

10. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, Larose Civic Center, 307 East 5th Street, Larose, LA 70373; telephone: 985-693-7355;

11. Thursday, June 12, 2003, Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA 70631; telephone: 333-775-5718; and

12. Friday, June 13, 2003, Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062; telephone: 504-469-5000.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: May 21, 2003.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Change to the Nation's Tidal Datums With the Adoption of a New National Tidal Datum Epoch Period of 1983 through 2001

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice to advise the public of national updates to tidal datums due to the adoption of a new National Tidal Datum Epoch 1983 through 2001.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's National Ocean Service, Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS), will update the Nation's tidal datums to a new National Tidal Datum Epoch (NTDE) to adjust for changes in mean sea level that have occurred along the Nation's coast over the past 25 years. The NTDE update from the 1960-1978 to the 1983-2001 time period will be effective April 21, 2003. The NTDE is a specific 19-year period over which tide observations are taken to determine Mean Sea Level and other tidal datums such as Mean Lower Low Water and Mean High Water. This period includes an 18.6 year astronomical cycle that accounts for all significant variations in the distances to the moon and sun that cause slowly varying changes in the range of tide. It is the policy of NOS to consider a revised NTDE every 20-25 years in order to take into account relative sea level changes caused by global sea level

rise and the effects of long term land movement on local sea level due to subsidence or glacial rebound. The NTDE of 1983-2001 has been adopted so that all tidal datums throughout the United States will be based on one specific common reference period.

This action is necessary to provide the latest up-to-date information available for applications that are essential to supporting Federal, State and private sector coastal zone activities, including hydrographic surveys and coastal mapping, navigational safety, wetland restoration, marine boundary determinations, coastal engineering, storm warnings and hazard mitigation, emergency management, and hydrodynamic modeling.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit the NOS' CO-OPS Web site (<http://www.tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>) or contact the CO-OPS office at the following address: NOAA, National Ocean Service, CO-OPS, Products and Services N/OPS3, Attn: Water Levels, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-32821, U.S.A., Telephone: 301-713-2877 x176, Fax: 301-713-4437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to the small vertical changes (0.10 meters/0.3 foot or less) in comparison to the overall accuracy of hydrographic-cartographic processes and scale of the charts, for the most part, the shoreline, depth soundings values, isobaths, etc., will not be significantly modified as a result of the tidal datum updates. However, in some regions that have experienced rapid land movement, changes to actual soundings and shoreline depiction may be required on the next regularly scheduled chart edition. Although depictions of the datum changes will not be evident on the largest scale NOS nautical charts, the datum changes will be noticeable when establishing or re-occupying tide stations using accepted surveying techniques and the numerical relationships for tidal benchmarks provided by NOS' CO-OPS. These tidal datum relationships will be made available to the public in the form of updated published tidal benchmark sheets and accepted datums.

Dated: May 21, 2003.

**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Revision of Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed. This form is available in alternate formats. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by August 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, National Senior Service Corps, Attn: Angela Roberts, Senior Program Officer, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [aroberts@cns.gov](mailto:aroberts@cns.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angela Roberts, (202) 606-5000, ext. 111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the revision of its National Senior Service Corps Project Progress Report (OMB Control Number 3045-0033, with an expiration date of 5/31/2003). However, the Corporation has submitted an extension request to OMB to allow for the continued use of this report during the public comment period and the OMB review. Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

### Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

### Background

The Progress Report (PPR) was designed to assure that National Service Corps (NSC) grantees address and fulfill legislated program purposes, meet agency program management and grant requirements, and assess progress toward work plan objectives agreed upon in the granting of the award.

### Current Action

The Corporation seeks to revise the current PPR: (a) Enhance data elements collected via this information collection tool; (b) migrate the paper version of the form to the Corporation's electronic grants management system, eGrants; and (c) establish reporting periods consistent with the Corporation's integrated grants management and reporting policies.

The Corporation anticipates making available to all NSC grantees an OMB approved revised PPR by October of 2003.

The revised PPR will be used by NSC grantees to report progress toward accomplishing work plan goals and objectives, meeting challenges encountered, describing significant activities, and requesting technical assistance. Submission requirements are proposed to be revised as follows:

- Established multi-year NSC grantees will submit the complete report semi-annually within 30 days of the end of their annual budget cycle.
- New projects in their first year, new components of statewide projects, demonstrations, and projects experiencing problems or with substantial project revisions will submit the PPR quarterly.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* National Senior Services Corps Project Progress Report.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0033.

*Agency Number:* CNCS Form 1020.

*Affected Public:* Sponsors of National Senior Service Corps grants.

*Total Respondents:* 1,350.

*Frequency:* Semi-annual. It is estimated that 1,250 will respond semi-annually and 100 quarterly.

*Average Time Per Response:* 9.7 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 12,550 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):*

None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$2,599.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 21, 2003.

**Tess Scannell,**

*Director, National Senior Service Corps.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Office of the Secretary

#### Establishment of the U.S. Joint Forces Command Transformation Advisory Group

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Joint Forces Command Transformation Advisory Group (TAG) is being established in consonance with the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," title 5 U.S.C., appendix 2. The TAG will provide guidance and assistance in fulfilling Joint Forces Command's mission. The TAG will address subject related to the study and experimentation of joint warfighting concepts and capabilities.

The TAG will be composed of a broad spectrum of nationally renowned civilian and military members able to give diverse and divergent points of view. The committee will be balanced among military and civilian national security experts, academicians, civilian leaders in public service, and others who will afford this command multiple views on issues affecting strategic planning.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stephanie Roper-Burton, at (757) 836-0965.

Dated: May 20, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0152]

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Service Contracting

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0152).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning service contracting. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 10212 on March 4, 2003. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB,