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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: August 30, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399C]

#### Requirements for Taking Endangered or Threatened Species for Research/ Enhancement Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karen Salvini, Office of

Protected Resources, Room 13603, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, (301) 713-1401 (x130).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of endangered species for research/enhancement purposes. The corresponding regulations established procedures for persons to apply for such permits. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA prior to issuing a permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions. In order to issue permits as under ESA section 10(a)(1)(A), NMFS must determine that (1) such exceptions were applied for in good faith, (2) if granted and exercised will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species, and (3) will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

##### II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be in the form of applications, annual reports, and final reports responding to requirements in regulations and instructions; no forms are required.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected public:* Non-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; businesses or other for-profit; and Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 140

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 40 hours for permit applications, 10 hours for permit modification requests, 10 hours for annual reports, and 20 hours for final reports.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,000

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$290

##### 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.

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Dated: August 30, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399D]

#### Application Form for Membership on Sanctuary Advisory Councils for the National Marine Sanctuary Program

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Elizabeth Moore, Marine

Sanctuaries Division, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC4, N/ORM6, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a) allows the Secretary to establish one or more advisory councils to provide assistance to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. Councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of that specific site. Once a Council has been chartered, the Sanctuary Manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing notice to the public and asking interested parties to apply for the available seats. An application form has been developed to help ease the application process for the public and facilitate the review process for the Sanctuary Manager.

**II. Method of Collection**

The availability of seats on a Council are announced through various public channels, including local press releases, announcements at local meetings, and posting on the Sanctuary's web page. Interested persons can request the application kit (containing the application form, a copy of the Council's charter, and some information about the Sanctuary itself) by phone, fax, or e-mail. The applicant then completes and returns the form to the Sanctuary office.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* None

*Form Number:* None

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected public:* Individuals or households, business or other for profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions (Councils generally have a membership that reflects the local community and it would likely include all of these categories).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 75

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 75 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$150

**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: August 30, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**General Grant Administration Terms and Conditions of the Coastal Ocean Program**

**AGENCY:** Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (CSCOR), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice for Financial Assistance for Project Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intent of NOAA/NOS/CSCOR/COP to continue to provide direct financial assistance in the form of discretionary Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements under its own program for the management of coastal ecosystems.

This document does not solicit proposals; but rather describes the general grant administration terms and conditions of the CSCOR/COP program for fiscal year 2000. It is CSCOR/COP's intent to issue supplemental Announcements of Opportunities (AOs) to request proposals on specific projects throughout the year on an as-needed basis. Any Announcements of Funding Opportunity will be issued through the **Federal Register**, the CSCOR/COP Home Page, and CSCOR/COP's e-mail list, and provide specific program descriptions.

CSCOR/COP supports research on critical issues which exist in the

Nation's estuaries, coastal waters and the Great Lakes, and translates its findings into accessible information for coastal managers, planners, lawmakers and the public. CSCOR/COP's projects are multi-disciplinary, large in scale and long in duration (usually 3 to 5 years). Projects covering more than 1 year will usually be funded on an annual basis.

**DATES:** September 10, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East West Highway, Room 9700, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie McDonald, CSCOR/COP Grants Administrator, (301)713-3338/x137.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

(1) *Program Authority(s):* 33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq., 33 U.S.C. 883a et seq., 33 U.S.C. 1442, 16 U.S.C. 1456c, Section 201(c) of P.L. 102-567 and Title VI of P.L. 105-383.

(2) *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):* 11.478 Coastal Ocean Program

(3) *Program Description:* NOAA's CSCOR/COP provides predictive capability for managing coastal ecosystems through sponsorship of research. CSCOR/COP seeks to deliver the highest quality science in a timely manner for important coastal decisions. It supports research on critical issues which exist in the Nation's estuaries, coastal waters, and Great Lakes and translates its findings into accessible information for coastal managers, planners, lawmakers, and the public.

*Coastal Ecosystem Oceanography*

CSCOR/COP supports the conservation and management of marine ecosystems through sponsorship of improved ecological and oceanographic predictions for resource management. Studies focus on: (1) identifying critical processes that control replenishment of fishery resources; (2) determining critical habitat process that influence fishery ecosystems; and (3) quantifying species interactions so models can be used in management decisions. Current efforts support studies dealing with Bering Sea pollack, cod and haddock on Georges Bank, and salmon in the Pacific Northwest.

*Cumulative Coastal Impacts*

CSCOR/COP sponsors a series of regional watershed projects on the causes and impacts of multiple stresses on coastal ecosystems. Studies focus on: (1) developing indicators of stress; (2) predicting impacts of multiple stresses (3) valuing natural resources in