

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Minority Business Development Agency****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Minority-Owned Business Participation, Opportunities and Barriers to Global Commerce**

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, 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 February 14, 2011.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ivonne Cunarro, Research and Knowledge Management Unit, 202-482-2157, icunarro@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Minority Business Development Agency's (MBDA) Research and Knowledge Management unit will be conducting a survey of minority-owned businesses to gather data on their participation in global commerce. The survey will provide valuable information on the markets minority businesses are exporting goods to, job creation as a result of export activity, exporting minority business industries, and barriers and opportunities to exporting. Findings from this survey support President's Obama National Export Initiative, Executive Order 13534, which calls for doubling exports in five years and identifying and reducing barriers to exports. The survey also supports the MBDA's mission of furthering the growth and expansion of minority-owned businesses as exemplified in Executive Order 11625 and 15 CFR part 1400. The findings from the survey will also be published in a report and released during MBDA's

Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference in September, 2011.

II. Method of Collection

The data will be collected electronically through the use of a web-based survey instrument.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0640-0027.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 750 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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 will 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: December 9, 2010.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability (BEES) Please**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 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 February 14, 2011.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Barbara C. Lippiatt, (301) 975-6133 or at blippiatt@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Over the last 16 years, the Engineering Laboratory of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has developed and automated an approach for measuring the life-cycle environmental and economic performance of building products. Known as BEES (Building for Environmental and Economic Sustainability), the tool reduces complex, science-based technical content (e.g., over 500 material and energy flows from raw material extraction through product disposal) to decision-enabling results and delivers them in a visually intuitive graphical format. BEES Please is a voluntary program to collect data from product manufacturers so that the environmental performance of their products may be evaluated scientifically using BEES. BEES measures environmental performance using the environmental life-cycle assessment approach specified in the International Organization for Standardization 14040 series of standards. All stages in the life of a product are analyzed: Raw material acquisition, manufacture, transportation, installation, use, and recycling and waste management. Economic performance is measured using the American Society for Testing and Materials standard lifecycle cost method, which covers the costs of initial investment, replacement, operation, maintenance and repair, and disposal. NIST will publish in BEES Online (<http://ws680.nist.gov/bees>) an aggregated version of the data collected

from manufacturers that protects data confidentiality, subject to manufacturer's review and approval.

II. Method of Collection

Data on materials use, energy consumption, waste, and environmental releases will be collected using an electronic, MS Excel-based questionnaire. An electronic, MS Word-based User Manual accompanies the questionnaire to help in its completion.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0693-0036.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 62 hours and 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,875.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: December 10, 2010.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA081

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications for scientific research from Thomas R. Payne and Associates (TRPA) in Arcata, CA (15542), the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) in Willows, CA (15573), the University of California at Davis (UC-Davis) in Davis, CA (15926), and Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated (NRSI) in Red Bluff, CA (16083). These permits would affect the Federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon and the threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs), the Federally threatened Central Valley steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS), and the Federally threatened southern DPS of North American green sturgeon (southern DPS green sturgeon). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on January 14, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by e-mail must be sent to the following address; FRNpermitsSAC@noaa.gov. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permits: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3606, fax: 916-930-3629).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Witalis at phone number 916-930-3606 or e-mail: Shirley.Witalis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage

of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (*see ADDRESSES*). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to Federally-listed endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) ESU, threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*) ESU, threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*) DPS, and threatened southern DPS of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

Applications Received

TRPA requests a 10-year permit (15542) for take of juvenile and adult Central Valley steelhead while conducting fish monitoring surveys in lower Putah Creek, a tributary in the Sacramento River basin, California. The surveys are conducted under the auspices of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) to monitor the annual fluctuations in the abundance, distribution, condition, and health of fishes in lower Putah Creek, and determine if flow management actions by the LPCCC are attaining desired goals. TRPA anticipates an annual non-lethal take of 200 juvenile (with an estimated total of 2 percent non-intentional mortality) and 2 adult steelhead. TRPA proposes to capture fish by boat electrofisher and dipnet; sample fish for species identification, tags, marks and finclips, lengths and weights; and release fish back into Putah Creek.

GCID requests a 5-year permit (15573) for monitoring activities associated with juvenile Sacramento River winter-run and Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, and Central Valley steelhead emigration on the Sacramento River at the GCID fish screen bypass channel