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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Title: Highly Migratory Species Vessel Logbooks and Cost-Earnings Data Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0371.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 10,216.

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Burden Hours: 36,189.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection.

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the Nation’s marine fisheries. In addition, NMFS must comply with the United States’ obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.), which implements the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommendations. NMFS collects information via vessel logbooks to monitor the U.S. catch of Atlantic swordfish, sharks, billfish, and tunas in relation to the quotas, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its domestic and international obligations.

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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

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Dated: October 20, 2011.

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Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 65–2011]

Proposed Foreign-Trade Zone—Ada and Canyon Counties, ID, Under Alternative Site Framework, Application Filed

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“usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on October 19, 2011. The applicant is authorized to make the proposal under Idaho Statute 67–4703A.

The proposed zone would be the second general-purpose zone approved to serve the Boise CBP port of entry. FTZ 192 in Meridian, Idaho was established on February 17, 1993 (Board Order 629, 58 FR 11834, 03/01/1993) but has since lapsed.

The applicant’s proposed service area under the ASF would be Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho. If approved, the applicant would be able to serve companies’ needs for FTZ services located within and adjacent to the Boise CBP port of entry.

The proposed zone would initially include two “magnet” sites in Canyon County: Proposed Site 1 (524.04 acres)—Caldwell Airport/Industrial Park, 4814 East Linden Street, Caldwell; and, Proposed Site 2 (241.04 acres)—within the 350-acre Sky Ranch Business Center, 4190 Highway 20/26, Caldwell. The parcels within the sites are both publicly and privately owned, as described in the application. The ASF allows for the possible exemption of one magnet site from the “sunset” time limits that generally apply to sites under the ASF, and the applicant proposes that Site 1 be so exempted.

The application indicates a need for zone services in Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho. Several firms have indicated an interest in using zone procedures for warehousing/distribution activities for a variety of products. Specific manufacturing approvals are not being sought at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is December 27, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to January 9, 2012.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230–0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s website, which is accessible via http://www.trade.gov/ftz. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov.

Dated: October 19, 2011.

Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary.

I. Abstract

Public Law 97–446, as amended by Public Law 103–465, Public Law 106–36, and Public Law 108–429, requires the Departments of Commerce and the Interior (Departments) to administer the distribution of watch duty-exemptions and watch and jewelry duty-refunds to program producers in the U.S. insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. The primary consideration in collecting information is the enforcement of the law and the information gathered is limited to that necessary to prevent abuse of the program and to permit a fair and equitable distribution of its benefits. The ITA–334P is the principal program form used for recording operational data on the basis of which program entitlements are distributed among the producers. This form also serves as the producer’s application to the Departments for these entitlements and is completed biannually by watch and jewelry assemblers and manufacturers. The form consists of four versions: mid-year and annual application for watch producers; and mid-year and annual application for jewelry producers.

II. Method of Collection

The form is sent to each watch and jewelry producer biannually. It is also available at http://ita-web.ita.doc.gov/doc/eFormsPub.nsf and may be completed online and printed, and submitted via mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0625–0040.

Form Number(s): ITA–334P.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $100.

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.