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Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 28, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: Socioeconomics of Ocean Recreation Operations in the Monterey Bay, Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries

**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 October 3, 2016.

**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 Dr. Danielle Schwarzmann 240-533-0705 [danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov](mailto:danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection to benefit natural resource managers in Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS) and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). The National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) proposes to collect information from wildlife watching operations to ascertain the market value of marine wildlife via the ocean recreational industry in the region that serves passengers aboard their vessels that take people out for non-consumptive recreation in and around the three sanctuaries.

Up-to-date socioeconomic data is needed to support the conservation and management goals of GFNMS, CBNMS and MBNMS to strengthen and improve conservation of marine wildlife, including whales, pinnipeds, sea otters, and seabirds within the jurisdiction of the sanctuary and to satisfy legal mandates under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321), Executive Order 12866 (EO 12866), and other pertinent statutes.

GFNMS, CBNMS and MBNMS have identified a lack of baseline socioeconomic information on ocean recreation businesses. The information is not available to assess the possible economic benefits of marine wildlife protection to the local economy, or the potential impact on ocean recreation businesses. The type of data targeted for this collection; that is, information on costs and earnings from the marine wildlife watching industry, are only currently available for recreational and commercial fishing. Thus, current economic information on the importance of marine wildlife to the local tourism industry is required. We already have approval for the survey of for hire operations in MBNMS under OMB Control No. 0648-0726. The

primary focus for this survey will be to gather data on the non-consumptive, market value of marine wildlife.

Specifically, researchers will collect data to determine the contribution of marine wildlife watching operations to the economy in the regions.

A second component of the proposed research is the survey of passengers of the for hire operations. The primary focus of this survey is to obtain demographic profiles of users, spending on wildlife viewing trips to estimate the economic impact/contribution to the local economy and the non-market economic value of the use and how those values change with changes in user and natural resource attributes. This information will be required for all three sanctuaries.

##### II. Method of Collection

For the for hire operations, a research team goes into the business to fill-out forms using records provided by the businesses and answers to questions in a face-to-face interview.

For passengers aboard the operations vessels, respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-XXXX.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

*Affected Public:* For profit organizations; individuals or households.

*For-Hire Operation Survey:*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 30.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2.5 hours per survey

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 75 hours.

*Passenger Survey:*

*Estimated Number of Respondents Survey:* 3,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours All Surveys:* 2,120 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* Other than burden hours there will be no cost to the public.

##### 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: July 27, 2016.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 1, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions on reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in OMB, within 30 days of the notice's publication, by email at [OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the comments by OMB Control No. 3038-0111. Please provide the Commission with a copy of all submitted comments at the address listed below. Please refer to OMB Reference No. 3038-0111, found on <http://reginfo.gov>. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503; or through the Agency's Web site at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the

instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

Comments may also be mailed to: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581 or by Hand Delivery/Courier at the same address.

A copy of the supporting statements for the collection of information discussed above may be obtained by visiting <http://RegInfo.gov>. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants; Comparability Determinations with Margin Requirements, (OMB Control No. 3038-0111). This is a request for a revision of an information collection.

**Abstract:** Section 731 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank Act"),<sup>1</sup> amended the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), to add, as section 4s(e) thereof, provisions concerning the establishment of initial and variation margin requirements for swap dealers and major swap participants.<sup>2</sup> Each swap dealer and major swap participant for which there is a Prudential Regulator, as defined in section 1a(39) of the CEA,<sup>3</sup> must meet margin requirements established by the applicable Prudential Regulator, and each swap dealer and major swap participant for which there is no Prudential Regulator (collectively, "Covered Swap Entities" or "CSEs") must comply with the Commission's margin requirements. With regard to the cross-border application of the swap provisions enacted by Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, section 2(i) of the CEA provides the Commission with express authority over activities outside the

United States relating to swaps when certain conditions are met. Specifically, section 2(i) of the CEA provides that the provisions of the CEA relating to swaps enacted by Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act (including Commission rules and regulations promulgated thereunder) shall not apply to activities outside the United States unless those activities (1) have a direct and significant connection with activities in, or effect on, commerce of the United States or (2) contravene such rules or regulations as the Commission may prescribe or promulgate as are necessary or appropriate to prevent the evasion of any provision of Title VII.<sup>4</sup> Because margin requirements are critical to ensuring the safety and soundness of a CSE and the stability of the U.S. financial markets, the Commission believes that its margin rules should apply on a cross-border basis in a manner that effectively addresses risks to a CSE and the U.S. financial system.

On May 31, 2016, the Commission published a Final Rule addressing the cross-border application of its margin requirements for uncleared swaps of CSEs (with substituted compliance available in certain circumstances), except as to a narrow class of uncleared swaps between a non-U.S. CSE and a non-U.S. counterparty that fall within a limited exclusion (the "Exclusion").<sup>5</sup> As described below, the adopting release for the Final Rule contained a collection of information regarding requests for comparability determinations, which was previously included in the proposing release, and for which the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") assigned OMB control number 3038-0111, titled "Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants; Comparability Determinations with Margin Requirements." In addition, the adopting release included two additional information collections regarding non-segregation jurisdictions<sup>6</sup> and non-netting jurisdictions<sup>7</sup> that were

<sup>4</sup> 7 U.S.C. 2(i).

<sup>5</sup> 81 FR 34818 (May 31, 2016).

<sup>6</sup> As used in the adopting release, a "non-segregation jurisdiction" is a jurisdiction where inherent limitations in the legal or operational infrastructure of the foreign jurisdiction make it impracticable for the CSE and its counterparty to post initial margin pursuant to custodial arrangements that comply with the Commission's margin rules, as further described in section II.B.4.b of the adopting release.

<sup>7</sup> As used in the adopting release, a "non-netting jurisdiction" is a jurisdiction in which a CSE cannot conclude, with a well-founded basis, that the netting agreement with a counterparty in that foreign jurisdiction meets the definition of an "eligible master netting agreement" set forth in the

<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. 111-203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010).

<sup>2</sup> 7 U.S.C. 6s(e).

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 1a(39).