

Dated: July 9, 1998.

**George A. Braley,**

*Acting Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Information Collection for the Wildland-Urban Interface Series

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service announces its intent to establish a new information collection. The new collection is necessary to help the Forest Service gain a better understanding of how residents living in urban environments perceive the agency's management of National Forest System lands, how the agency can better meet the recreational needs of residents of all ages who live in urban environments close to National Forest System lands, and how the agency can more effectively disseminate information to urban residents about National Forest System land recreational opportunities. Respondents will be urban residents who live close to and visit National Forest System lands, as well as urban residents who do not visit.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before September 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be addressed to: Forest Service, USDA, The Wildland-Urban Interface Project, Pacific Southwest Forest Experiment Station, 4955 Canyon Crest Dr., Riverside, CA 92507.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Patricia Winter, Pacific Southwest Forest Experiment Station, at (909) 680-1557.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Description of Information Collection

*Title:* The Wildland-Urban Interface Series.

*OMB Number:* New.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* New.

*Type of Request:* The following describes a new collection requirement and has not received approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

*Abstract:* Forest Service personnel will analyze the collected data to gain a better understanding of how residents, living in an urban environment close to

National Forest System lands, get or receive information about recreational opportunities on these lands; how residents in urban environments perceive the Forest Service's management of the lands; how much residents in urban environments know about and what they think about the agency's policies and regulations governing the lands; and which recreational activities urban residents prefer.

Forest Service research scientists and technicians will collect the data.

The collected data will include the respondent's gender, age, education, ethnic or racial group affiliation, zip code, primary language, when they last visited an outdoor public recreational area, how many times a year they visit, if they have plans to visit in the near future, the types of activities they participate in while visiting the recreational sites, how they learned about the recreational area, if the area is relaxing or reminds them of other favorite places, if they think the area is accessible for the disabled, and the amenities they prefer, such as informational signs, well-maintained trails, and natural vegetation. Respondents, who have not visited Forest Service managed recreational sites, will be asked their reason for not visiting.

This information collection will include mail-in questionnaires, telephone interviews, and face-to-face interviews. Participation will be voluntary.

Data gathered in this information collection is not available from other sources.

*Estimate of Burden:* 15 minutes.

*Type of Respondents:* Individuals and groups visiting National Forest System lands, urban residents living in close proximity to the lands, and visitors to outdoor public recreational areas.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 750 hours.

##### Comments Are Invited

The agency invites comments on the following: (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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

##### Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including the name and address when provided, will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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**Robert Lewis, Jr.,**

*Acting Associate Chief.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Data User Evaluation Surveys.

*Form Number(s):* Various.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0760.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 3,750.

*Number of Respondents:* 7,500.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the generic clearance to conduct customer satisfaction research surveys which may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

The Census Bureau has ranked a customer focused environment as one of its most important strategic planning objectives. The Bureau routinely needs to collect and analyze customer feedback about its products and services to better align them to its customers' needs and preferences. Several products and distribution channels have been designed/redesigned based on feedback from its various customer satisfaction research efforts.

Each research design is reviewed for content, utility, and user-friendliness by a variety of appropriate staff (including research design and subject-matter

specialists). The concept and design are tested by internal staff and a select sample of respondents to confirm its appropriateness, user-friendliness, and to estimate burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information. Collection techniques are discussed and included in the research concept design discussions to define the most time-, cost-efficient and accurate collection media.

The clearance operates in the following manner: A block of hours is reserved at the beginning of each year, and the particular activities that will be conducted under the clearance are not specified in advance. The Census Bureau provides information to OMB about the specific activities on a flow basis throughout the year. OMB is notified of each activity in a letter that gives specific details about the activity, rather than by means of individual clearance packages. At the end of each year, a report is submitted to OMB that summarizes the number of hours used as well as the nature and results of the activities completed under the clearance.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Legal Authority:** Executive Order 12862 (Setting Customer Service Standards).

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Highly Migratory Species and Billfish Advisory Panels; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs) will hold a joint meeting to discuss bycatch reduction issues in HMS fisheries, followed by a meeting of the HMS AP to discuss shark management measures for inclusion in the draft HMS fishery management plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The joint HMS/Billfish Advisory Panel meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The HMS AP meeting will be held Monday, July 27, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 28, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the meeting location. There will be a public comment period on issues that the APs are discussing on Monday, July 27, 1998, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The APs will meet at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Written comments should be submitted to, and informational materials related to the AP meeting are available from, Liz Lauck, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Lauck or Pat Wilbert, telephone: (301) 713-2347, fax: (301) 713-1917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HMS and Billfish APs were established under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.* The APs will assist the Secretary of Commerce in collecting and evaluating information relevant to the development of an FMP for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks, and an amendment to the Billfish FMP. All AP meetings are open to the public and will be attended by members of the AP, including appointed members, representatives of the five fishery Management Councils that work with Atlantic HMS, and the Chair, or his representative, of the U.S. Advisory Committee to the International

Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. A public comment period is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 1998, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the meeting location. Comments are solicited on bycatch reduction measures and shark management measures that should be considered for inclusion in the draft FMP documents. See **ADDRESSES** to request informational materials related to the AP discussion or to submit public comments on bycatch reduction or shark management measures. Agenda items for the joint HMS/Billfish AP meeting to discuss bycatch management include discussion of:

1. Consideration of protected resource issues in bycatch management for HMS fisheries;
2. Gear modifications that could be considered to reduce bycatch in HMS fisheries; and
3. The possible use of time and area closures to reduce bycatch in HMS fisheries.

Agenda items for the HMS AP meeting to discuss shark management include discussion of:

1. A review of preliminary or final results from the June 1998 Shark Evaluation Workshop;
2. Rebuilding scenarios for the overfished large coastal shark management sub-unit;
3. Issues related to operation of the commercial and recreational shark fisheries, which could include permitting and reporting, mitigating derby conditions in the fishery, and enforcement concerns;
4. Research and management needs for the small coastal and pelagic shark management sub-units; and
5. Current international management activities related to Atlantic sharks.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Pat Wilbert, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-2347; fax: (301) 713-1917, at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 14, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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