominations may be emailed to [Ryan.Mulholland@trade.gov](mailto:Ryan.Mulholland@trade.gov), faxed to the attention of Ryan Mulholland at 202-482-5665, or mailed to Ryan Mulholland, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, Room 4053, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, and must be received by 4:00 p.m. EDT on August 29, 2014. Nominees selected for appointment to the Committee will be notified by return mail.

Dated: August 19, 2014.

**Ryan P. Mulholland,**

*Acting Team Leader for Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Protocol for Access to Tissue Specimen Samples From the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 24, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments 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](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Angela Collins-Payne, (301) 427-8438 or [Angela.Collins-Payne@noaa.gov](mailto:Angela.Collins-Payne@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

In 1989, the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank (NMMTB) was established by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Protected Resources (OPR) in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Minerals Management Service (MMS), and the U.S. Geological Survey/Biological Resources Division (USGS/BRD). The NMMTB provides protocols, techniques, and physical facilities for the long-term storage of tissues from marine mammals. Scientists can request tissues from this repository for retrospective analyses to determine environmental trends of contaminants and other substances of interest. The NMMTB collects, processes, and stores tissues

from specific indicator species (e.g., Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic white sided dolphins, pilot whales, harbor porpoises), animals from mass strandings, animals that have been obtained incidental to commercial fisheries, animals taken for subsistence purposes, biopsies, and animals from unusual mortality events through two projects, the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program (MMHSRP) and the Alaska Marine Mammal Tissue Archival Project (AMMTAP).

The purposes of this collection of information are: (1) To enable NOAA to allow the scientific community the opportunity to request tissue specimen samples from the NMMTB and, (2) to enable the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program of NOAA to assemble information on all specimens submitted to the Marine Environmental Specimen Bank (Marine ESB), which includes the NMMTB.

## II. Method of Collection

Respondents must complete a specimen banking information sheet for every sample submitted to the Bank. Methods of submitting reports include Internet, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms. Those requesting samples send the information, and their research findings, mainly via email.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0468.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 50.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Request for tissue sample, 2 hours; specimen submission form, 45 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 155.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$152.

## 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: August 19, 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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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 39 assessment Webinars for HMS Smoothhound Sharks.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 39 assessment of HMS Smoothhound Sharks will consist of a series of Webinars. This notice is for the Webinars associated with the Assessment portion of the SEDAR process. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The assessment Webinars for SEDAR 39 will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. central time; Thursday, October 16, 2014, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. central time; Friday, October 31, 2014, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. central time; Thursday, November 13, 2014, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. central time; and Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. central time.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meetings will be held via Webinar. The Webinar is open to the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see Contact Information below) to request an invitation providing Webinar access information. Please request Webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each Webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571–4366; email: [julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; and (2) a series of assessment Webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Webinar Process is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses; and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Assessment Process Webinars are as follows:

1. Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the Data Workshop, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population