

**ACTION:** Notice of an opportunity to apply to participate in the U.S.-Nigeria Commercial and Investment Dialogue.

**Authority:** 22 U.S.C. 2395(b).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for members of the U.S. private sector to participate in the newly established U.S.-Nigeria Commercial and Investment Dialogue (CID). The purpose of the CID is to deepen the trade and investment ties between the U.S. and Nigeria and to foster sustained engagement between our governments on concrete issues of importance to our private sectors.

**DATES:** All applications for immediate consideration for appointment must be received by the Office of Africa by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 10, 2017. After that date, ITA will continue to accept applications under this notice for a period of up to three years from

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit applications by email to [Karen.Burress@trade.gov](mailto:Karen.Burress@trade.gov), attention: Karen Burress, Office of Africa or by mail to Karen Burress, Office of Africa, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Suite 22004, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CID has two key objectives which include: (1.) Encourage and promote deeper commercial and investment ties between the U.S. and Nigerian private sectors; and (2.) examine key regulatory reforms and policy elements that can help attract U.S. businesses and investors. Currently, the CID has five key areas of focus which are infrastructure, agriculture, digital economy, investment and regulatory reform.

The participants shall contribute information, analysis, and recommendations based on current in-country experience in the Nigerian market that address the five key areas of focus. The Department particularly seeks applicants who are active executives (Chief Executive Officer, Executive Chairman, President or comparable level of responsibility); however, for large companies, a person having substantial responsibility for the company's commercial activities in Nigeria will also be considered.

For eligibility purposes, a "U.S. company" is a for-profit firm incorporated in the United States or with its principal place of business in the United States that is (a) majority controlled (more than 50 percent ownership interest and/or voting stock) by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity or (b) majority controlled (more

than 50 percent ownership interest and/or voting stock) directly or indirectly by a foreign parent company. Members are not required to be a U.S. citizen; however, members may not be registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act. Additionally, no member shall represent a company that is majority owned or controlled by a foreign government entity or entities.

Private sector participants will be selected, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidelines, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the CID as set forth above.

Private sector participants shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular industry sector. The private sector participants are not special government employees, and will receive no compensation for their participation in the CID activities. The private sector participants participating in CID meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held twice annually on an alternating basis between Washington, DC, and Nigeria. Teleconference meetings may also be held as needed.

To be considered, submit the following information by 5:00 p.m. EDT on January 10, 2017 to the email or mailing address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. The applicant's personal resume and short bio (less than 300 words).
3. Brief statement describing how the applicant will contribute to the work of the U.S.-Nigeria Commercial and Investment Dialogue based on his or her unique experience and perspective (not to exceed 100 words).
4. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria, including an affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.
5. Information regarding the ownership and control of the company, including the stock holdings as appropriate, signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.
6. The company's size, product or service line, and major markets in which the company operates.
7. A profile of the company's trade, investment, development, finance, partnership, or other commercial activities in or with African markets.

**Statutory Authority:** This program is funded under Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as

amended (the "FAA"), and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-117) to carry out the provisions of the FAA and the FREEDOM Support Act, as amended.

Dated: December 22, 2016.

**Fred Stewart,**

*Director, Office of Africa, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 February 27, 2017.

**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](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 Dawn Forsythe, 301-713-2780 ext. 144, or [Dawn.Forsythe@noaa.gov](mailto:Dawn.Forsythe@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey is the nation's nautical chartmaker, maintaining and updating over a thousand charts covering the 3.5 million square nautical miles of coastal waters in the U.S. Exclusive Economic

Zone and the Great Lakes. Coast Survey also writes and publishes the *United States Coast Pilot*<sup>®</sup>, a series of nine nautical books that supplement nautical charts with essential marine information that cannot be shown graphically on the charts and are not readily available elsewhere.

Coast Survey solicits information through the online Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System (<http://ocsddata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/discrepancy.aspx>).

Data obtained through this system is used to update U.S. nautical charts and the *United States Coast Pilot*.

## II. Method of Collection

Respondents can submit discrepancy reports electronically or by telephone (888-990-6622).

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0007.

Form Number: None.

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

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

## 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: December 23, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Comment Period for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan revision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan revision. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), the revised plan will bring the reserve into compliance. The Weeks Bay Reserve revised plan will replace the plan approved in 2007.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the research/monitoring, stewardship, education, and training programs of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations.

The Weeks Bay Reserve takes an integrated approach to management, linking research, education, coastal training, and stewardship functions. The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has outlined how it will administer the Reserve and its core programs by providing detailed actions that will enable it to accomplish specific goals and objectives. Since the last management plan, the Reserve has built out its core programs and monitoring infrastructure; constructed several facilities including a Resource Center that supports education, training, and outreach events; participated in more than 35 research projects and conducted over 100 coastal training program events; convened a permanent Restoration Advisory Board; and built new partnerships with organizations within the Mobile Bay of Alabama.

With the approval of this management plan, the Weeks Bay Reserve will increase their total acreage from 6,594 acres to 9,317. The change is attributable to the recent acquisitions of several parcels by the Reserve, totaling 933 acres, as well as the incorporation of 1,790 acres of water bottoms adjacent to the newly acquired land. These parcels have high ecological value and will enhance the Reserve's ability to provide increased opportunities for research, education, and stewardship. The revised management plan will serve as the guiding document for the expanded 9,317 acre Weeks Bay Reserve for the next five years.

View the Weeks Bay Reserve Management Plan revision at (<http://www.weeksbayreserve.com>) and provide comments to the Reserve's Manager, LG Adams ([LG.Adams@dcnr.alabama.gov](mailto:LG.Adams@dcnr.alabama.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hank Hodde at (251) 544-5016 or Erica Seiden at (240) 533-0781 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dated: December 16, 2016.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. **DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m.