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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

USAID Information Collection on COVID-19 Global Response and Recovery Implementation Plan

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), COVID-19 Task Force.

ACTION: Notice of emergency OMB approval.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), is announcing that on July 26, 2021, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) granted emergency approval of a new information collection to inform technical approaches to implementing USAID's COVID-19 Implementation Plan. This emergency approval is valid until January, 2022.

DATES: USAID plans initially to seek information between August 1 and August 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Lisa Schechtman, lschechtman@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.13, the Agency submitted a request for emergency approval of a new information collection on July 23, 2021, which was approved by OMB on July 26, 2021. The collection will request input from select experts on implementation of the five objectives of the U.S. Global COVID-19 Response and Recovery Framework, and USAID's lines of efforts to help accomplish these objectives. Information will be requested of non-governmental organizations and private sector entities through focus-group discussions.

Description of Proposed Use of Information

The information will be collected via small focus groups, and will be used by the USAID COVID-19 Task Force and technical bureaus to improve the technical assistance, global leadership, and guidance USAID provides to implementing partners, the InterAgency, and Missions globally. This will enable more focused, efficient, and effective coordination and implementation of the USAID COVID-19 Implementation Plan. Examples of use of similar information from past similar information collections undertaken by USAID include guidance documents on technical issues, alignment with national plans and strategies, or incorporation of key issues in Country Development Cooperation Strategies. Some materials produced utilizing information collected through this request may be made available to the public.

Time Burden

OMB's approval enables USAID to engage a total of 250 individual respondents. Each respondent will be requested to provide one hour of time. As such, the total estimated time burden of this proposed information collection request is 250 hours.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice for Comment on Two Strategic Plans for the Subcommittee on Aquaculture Science Planning and Regulatory Efficiency Task Forces and on Updating the National Aquaculture Development Plan

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Subcommittee on Aquaculture (SCA) is a statutory subcommittee that operates under the Committee on Environment of the National Science and Technology

Council (NSTC) under the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President [National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*) and the National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198, 99 Stat. 1641)]. In October 2018, the SCA established a Science Planning Task Force charged with documenting Federal science and technology opportunities and priorities for aquaculture by revising and updating the National Strategic Plan for Federal Aquaculture Research (2014-2019). Similarly, in February 2019, the SCA established a Regulatory Efficiency Task Force charged with developing a new plan for interagency science and technology coordination to improve regulatory efficiency, research and technology development, and economic growth. The Task Forces are seeking public comment on Science and Regulatory Efficiency strategic plans to determine if their respective topics are adequately covered. In addition, in May of 2020, the SCA established an Economic Development Task Force charged with developing a strategic plan for economic development through aquaculture. Separately from SCA, the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 requires select federal agencies to develop a National Aquaculture Development Plan (NADP). Last completed in 1983, the NADP describes aquaculture associated technologies, problems, and opportunities in the United States and its territories. It recommends actions to solve problems and analyzes the social, environmental, and economic impacts of growth in aquaculture. The SCA plans to update the NADP using the Science and Regulatory Efficiency plans described here, with the addition of the Economic Development plan currently in process. **DATES:** Comments must be received by September 10th, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning the *Science Plan* to Task Force Chair Dr. Caird Rexroad, National Program Leader for Aquaculture, Agricultural Research Service, Office of National Programs, 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Room 4-2106, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Submit electronic comments to AquaSciencePlan@usda.gov. Address all comments concerning the *Regulatory Efficiency*