

System to support the effective stewardship, lasting protection, restoration, and sustainable use of the nation's significant natural and cultural marine resources. The MPA Center is charged by the Order to carry out these requirements in cooperation with DOI. Neither the Order nor the National System establishes any new legal authorities to designate or manage MPAs, nor do they alter any existing State, Federal, or tribal laws or programs.

In addition, the U.S. Ocean Action Plan (USOAP) outlines a variety of actions for promoting the responsible use and stewardship of ocean and coastal resources for the benefit of all Americans. A Cabinet-level "Committee on Ocean Policy" (COP) was established by Executive Order 13366 (December 17, 2004) to coordinate the activities of executive branch departments and agencies regarding ocean-related matters in an integrated and effective manner to advance the environmental and economic interests of present and future generations of Americans. The President further directs the Executive branch agencies to facilitate, as appropriate, coordination and consultation regarding ocean-related matters among Federal, State, tribal, local governments, the private sector, foreign governments, and international organizations. Subcommittees of the COP also have been formed as part of the ocean governance structure described in the USOAP, including the Subcommittee on Integrated Management of Ocean Resources (SIMOR) and the Joint Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology. Many of the activities outlined in the USOAP and the subsequent work plans of the COP's subcommittees complement efforts to develop the National System. Similarly, many of the collaborative actions under the National System may offer opportunities to help advance the USOAP. As these efforts proceed, the MPA Center will work closely with SIMOR to evaluate progress and plans for developing the National System in order to ensure coordination and consistency with the USOAP's governance structure and overall approach.

The MPA Center has developed this Draft Framework based on information from the initial analysis of information about existing place-based conservation efforts, along with comments from hundreds of individuals at nearly sixty meetings, initial tribal consultations, and recommendations from Federal, non-governmental and State advisory groups. As a result, the proposed collaborative development of an

effective National System outlined in this document provides a structure for an assemblage of MPA sites, systems, and networks established and managed by Federal, State, tribal, and local governments to collectively work together at the regional and national levels to achieve common objectives for conserving the nation's vital natural and cultural resources.

By establishing an effective structure for working together, the National System will help to increase the efficient protection of important marine resources; contribute to the nation's overall social and economic health; support government agency cooperation and integration; and improve the public's access to scientific information and decision-making about the nation's marine resources. The efforts of the National System are also intended to benefit participating State, tribal, Federal, and local government partners through collaborative efforts to identify shared priorities for improving MPA effectiveness and develop partnerships to provide assistance in meeting those needs. Further, it provides a foundation for cooperation with other countries to conserve resources of common concern.

In submitting your comments on the Draft Framework, please remember that comments submitted by e-mail are preferred; however, those submitted by mail and fax will also be accepted. An extended comment period of 145 days is being provided in order to accommodate the quarterly meeting schedules of some organizations, including regional fishery management councils.

Classification

Regulatory Planning and Review

This action is not a regulatory action subject to E.O. 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993).

Energy Effects

NOAA and DOI have determined that this action will have no effect on energy supply, distribution, or use and is therefore not a "significant energy action" as defined by Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 18, 2001). No Statement of Energy Effects is required and therefore none has been prepared.

Government to Government Relationship With Tribes

E.O. 13175—Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments—outlines the responsibilities of the Federal Government regarding its policies with tribal implications, i.e., regulations, legislative comments or proposed legislation, and other policy statements

or actions that have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). Pursuant to E.O. 13175, we will consult with tribal governments as the National System is developed.

Administrative Procedure Act

Pursuant to authority at 5 U.S.C. 533(b)(A), prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required to be given, as this document concerns agency procedure or practice. Nevertheless, NOAA and DOI want the benefit of the public's comment and are hereby giving prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

Dated: July 12, 2006.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Flammability Standards for Clothing Textiles and Vinyl Plastic Film

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** of July 11, 2006 (71 FR 39056), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek an extension of approval of a collection of information in regulations implementing the flammability standards for clothing textiles and vinyl plastic film. The regulations prescribe requirements for testing and recordkeeping by persons and firms issuing guarantees of garments, fabrics, and related materials subject to the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles (16 CFR part 1610) and the Standard for the Flammability of Vinyl Plastic Film (16 CFR part 1611). No comments were received in response to that notice. By publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of approval of

those collections of information without change for three years from the date of approval by OMB.

Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of the Collection of Information

Agency address: Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Title of information collection: Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles, 16 CFR part 1610; Standard for the Flammability of Vinyl Plastic Film, 16 CFR part 1611.

Type of request: Extension of approval without change.

General description of respondents: Manufacturers and importers of garments, fabrics, and related materials subject to the flammability standards for clothing textiles and vinyl plastic film.

Estimated number of respondents: 1000.

Estimated average number of hours per respondent: 101.6 per year.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 101,600 per year.

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: \$4.4 million.

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by October 23, 2006 to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) e-mailed to the Office of the Secretary at

cpssc-os@cpssc.gov, or mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7671.

Dated: September 18, 2006.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

ACTION: Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

SUMMARY: The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem

Bulletin Number 249. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 249 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee for non-foreign areas outside the continental United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 248. Distribution of Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletins by mail was discontinued. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. The text of the Bulletin follows:

Dated: September 18, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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