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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

September 14, 2009.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments regarding (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395–5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250–7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720–8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Census of Agriculture Content Test.

OMB Control Number: 0535–0243.

Summary of Collection: The purpose of the content test is to evaluate factors impacting the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census of Agriculture program. The factors include, but are not limited to, respondent burden, questionnaire format and design, new items, changes in question wording and location, ease of completion, and processing methodology such as edit and summary. The proposed forms and letters will be used in a 2010 and 2011 test in preparation for taking the 2012 Census of Agriculture. NASS is responsible for conducting the Census of Agriculture under the authority of the Census of Agriculture Act of 1997, Public Law 105–113 (U.S.C. 2204g).

Need and Use of the Information: The Census of Agriculture Content Test is critical to NASS' ability to design a successful census survey. The actual Census of Agriculture is required by law every five years and serves as the basis for many agriculturally-based decisions. Less frequent content test collections would hinder NASS' ability to adequately evaluate changes needed to improve census data collection and therefore recognize changing trends in agriculture.

Description of Respondents: Farms.

Number of Respondents: 35,450.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (every 5 years).

Total Burden Hours: 21,588.

Charlene Parker,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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Economic Research Service

Title: Food Security Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0536–0043.

Summary of Collection: The Food Security Supplement is sponsored by the Economic Research Service (ERS) as a research and evaluation activity authorized under section 17 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 as amended. ERS is collaborating with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and the Bureau of Census to continue this program of research and development. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is currently the primary source of nutrition assistance for low-income Americans enabling

households to improve their diet by increasing their food purchasing power. As the nation's primary public program for ensuring food security and alleviating hunger, the SNAP needs to regularly monitor food security conditions among its target population. This monitoring need requires that USDA continue basic data collection, analysis, and evaluation.

Need and Use of the Information: The data collected by the food security supplement will be used to monitor the prevalence of food security and the prevalence and severity of food insecurity among the Nation's households. The prevalence of these conditions as well as year-to-year trends in their prevalence will be estimated at the national level and for population subgroups. The data also will be used to monitor the amounts that households spend for food and their use of community food pantries and emergency kitchens.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 54,400.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 6,916.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northwest Region Federal Fisheries Permits.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0203.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 341.

Average Hours per Response: Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) proposal, 8 hours; EFP application, 20 minutes; EFP pre-season plan, 16 hours; EFP trip/delivery notifications, 2 minutes; EFP data reports, 43 minutes; EFP summary reports, 24 hours; Limited Entry Permit (LEP) renewal, 20 minutes; LEP transfer, 30 minutes; ownership interest forms for sablefish-endorsed LEP, 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 1,996.

Needs and Uses: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects certain information to determine whether a respondent complies with regulations that pertain to the issuance, transfer, ownership interest or renewal of a Pacific Coast Groundfish limited entry permit or exempted fishing permit. Also, NMFS collects information from permit owners and vessel owners to assist NMFS with its enforcement responsibilities. Exempted fishing permit holders may be required to provide descriptions of planned fishing activities, periodic data reports, preseason plans, and summary reports. The respondents are mainly groundfish fishermen or fishing companies or partnerships. Other respondents include State fishery agencies, non-profit groups, or fishing associations who sponsor research carried out under exempted fishing permits. These requirements were developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) under the authority of the *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act*, U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395–3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395–7285, or *David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: September 11, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in order to extend the public comment period due to a delay in submission, is republishing the Comment Request originally published on August 11, 2009 (74 FR 40165). This notice announces the intent to submit 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Customer Panel Quality Survey.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0057.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 406 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,386 responses.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete either the paper or the online survey. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Individuals who work at firms that file more than six patent applications a year use the Customer Panel Quality Survey to provide the USPTO with their perceptions of examination quality. The USPTO uses the feedback gathered from the survey to assist them in targeting key areas for examination quality improvement and to identify important areas for examiner training.

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

Frequency: Semi-annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: *Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov*.

Once submitted, the request will be publically available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at *http://www.reginfo.gov*.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

* *E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.* Include ''0651–0057 Customer Panel Quality Survey copy request'' in the subject line of the message.

* *Fax:* 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.