Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 715.
Estimated Time per Response: 4 minutes per fishing trip.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 30,980.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $23,235 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.

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NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).
Title: Submission of proposed information collection; Computer and Internet Use Supplement to the Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey (CPS).
OMB Control Number: 0660–0021.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection).
Number of Respondents: 775.
Average Hours per Response: Focus groups, 2 hours; interviews, 1 hour; survey, 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 485.
Needs and Uses: The objective of the web-based focus groups, phone interviews, and online survey is to collect information on the current use of NOAA’s National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Prediction Center (WPC) products, including probabilistic forecasts focusing on the 8 to 10 day timeframe, as well as forecast needs. The web-based focus groups and phone interviews will ask participants to explain their survey responses. This information will help create better 8 to 10 day weather forecast products used by the National Weather Service (NWS) to protect lives and property.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.
Frequency: One time.
Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIIA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

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OMB Control Number: 0660–0021.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection).
Number of Respondents: 54,000 households.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,000.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

Needs and Uses: As the next installment of a decades-long series of data collections, NTIA proposes to add 66 questions to the U.S. Census Bureau’s (“Bureau”) November 2017 CPS to gather reliable data on computer and broadband (also known as high-speed Internet) use by U.S. households. President Trump has expressed support for broadband expansion in the United States, particularly in rural communities, stating an intention to include broadband in the $1 trillion infrastructure plan the Administration is developing.1 In addition, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross has noted broadband’s importance to the nation’s future and its economic policy, including at his confirmation hearing in January 2017.2

To aid the Administration’s plan to incorporate broadband in the upcoming infrastructure initiative and ensure the digital preparedness of the nation’s current and future workforce, NTIA data will reveal consumers’ changing demand for broadband, as well as their online activities. The information may inform decisions about the scope and scale of the needed infrastructure, particularly in remote and sparsely populated areas where broadband deployment may be difficult and costly. It may also shed light on opportunities to increase digital literacy and use among Americans who currently use the Internet sparingly, if at all. NTIA works with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and other stakeholders to develop and advance economic and regulatory policies that foster broadband deployment and adoption. Current, systematic, and comprehensive data on broadband use and non-use by U.S. households are critical to allow policymakers not only to gauge progress made to date, but also to identify problem areas with a specificity that

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