collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, *e.g.,* the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: May 11, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Evaluation of the Coastal Management Fellowship Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

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 July 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Thomas Fish, NOAA Coastal Services Center, Ph: (843) 740–1271, or *tom.fish@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The NOAA Coastal Services Center (CSC) conducts the Coastal Management Fellowship, which provides on-the-job education and training opportunities in coastal resource management and policy for postgraduate students as well as project assistance to state coastal zone management programs. CSC is seeking a new clearance to conduct data collection activities associated with the evaluation of the fellowship program. The evaluation is designed to assess the effectiveness of the fellowship and its impact on state coastal zone programs to address high priority coastal issues. The results of the evaluation will provide information on the success of the Coastal Management Fellowship Program in meeting its goals to train young professionals entering the coastal management field and to help states address high priority coastal issues.

Four types of respondents are included in the evaluation: Fellows (past and current), finalists to the fellowship (past and current), state coastal zone program mentors, and partner organizations. Current and past fellows will complete an electronic survey that assesses both their fellowship experience and subsequent professional goals/experiences. Also, current and past finalists will complete a telephone interview that evaluates both their experiences applying to the fellowship program and subsequent professional goals/experiences. State coastal zone program mentors will complete an electronic survey that assesses their experiences with the fellowship program and the impact of the program on their state coastal zone program. In addition, partner organizations will complete an electronic survey that assesses their experiences with the fellowship and how the fellowship has impacted CSC.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic surveys and telephone interviews will be the modes of collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; not for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 68.

Estimated Time per Response: Telephone interviews, 25 minutes; surveys, 1 hour and15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 41.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

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: May 11, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050906F]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 27–29, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wilson, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee's agenda includes the following issues: Introductions and opening remarks, Minutes of last meeting; Update on call for proposals; Hydroacoutic Surveys of Pollock, Aleutian Islands; Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Recovery Plan, Overview and

Discussion; Impact Evaluation Tool Discussion; Pacific cod Management and recent Council action; Updates on SSL and Other Marine Mammal Research, SSL Genetics and Stock Structure; the Committee will discuss and deliberate on these issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided 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 Gail Bendixen, (907) 271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 11, 2006.

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

[I.D. 050906G]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee (SSLMC) Impact Evaluation Tool Development Subcommittee will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 26, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wilson, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee's agenda includes the following issues: Introductions and opening remarks; purpose and need for Impact Evaluation Tool; work session to develop a Straw Man Impact Evaluation Tool; action items, closing remarks, adjourn.

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

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Dated: May 11, 2006.

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

[I.D. 050306D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a work session on May 30,2006, via telephone conference call, which is open to the public.

DATES: The HMSMT work session will be held on Tuesday, May 30, 2006, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Pacific Time

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held via telephone conference call. Interested members of the public may contact Dr. Kit Dahl for information on how to participate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this HMSMT work session is to review any exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for HMS fisheries received by the Council for the 2007 fishing year (which begins April 1, 2007) that have not been reviewed to date. According to Council operating procedures, applications must be received at least two weeks prior to the June Council meeting and a deadline of 5 p.m. on May 26, 2006, has been set for such receipt. Based on their review and discussion at this meeting, the HMSMT will prepare a written report with advice to the Council. If no applications are received by this date the HMSMT teleconference meeting will be cancelled and no HMSMT report will be prepared.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: May 9, 2006.

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

[I.D. 050306B]

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and