

protection of U.S. oceans and coastal resources by developing a national system of marine protected areas. The Departments of Commerce and the Interior plan to work closely with state, territorial, local, and tribal governments, as well as other stakeholders, to identify and inventory the Nation's existing marine protected areas. Toward this end, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and DOI have created a data form, available on a password-protected Web site, to be used as a survey tool to collect and analyze information on these existing sites. This survey will allow NOAA and DOI to better understand the existing protections for marine resources within marine protected areas in the United States. This information also would support activities on marine protected areas by state and local governments, tribes, and other interested parties. The survey contains directed questions regarding the location, management and enforcement authorities, types of protections and restrictions, and the length of time those protections or restrictions are in place for each marine protected area. Basic information about the resources and activities at the sites will also be collected. It is expected that site managers from each marine protected area will fill out the survey. The collected information will be housed in a searchable database that will be made available to the public via the marine protected area Web site at mpa.gov. The survey has been used for the last six years and this notice proposes to extend the data collection OMB approval.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a data form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0449.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500.

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: February 27, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Extension of Application Period for Vacancies on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) is seeking applicants for the Chumash Community member and alternate vacant positions on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council). Applicants are chosen based upon: their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, views regarding the protection and management of marine resources, and the length of residence in the communities located near the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve in a volunteer capacity for 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: The applicant period has been extended and applications are now due by April 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Application materials are available at: <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/news.html>. Completed applications should be sent to

Danielle.lipski@noaa.gov. Application kits may also be obtained from Dani Lipski, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way Suite 150 Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2315.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Murray, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way Suite 150 Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2315, 805-966-7107 extension 464, michel.murray@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CINMS Advisory Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 21 members, including ten government agency representatives and eleven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program).

Dated: February 25, 2008.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by G. Walter Swain

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

ACTION: Notice of Appeal.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that Mr. G. Walter Swain has filed an administrative appeal with the Department of Commerce asking that the Secretary override the State of Delaware's objection to Mr. Swain's proposed construction of a marina and associated structures at the confluence of Cedar Creek and Mispillion River, in Milford, Delaware.

ADDRESSES: Materials from the appeal record will be available at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and on the following Web site: <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Street, Attorney-Advisor, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 301-713-7390, thomas.street@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Notice of Appeal**

On February 4, 2008, Mr. G. Walter Swain filed notice of an appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR Part 930, Subpart H. Mr. Swain appealed an objection by the State of Delaware in the proposed construction of a marina and associated structures of the confluence of Cedar Creek and Mispillion River, in Milford, Delaware.

Under the CZMA, the Secretary may override Delaware's objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives of the CZMA or otherwise necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is consistent with the objectives of the CZMA, the Secretary must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the adverse effects of the proposed activity do not outweigh its contribution to the national interest, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with enforceable policies of Delaware's coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121.

II. Opportunity for Federal Agency and Public Comment

Pursuant to regulation, the public and interested Federal agencies may submit any comments on this appeal from May 1, 2008–May 30, 2008. All comments

should be directed in writing to Thomas Street, attorney advisor, at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or via electronic mail to thomas.street@noaa.gov.

III. Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide the public with access to all publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record during business hours, at the NOAA Office of General Counsel for Ocean Services.

For additional information about this appeal, please contact Thomas Street, 301-713-7390 or thomas.street@noaa.gov.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

Dated: February 26, 2008.

Joel La Bissonniere,

Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops to be held in April, May, and June 2008. Fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet new regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be held in 2008 and announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held April 24, May 22, and June 19, 2008.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held April 8, May 21, and June 18 and 25, 2008.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Tampa, FL; Wilmington, NC; and Jefferson, LA.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Gulfport, MS; Kitty Hawk, NC; Indian Rocks Beach, FL; and Manahawkin, NJ.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Fairclough by phone:(727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop

Effective December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop will be issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks.

Dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, however, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who: is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and fills out dealer reports. Additionally, after December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not renew a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Sixteen free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops were held in 2007.