DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a request for public stakeholder input to the Federal Register notice on the United States-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before January 9, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Please direct written submissions to Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. The public is strongly encouraged to file submissions electronically rather than by mail. Submit electronic comments to www.trade.gov/hiled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Wells, 202–482–1547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mexico represents a critical strategic ally and partner of the United States. Apart from being neighbors that share a 2,000-mile border, we also share deeply integrated economies that in 2012, generated more than $500 billion in two-way trade. Mexico remains our second largest trading partner. The United States, in turn, is Mexico’s largest trading partner.

To advance strategic economic and commercial cooperation, regulatory consensus, and policy alignment. To advance strategic economic and commercial priorities central to promoting mutual economic growth, job creation, and global competitiveness, President Barack Obama and President of Mexico Enrique Peña Nieto announced in May 2013 the formation of the U.S.-Mexico High Level Economic Dialogue (HLED). The HLED will meet annually at the Cabinet level and will bring together leaders from the public and private sectors to build upon and promote sustained progress on a range of existing successful bilateral dialogues and working groups. On September 20, 2013, Vice President Joseph Biden led a delegation of U.S. Cabinet officials that met in Mexico City with members of the Mexican Cabinet in the inaugural meeting of the HLED.

At the September meeting, government officials from Mexico and the United States approved an initial work plan with three broad pillars, which contain specific topics for cooperation:

I. Promoting Competitiveness and Connectivity

(1) Telecommunications; (2) Transportation, including Intelligent Transportation Systems; Logistics Corridors and Freight Planning; Modernized and Expanded Bilateral Air Transport Relationship; Customs; and Border Master Plans.

II. Fostering Economic Growth, Productivity, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

(1) Workforce Development; (2) Joint Investment Promotion; (3) Travel and Tourism; (4) Economic Development along the Border as well as a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; (5) Effective use of the North American Development Bank; (6) Partnership on Advanced Manufacturing; (7) Economic Empowerment of Women; (8) Entrepreneurship; (9) Food and Agricultural Trade; (10) Diaspora Engagement; (11) Remittances Dialogue; and (12) Regulatory Cooperation.

III. Partnering for Regional and Global Leadership

(1) Partnering to promote development in Central America; (2) Regional trade priorities; and (3) Transparency and anti-corruption.

The United States Government recognizes stakeholder input as instrumental in providing practical recommendations for shaping the direction of this dialogue, clarifying priorities, and assisting in possible pilot projects.

Please provide your comments on the three pillars listed above, as well as on the suggested topics for cooperation within each pillar, key areas where stakeholder insights can help contribute to the success of this crucial bilateral economic relationship. We welcome input on possible additional topics for the HLED to address, beyond the items listed above. We will ensure that stakeholders from the private sector and civil society can provide input into the HLED process on an ongoing basis.

Please provide your responses by January 9, 2014.

Your detailed comments will help the U.S. Government strengthen the work of the HLED and ensure that it remains...
relevant to the private sector and to civil society.

Walter Bastian,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere, Global Markets, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Cost-Earnings Surveys of Hawaii and American Samoa Small Boat-Based Fisheries

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

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 January 24, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Minling Pan, (808) 944–2190 or Minling.Pan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect information about fishing expenses and catch distribution (such as for sale, home consumption, and give-away, etc.) in the Hawaii and American Samoa small boat-based reef fish, bottomfish, and pelagics fisheries with which to conduct economic analyses that will improve fishery management in those fisheries; satisfy NMFS’ legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans. Respondents will include small boat fishers in Hawaii and American Samoa and their participation in the economic data collection will be voluntary. These data will be used to assess how fishermen will be impacted by and respond to regulations likely to be considered by fishery managers.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents submit paper forms by mailing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,013.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 507.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: November 19, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks, Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice; public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Groundfish Oversight Committee and Electronic Monitoring Working Group (EMWG) will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: These meetings will be held December 9, 2013 and December 10, 2013. For specific dates and times, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: Meeting address: These meetings will be held at the Omni Providence Hotel, 1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02048; telephone: (401) 598–8000; fax: (401) 598–8200. Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, December 9, 2013 Beginning at 9 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Agenda

The Committee will review Plan Development Team (PDT) work related to the impacts of the alternatives under consideration in Framework 51 and potentially select preferred alternatives. The Committee may receive a brief update from the PDT on the development of alternatives for Amendment 18. The Committee will also address other business as necessary.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 Beginning at 9:30 a.m.—Electronic Monitoring Working Group Agenda

The EMWG will continue its work on identifying barriers and possible solutions to implementing electronic monitoring in groundfish fishery sectors. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those