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Docket Number: 98-005. **Applicant:** University of California, Davis, 1 Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. **Instrument:** Electron Microscope, Model LEEM III. **Manufacturer:** Elmitec Elektronenmikroskopie GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for investigations of the following materials and phenomena: (1) Dynamics of surface structural changes, including nucleation and growth of metal, semiconductor, and oxide overlayers and critical phenomena in surface and island diffusion, (2) structural effects on adsorbates, including segregation, diffusion, and reactivity, and (3) synthesis and characterization of nano-scale materials, including quantum dots, thin-film fullerene polymers, and nanoclusters. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 4, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-006. **Applicant:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1095 Willowdale Road, MS 3014, Morgantown, WV 26505-2888. **Instrument:** Stereological Microscope System, Model BX50. **Manufacturer:** Olympus Denmark, Denmark. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for studies of the neural cell number, cell size and cell density contained in microscopic sections of brain tissue prepared from experimental animals used in occupational safety and health research. The objective of these investigations will be to obtain a greater understanding of how brain cells are affected by exposure to chemicals in the workplace environment. In addition, the instrument will be used for training postdoctoral fellows and staff in biomedical research. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 4, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-007. **Applicant:** University of Minnesota, Neurosurgery Department, Lions Research Building, 2001 Sixth Street, S.E., #421, Minneapolis, MN 55455. **Instrument:** 7-Channel Multi-electrode Manipulator, System Echorn 7. **Manufacturer:** Thomas Recording, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to investigate how the brain processes visual information to move our limbs. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 4, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-008. **Applicant:** University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0359. **Instrument:** Imaging Plate X-ray Detector for Protein Crystallography. **Manufacturer:** MAR Research, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used in a high speed data collection system for protein crystallography using both copper Ka x-ray and molybdenum Ka x-ray to collect data to find the three-dimensional structure of proteins or enzymes using x-ray diffraction methods at very high resolution. In addition, the instrument will be used on a one-to-one basis in the training of graduate students. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 6, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-009. **Applicant:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, Rt. 270 and Quince Orchard Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. **Instrument:** Neutron Velocity Selector. **Manufacturer:** Mirrotron, Ltd., Hungary. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used to monochromate low energy neutrons so that they can be used to probe the microscopic structure of a broad range of advanced materials such as tough plastics, high strength metal alloys, structural ceramics, magnetic recording media, colloidal solutions, liquid crystals, micro-porous materials, etc. **Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:** February 9, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Northeast Region Dealer Purchase Reports; 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 May 11, 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 Kelley McGrath, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01940, (978) 281-9307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Dealer reporting is needed to obtain fishery-dependent data on the landings and purchases of fish and shellfish to monitor, evaluate and enforce fishery regulations, collect basic fisheries statistics (species, pounds, and value), and to collect certain effort information for economic and biological assessment of the stocks.

II. Method of Collection

Dealer purchase forms are provided to respondents. Weekly reports for some species will be made via telephone with an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0229

Form Number: 88-30, 88-142

Type of Review: Regular Submission

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,245

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes for dealer purchase reports (88-30), 30 minutes for shellfish processor reports (88-142), and 4 minutes for IVR reporting. These estimates do not include the time for entries that respondents would make to their own business records as part of their normal business practices.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,391.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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: March 5, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Economic Performance Data for West Coast (California—Alaska) Commercial Fisheries; Proposed Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dave Colpo, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-4251, dave_colpo@psmfc.org; Steve Freese, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 526-6113, Steve.Freese@noaa.gov; or Joe Terry, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-4253, Joe.Terry@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Economic performance data for select West Coast (California-Alaska) commercial fisheries will be collected

for each of the following four groups of operations: (1) On-shore processors; (2) motherships; (3) catcher/processor vessels; and (4) catcher vessels. Companies associated with these groups will be surveyed for expenditure, earnings and employment data. In general, questions will be asked concerning ex-vessel and wholesale prices and revenue, variable and fixed costs, expenditures, dependence on the fisheries, and fishery employment. Data will be collected for participants in the commercial groundfish and salmon marine fisheries, including charter boats operations for California, Oregon and Washington, and for participants in the commercial groundfish and halibut fisheries off Alaska. The data collection efforts will be coordinated to reduce the additional burden for those who participate in multiple fisheries. Each year the principal focus of this data collection program will be on a different set of fisheries or on a different set of participants in these fisheries. The data will be used for the following three purposes: (1) To monitor the economic performance of these fisheries and various components of these fisheries through primary processing; (2) to analyze the economic performance effects of current management measures; and (3) to analyze the economic performance effects of alternative management measures. The measures of economic performance to be supported by this data collection program include the following: (1) Contribution to net National benefit; (2) contribution to income of groups of participants in the fisheries (i.e., fishers, vessel owners, processing plant employees, and processing plant owners); (3) employment; (4) regional economic impacts (income and employment); and (5) factor utilization rates. As required by law, the confidentiality of the data will be protected.

In each year, the data collection effort will focus on a different component of the West Coast fisheries and more limited data will be collected for the previously surveyed components of these fisheries. The latter will be done to update the models that will be used to track economic performance and to evaluate the economic effects of alternative management actions. This cycle of data collection will result in economic performance data being available and updated for all the components of the West Coast fisheries identified above.

The large scale of most of the processing operations involved in these fisheries and of many of the harvesting operations, and the concentration of ownership in many of these fisheries,

particularly off Alaska, means that improved economic data for the management of these fisheries is a high priority for the individuals who will provide data for these fisheries. This is demonstrated by the fact that associations representing many of the Alaskan participants in these fisheries support this data collection effort and have volunteered to assist in proving the data.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected from a sample of the owners and operators of catcher vessels, catcher/processors, on-shore processing plants, and motherships that participate in these fisheries. The data are expected to be collected principally by NMFS and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission economists. Questionnaires will be mailed to the selected members of each of the four survey groups, and in many cases those individuals will be interviewed to ensure the clarity of their responses. To the extent practicable, the data collected will consist of data that the respondents maintain for their own business purposes. Therefore, the collection burden will consist principally of transcribing data from their internal records to the survey instrument and participating in personal interviews. In addition, current data reporting requirements will be evaluated to determine if they can be modified to provide improved economic data at a lower cost to respondents and the Agency. Similarly, it will be determined if some of these data can be collected more effectively and efficiently from the firms that provide bookkeeping and accounting services to participants in West Coast commercial marine fisheries. This data collection method would be used only after obtaining permission to do so from participants in the fisheries.

Response to the surveys described in this **Federal Register** Notice will be voluntary. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council has recommended the development of additional mandatory reporting requirements for economic data. If such requirements are implemented, the data collected with voluntary surveys in Alaska would be decreased.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit (selected harvesters and processors who participate in select West Coast commercial marine fisheries.

Estimated Number of Respondents: (3-year average): 1,471 in total