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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Committee on Scientists; Appointment of Committee Members

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has appointed 13 persons to serve on the Committee of Scientists, which is chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements to the Forest Service land management planning process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Stephens, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, telephone: (202) 205-0948.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of establishment of the Committee of Scientists, along with a request for nominations, was published August 15, 1997 (62 FR 43691). The following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Committee:

1. Committee Chair: Dr. Norman Johnson, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
2. Dr. James Agee, Professor, Forest Ecology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
3. Dr. Virginia Dale, Senior Scientist, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.
4. Dr. Roger Sedjo, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.
5. Dr. Bob Beschta, Professor, Forest Hydrology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
6. Dr. Larry Nielsen, Professor and Director, School of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

7. Dr. Barry Noon, Associate Professor, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

8. Dr. Ron Trosper, Professor and Director, Native American Forestry Program, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ.

9. Dr. Julia Wondolleck, Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

10. Dr. Linda Hardesty, Associate Professor, Forest and Range Management, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

11. Charles Wilkinson, Professor of Law, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

12. Dr. James Long, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

13. Dr. Margaret Shannon, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration and Center for Environmental Policy and Administration, Syracuse, New York.

The first meeting of the Committee of Scientists is scheduled for December 19, 1997, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois (62 FR 64195, December 4, 1997).

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Brian Eliot Burke,

Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Mandatory Catch Reporting.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection—Emergency Review.

Burden: 117 hours.

Number of Respondents: 700.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine and Fisheries Service in cooperation with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries will implement a pilot mandatory reporting program to conduct a census of the Recreational Winter Bluefin Tuna Harvest in North Carolina. Information on catch levels will be reported to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and will be used for stock assessment and in developing international catch sharing agreements. Anglers that currently report through an automated phone system will be exempted from this requirement during this pilot program.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Officer building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A clearance has been requested by December 19, 1997.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

Current Population Survey (CPS) Fertility and Birth Expectation Supplement; 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Submit written comments on or before February 17, 1998.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Tim Marshall, Bureau of the Census, FOB 3, Room 3340, Washington, DC 20233-8400, (301) 457-3806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau is requesting clearance for the collection of data concerning the Fertility and Birth Expectations Supplement to be conducted in conjunction with the June 1998 CPS. The Census Bureau sponsors the supplement questions, which were previously collected in June 1995, and have been asked periodically since 1971.

This survey provides information used mainly by government and private analysts to project future population growth, to analyze child spacing, and to aid policy makers in their decisions affected by changes in family size and composition. Past studies have discovered noticeable changes in the patterns of fertility rates, family structures, premarital births, and the timing of the first birth. Potential needs for government assistance such as aid to families with dependent children, child care, and maternal health care for single parent households can be estimated using CPS characteristics matched with fertility data. The birth expectations data also assist researchers and analysts who explore issues such as postponement of childbirth because of education or employment responsibilities.

II. Method of Collection

The fertility and birth expectations information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular June CPS interviewing. All interviews are conducted using computer-assisted interviewing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0610.

Form Number: There are no forms.

We conduct all interviewing on computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There are no costs to the respondents other than their time to answer the CPS questions.

Respondents' Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S.C., Section 182; and Title 29, U.S.C., Sections 1-9.

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 11, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-823]

Professional Electric Cutting Tools From Japan; Extension of Time Limits for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of time limits for antidumping duty administrative review

of professional electric cutting tools from Japan.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limits for the final results of the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping order on professional electric cutting tools from Japan. This review covers one manufacturer and exporter of the subject merchandise: Makita Corporation. The period of review is July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 16, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Jacques, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III—Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-1391.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department initiated this administrative review on August 15, 1996 (61 FR 42416). Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results of the aforementioned review to January 7, 1998. See memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, which is on file in Room B-099 at the Department's headquarters.

This extension of time limits is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Secretarial Delegation to the Fifth Session of the West-East Conference of Ministers of Economy, Industry, and Trade, Prague, Czech Republic, January 15-16, 1998.