annual mortality and serious injury rate from the California/Oregon drift gillnet fishery is estimated to be 1.7 sperm whales. In 1998, one sperm whale was observed killed in a net that was not in compliance with the Plan. The Pacific Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team (The Team) and the Pacific Scientific Review Group both recommended no further strategies to reduce sperm whale entanglement be taken until the effectiveness of pingers is better understood. At the recommendation of The Team, NMFS conducted workshops to educate vessel operators on the need to use the full complement of pingers required by the Plan. NMFS enforcement also trained the U.S. Coast Guard about the requirements of the Plan and requested their assistance with at-sea enforcement.

NMFS prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the final rule to implement the Plan (62 FR 51805). This action falls within the scope of that EA and the environmental consequences described in that action, and there have been no changes to the fishery subsequent to issuing the EA. Therefore, this action qualifies for a categorical exclusion under section 5.05b of NOAA Administrative Order 216–6 because a prior NEPA analysis for the same action demonstrated that the action will not have significant impacts on the quality of the human environment.

Issuance of Permits

Based on requirements of section 101(a)(5)(E) of the MMPA, NMFS proposes to issue a permit to allow the incidental, but not intentional, taking of four stocks of endangered or threatened marine mammals to the California/Oregon drift gillnet fishery: (1) Fin whale, California/Oregon/Washington stock; (2) Humpback whale, California/Oregon/Washington-Mexico stock; (3) Steller sea lion, eastern stock; and (4) Sperm whale, California/Oregon/Washington stock. These permits may be suspended or revoked if the level of take is likely to result in an impact that is more than negligible.

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Dated: May 31, 2000.

Donald R. Knowles,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed 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 preclearance 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the revision of its Financial Status Report form (Standard Form 269A) for National and Community Services Act programs. Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by August 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn: Bruce Cline, Director, Grants Management Office, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Suite 8711, Washington, D.C., 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Cline, (202) 606–5000, ext. 440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, specifically sections 12571 and 12594, require matching contributions of varying proportion for both program (12571) and member support (12594) costs. Accordingly, our grantees must provide the Corporation information on match according to budget sections (Section A is member support and Sections B–G are other program support costs.) Without these breakdowns, the Corporation cannot accurately calculate match or determine whether the legislated levels are being met.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks OMB approval to request the required reporting information by allowing grantees to utilize the Remarks block, Section 12, of the Standard Form 269A, in the following format:

In Remarks, Section 12, please provide the following:

- For Recipient share of outlays (section 10—Transactions ''Previously Reported,'' ''This period,'' and ''Cumulative''), please list separately:

(1) Outlays from Budget Section B–G, and

(2) Outlays from Budget Section A for Transactions columns ''Previously Reported,'' ''This Period,'' and ''Cumulative.''

• For Federal Share of outlays (section 10—Transactions ''Previously Reported,'' ''This Period,'' and ''Cumulative''), please list separately:

(1) Outlays from Budget Section B–G; and

(2) Outlays from Budget Section A.

• Totals in each column should equal totals from section 10, row a. ''Total Outlays.''

Suggested format:

	Previously reported	This period	Cumulative
b. Recipient Share of Outlays:			
1. Outlays from Section B–G	$0	$0	$0
2. Outlays from Section A	0	0	0
c. Federal Share of Outlays:			
1. Outlays from Section B–G	0	0	0
2. Outlays from Section A	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0

This information will not require any modification to the SF 269A. The Corporation will request the information from its grantees by an instruction letter in the beginning, and most grantees will continue to provide the information electronically from that point forward.

Type of Review: Request for additional information.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Standard Form 269A, Financial Status Report.

OMB Number: 0348–0038.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Organizations with an approved grant.

Total Respondents: 350.

Frequency: 2 responses per grantee.

Average Time Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 700 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

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: June 1, 2000.

Bruce H. Cline,

Director of Grants Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection requested.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: May 30, 2000.

William Burrow,

Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of the Undersecretary

Type of Review: New.

Title: Moving Standards to the Classroom: A Study of Standards-based Mathematics Instruction in Six States.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 7,056.

Burden Hours: 9,300.

Abstract: Goals 2000 strives to help states develop high standards and then apply them toward improving instruction and student achievement. Based on information gathered from six diverse states, Moving Standards will evaluate the effectiveness of standards-based reform, focusing on the quality of supported activities and the effects of those activities on instructional practice and student achievement.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov,* or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202–4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Jacqueline Montague at (202) 708–5359 or via her internet address Jackie_Montague@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal