

steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead. Protective regulations are currently proposed for LCR and UWR chinook salmon (65 FR 169, January 3, 2000) and SnR, MCR, LCR, and UWR steelhead (64 FR 73479, December 30, 1999). NMFS did not act on that part of ODFW and WDFW's permit application. In the future, when NMFS promulgates final rules under section 4(d) of the ESA that will provide take prohibitions for threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened UWR chinook salmon, threatened SnR steelhead, threatened MCR steelhead, threatened LCR steelhead, and threatened UWR steelhead, NMFS may amend the permit to include the authorization for incidental takes of these species as ODFW and WDFW requested in their application. Issuance of the permit does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations.

Rationale for Decision

The decision to issue the permit was made because the Conservation Plan proposed by ODFW and WDFW meets the statutory criteria for issuance of an incidental take permit under section 10 of the ESA. In issuing the permit, NMFS determined that ODFW and WDFW's Conservation Plan provides adequate mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and/or compensate for the anticipated takes of ESA-listed anadromous fish.

The permit was granted only after NMFS determined that the permit was applied for in good faith, that all permit issuance criteria were met, including the requirement that granting the permit would not jeopardize the continued existence of the species, and that the permit is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Wanda L. Cain,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032800F]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Capacity Committee in April, 2000. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 19, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-04922.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will continue its exploration of fishing capacity issues. The Committee will discuss two proposals that may help alleviate problems caused by excess fishing capacity. These two proposals would allow the transfer of permits under certain conditions. The Committee will also discuss other ways to reduce fishing capacity, such as vessel buybacks, allowing vessels to defer fishing effort until stocks rebuild, or combinations of these and other options. The Committee will receive a qualitative report on fisheries in New England that have excessive fishing capacity.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. § 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed applications entitled: AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions. Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, Tracy Stone, Director, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tracy Stone (202) 606-5000, ext. 173.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comment Request

The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program supports a leadership cadre of AmeriCorps members spearheading community efforts to provide young people with five basic promises:

- Caring adults in their lives as parents, mentors, tutors, and coaches;
- Safe places with structured activities in which to learn and grow;
- A healthy start;
- An effective education that equips them with marketable skills; and
- An opportunity to give back to communities through their own service.

The AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions provide the requirements, instructions and forms that current grantees of the program need to complete an application to the Corporation for continued funding.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks public comment on the forms, the instructions for the forms, and the instructions for the narrative portion of these continuation application instructions.

Type of Review: New collection.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Continuation Application Instructions.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Entities in their second or third year of operation as grantees of the Corporation's AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program.

Total Respondents: 66.

Frequency: Once per year.

Average Time Per Response: 25 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1,650 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Thomasenia P. Duncan,

General Counsel.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

National Senior Service Corps; Schedule of Income Eligibility Levels

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice revises the schedules of income eligibility levels for participation in the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) and the Senior Companion Program (SCP) of the Corporation, published at 64 FR 17626 on April 12, 1999.

DATES: These guidelines go into effect on March 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Corporation for National and Community Service, Ruth Archie, National Senior Service Corps, 1201 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20525, or by telephone at (202) 606-5000, ext. 289.

2000 FGP/SCP INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

[Based on 125 percent of DHHS Poverty Guidelines]

States	Family units of:			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except High Cost Areas, Alaska and Hawaii	\$10,440	\$14,065	\$17,690	\$21,315

For family units with more than four members, add \$3,625 for each additional member in all States except designated High Cost Areas, Alaska and Hawaii.

2000 FGP/SCP INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS FOR HIGH COST AREAS

[Based on 135 percent of DHHS Poverty Guidelines]

Area	Family Units of			
	One	Two	Three	Four
All, except Alaska and Hawaii	\$11,275	\$15,190	\$19,105	\$23,020

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revised schedules are based on changes in the Poverty Guidelines issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), published in 65 FR 7555, February 15, 2000. In accordance with program regulations, the income eligibility level for each State, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia is 125 percent of the DHHS Poverty Guidelines, except in those areas determined by the Corporation to be of higher cost of living as of March 1, 2000. In such instances, the guidelines shall be 135 percent of the DHHS Poverty levels. The level of eligibility is rounded to the next highest multiple of \$5.00.

In determining income eligibility, consideration should be given to the following, as set forth in 45 CFR 2551-2553 dated October 1, 1999.

Allowable medical expenses are annual out-of-pocket expenses for health insurance premiums, health care services, and medications provided to the applicant, enrollee, or spouse and were not and will not be paid for by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurance, or by any other third party and, must not exceed 15 percent of the applicable Corporation income guideline.

Annual income is counted for the past 12 months and includes: The applicant or enrollee's income and the applicant or enrollee's spouse's income, if the spouse lives in the same residence. Sponsors must count the value of shelter, food, and clothing, if provided at no cost by persons related to the applicant, enrollee or spouse.

Any person whose income is not more than 100 percent of the DHHS Poverty Guideline for her/his specific family unit shall be given special consideration for participation in the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs.