

Environment of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) under the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President [National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*) and the National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99–198, 99 Stat. 1641)]. In May of 2020, the SCA established a Task Force charged with developing the SPAED, and this Task Force is seeking public comment on a draft outline regarding the goals and objectives to be included. The draft outline is available at <https://www.ars.usda.gov/SCA/>.

In addition, the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 required select federal agencies to develop, and update as necessary, the NADP. Last completed in 1983, the NADP describes aquaculture-associated technologies, problems, and opportunities in the United States and its territories. It recommends actions to solve problems, and analyzes the social, environmental, and economic impacts of growth in aquaculture. As announced in the **Federal Register** in August 2021, the SCA is updating the NADP, which will incorporate by reference the final and any subsequent updated versions of the National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Research (NSPAR), the Strategic Plan to Enhance Regulatory Efficiency in Aquaculture (SPEREA), and the SPAED. The NSPAR and the SPEREA are in the final stages of review. Draft versions can be found at [www.ars.usda.gov/sca](http://www.ars.usda.gov/sca), where final versions will be posted once approved. The SCA is seeking comments on additional topics to be covered in the NADP.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by April 1, 2022, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft outline of the SPAED can be downloaded at [www.ars.usda.gov/sca/](http://www.ars.usda.gov/sca/). Address all comments concerning the SPAED and topics to be covered in the NADP to:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic public comments to [AquacultureEcoDev@usda.gov](mailto:AquacultureEcoDev@usda.gov); or
- *Mail:* Gabriela McMurtry, Attn: Aquaculture Economic Development Plan Comments, Office of Policy, F/AQ, 1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are part of the public record and will be made available for public viewing upon request. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.),

confidential business information, or other sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deputy Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries—David O'Brien, [david.obrien@noaa.gov](mailto:david.obrien@noaa.gov), 301–427–8337. Assistant Deputy Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development—Andy Jermolowicz, [andrew.jermolowicz@usda.gov](mailto:andrew.jermolowicz@usda.gov), 202–690–0361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Type of Request:* Seeking public review and comment on the draft outline of a Strategic Plan for Economic Development through Aquaculture and input on additional topics to be covered in the National Aquaculture Development Plan.

*Abstract:* The Subcommittee on Aquaculture (SCA)—previously known as the Interagency Working Group on Aquaculture (IWGA) and the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA)—is a statutory subcommittee that operates under the Committee on Environment of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) under the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President [National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*); the National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99–198, 99 Stat. 1641)]. The SCA is co-chaired by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Members include the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of Management and Budget. The SCA serves as the Federal interagency coordinating group to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal aquaculture research, regulation, technology transfer, and assistance programs. This interagency coordinating group has been functioning since before the National Aquaculture Act was signed into law in 1980.

In 2020, the SCA established an Economic Development Task Force charged with developing a strategic plan to support a robust, resilient, and environmentally sustainable domestic aquaculture sector. The plan seeks to support the viability and expansion of existing operations, encourage new entrants, and maximize the effectiveness of existing federal policies and programs, while strengthening the

public-private partnerships with federal stakeholders. This Task Force includes federal employees from the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior, the State Department, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Small Business Administration, and Environmental Protection Agency.

The NAA of 1980 requires, in revising the NADP, that the Secretary of Agriculture consult with the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior, other appropriate Federal officers, States, regional fishery management councils established under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and representatives of the aquaculture industry. In addition, the Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture to give interested persons and organizations an opportunity to comment during the development of the Plan. The NADP is required to include all the elements listed in National Aquaculture Act of 1980; and additionally, identify legal/regulatory constraints and solutions, and specifically those associated with use rights. The main elements of the NADP are described in Sec. 2303(b)(1) through (6) of the National Aquaculture Act of 1980.

The SCA believes that much of the required content of the NADP was developed either within the former Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture, the current SCA, or individually by agencies. As described in this notice, the NSPAR and SPEREA are in their final stages of review, and the SPAED is under development. The SCA believes that much of the required content of the NADP will be contained within these three strategic plans. The SCA seeks public comment on additional topics to be addressed in the NADP that are not covered in the NSPAR, SPEREA, and SPAED.

All comments received will become a matter of public record.

**Simon Y. Liu,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Research Service

#### Notice of Intent To Seek Renewal of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and the office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, this notice announces the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intent to seek reinstatement of the ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Survey. This voluntary information collection will give beneficiaries of ARS research the opportunity to provide input on the impact of the research conducted by ARS in the last National Program cycle. This input will be used for planning the research agenda for the next 5-year program cycle.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 2, 2022 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Ms. Janice Boarman, Program Analyst, Agricultural Research Service, Office of National Programs, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, GWCC, Room 2-2035, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-5138. Submit electronic comments to [Janice.Boarman@usda.gov](mailto:Janice.Boarman@usda.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Boarman at (301) 504-4764.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Evaluation Form.  
*OMB Number:* 0518-0042.

*Expiration Date:* September 30, 2022.

*Type of Request:* Approval to seek reinstatement of the ARS Animal Health National Program Assessment Survey. This voluntary information collection will give beneficiaries of ARS research the opportunity to provide input on the impact of the research conducted by ARS in the last National Program cycle for the Animal Health National Program. This survey seeks input from beneficiaries of research conducted by ARS for program planning and ensures alignment of the ARS National Programs with the needs of our customers, partners, and stakeholders.

*Abstract:* ARS research covers the span of nutrition, food safety and quality, animal and plant production and protection, and natural resources and sustainable agricultural systems. It is organized into fifteen National Programs addressing specific areas of this research. These National Programs serve to bring coordination, communication, and prioritization to approximately 660 research projects carried out by ARS and focus on the relevance, impact, and quality of ARS research. The requested voluntary electronic evaluation survey will give beneficiaries of ARS research the opportunity to provide input on the impact of the ARS Animal Health

National Program. For the purpose of this National Program Assessment, impact is defined as research that has influenced or will significantly influence the area covered by the National Program; has created or will create information, best practices, and/or economic opportunities for the National Program's customers, partners, and stakeholders; or has enabled or will enable action and regulatory agencies to formulate policies and regulations to support American agriculture. The electronic evaluation form will be available online through a dedicated URL. The input provided through the completion of the evaluation form will be shared with customers, partners, stakeholders, and ARS Administrators as part of the National Program's assessment process. ARS National Program Assessments are conducted every 5 years as part of ARS' National Program planning cycle to ensure the relevance, quality, and impact of ARS research. The assessment serves as both a retrospective evaluation and as the foundation for future priority setting for the Agency. The electronic evaluation form will allow ARS to outreach to its many customers, partners and stakeholders that are unable to participate in planned assessment meetings and also ensures an efficient means of obtaining the greatest amount of input on the impact and direction of the ARS Animal Health National Program.

*Estimate of Burden:* Completing the electronic evaluation form is estimated to average 15 minutes per response.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 150 hours.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the input provided by a wide array of customers, and; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request

for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

**Simon Y. Liu,**

*Associate Administrator, ARS.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

February 28, 2022.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments are requested regarding; whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by April 4, 2022 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Food and Nutrition Service**

*Title:* Fourth Access, Participation, Eligibility, and Certification Study (APEC IV).

*OMB Control Number:* 0584-0530.