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**Background:** Technology has changed dramatically since the start of the agency's telecommunications program in 1949. The telecommunications equipment supply sector is very different, and far more complex and diverse, today than it was over 60 years ago. Product life cycles have accelerated, innovations abound and new suppliers have entered the market.

In this new technology environment, Rural Development must operate efficiently and effectively under current budgetary constraints. Maintaining the List of Materials, which includes a product by product review, simply cannot be sustained under our current budget and with our limited staff.

To protect our loan security and compliance with continuing Buy America statutory mandates, we will transition from a listing process to an approach which ensures that construction financed by RUS meets applicable industry standards. This new approach will be incorporated into our review of individual projects and the approval of loan advances.

Although the agency is ending the publication of the list, it is not ending its insistence that infrastructure financed by taxpayers through our program conform to the highest technical standards. It is also not altering its statutory Buy America obligations. In addition to facilitating government efficiency, this new approach will give our customers increased flexibility to find and deploy technology that meets the specific needs of their customers. Our staff stands prepared to work with applicants and borrowers to help them deploy effective technology that meets the needs of the rural communities they serve.

In addition, RUS understands that many borrowers that have put contracts out to bid requiring utilization of the List of Materials. In these cases, borrowers have two choices. First, they can cancel the bid solicitation or modify the solicitation to extend the bid date or clarify the bidding terms based upon the List of Materials no longer being available. Or two, they can require that bidders still follow the List of Materials that was in effect on the date the contract was put out to bid. In the event a potential bidder does not have a copy of the List of Materials that was in effect on the date the contract was put out to bid, the bidder may contact RUS staff for assistance in determining whether certain equipment was on the approved list at the time. RUS staff stand ready to

assist all customers during this transition period.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

**Jonathan Adelstein,**

*Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Massachusetts State Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the Massachusetts State Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12 p.m. (E.D.T.) on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the Suffolk Law School, 120 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02108. The purpose of the meeting is for project planning.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days of the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 9th Street, NW., Suite 740, Washington, DC 20425. They may be faxed to (202) 376-7548, or e-mailed to [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records generated from this this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

Deaf or hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting(s) and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Eastern Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, on May 23, 2011.

**Peter Minarik,**

*Acting Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).  
**Title:** Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Scientific Research Permits, Exempted Fishing Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment, Display Permits, and Shark Research Fishery Permits.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0471.

**Form Number(s):** NA.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission (extension with revisions of a current information collection).

**Number of Respondents:** 75.

**Average Hours per Response:** Research plans, 2 hours; permit applications and annual reports, 40 minutes; amendments to permits, 15 minutes; interim reports, 1 hour; departure calls for collection of display animals, 5 minutes; notifications for observer coverage, 10 minutes; tag applications, 2 minutes.

**Burden Hours:** 236.

**Needs and Uses:** Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), Scientific Research Permits (SRPs), Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment (LOAs), and Shark Research Permits are issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Issuance of EFPs and related permits are necessary for the collection of Highly Migratory Species (HMS) for public display and scientific research that is exempt from regulations (e.g., seasons, prohibited species, authorized gear, and minimum sizes) that may prohibit the collection of live animals or biological samples. A Display Permit is issued for the collection of HMS for the purpose of public display whereas a Shark Research Permit allows the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and commercial shark fishermen to conduct

cooperative research to collect fishery-dependent data for management of the Atlantic shark fishery.

Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not consider scientific research to be “fishing,” scientific research is exempt from this statute, and NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (e.g., research conducted from a research vessel and not a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species that are regulated only under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (e.g., most species of sharks) and not under ATCA. NMFS requests copies of scientific research plans for these activities and indicates concurrence by issuing a LOA to researchers to indicate that the proposed activity meets the definition of research and is therefore exempt from regulation.

Scientific research is not exempt from regulation under ATCA. NMFS issues SRPs for collection of species managed under this statute (e.g., tunas, swordfish, billfish), which authorize researchers to collect HMS from bona fide research vessels (e.g., NMFS or university research vessel.) NMFS will issue an EFP when research/collection involving Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and billfishes occurs from commercial or recreational fishing platforms.

To regulate these fishing activities, NMFS needs information to determine the justification of granting an EFP, LOA, SRP, Display or Shark Research Permit. The application requirements are detailed at 50 CFR 600.745(b)(2). Interim, annual and no-catch/fishing reports must also be submitted to the HMS Management Division within NMFS. The authority for the HMS Management Division for requiring this information is found at 50 CFR 635.32(a).

**Revisions:** Shark research permit application forms are now separate from those for other research permits. In addition, shark research observers are no longer required to apply for research permits.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** Annually and on occasion.  
**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:**  
*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of

Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Dated: May 24, 2011.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 36-2011]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 277—Western Maricopa County, AZ; Application for Reorganization Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Greater Maricopa Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 277, requesting authority to reorganize the zone under the alternative site framework (ASF) adopted by the Board (74 FR 1170, 1/12/09 (correction 74 FR 3987, 1/22/09); 75 FR 71069-71070, 11/22/10). The ASF is an option for grantees for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones and can permit significantly greater flexibility in the designation of new “usage-driven” FTZ sites for operators/users located within a grantee’s “service area” in the context of the Board’s standard 2,000-acre activation limit for a general-purpose zone project. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on May 23, 2011.

FTZ 277 was approved by the Board on December 22, 2010 (Board Order 1733, 76 FR 1134, 01/07/2011). The current zone project includes the following sites: *Site 1* (230 acres)—within the 416-acre Airport Gateway at Goodyear industrial complex, Bullard Avenue and Van Buren Street, Goodyear; *Site 2* (133 acres)—within the 286-acre Surprise Pointe Business Park, Waddell Road and Litchfield Road, Surprise; *Site 3* (235 acres)—within the 1,600-acre Palm Valley 303 Industrial Park, Camelback Road and State Road 303, Goodyear; and, *Site 4* (320 acres)—

within the 1,314-acre 10 West Logistics Center, Van Buren Street and Interstate 10 at 339th Avenue, Maricopa County.

The grantee’s proposed service area under the ASF would be western Maricopa County, Arizona, as described in the application. If approved, the grantee would be able to serve sites throughout the service area based on companies’ needs for FTZ designation. The proposed service area is adjacent to the Phoenix U.S. Customs and Border Protection port of entry.

The applicant is requesting authority to reorganize its existing zone project to include all of the existing sites as “magnet” sites. No usage-driven sites are being requested at this time.

In accordance with the Board’s regulations, Christopher Kemp of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board’s Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is July 26, 2011. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to August 10, 2011.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the “Reading Room” section of the Board’s Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Christopher Kemp at *Christopher.Kemp@trade.gov* or (202) 482-0862.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

**Andrew McGilvray,**  
*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 37-2011]

#### Foreign-Trade Zone 170—Clark County, IN; Application for Reorganization (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board