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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Amber Himes-Cornell, 206-526-4221 or amber.himes@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Ocean Service (NOS) and National Marine Fisheries Service's Alaska Fisheries Science Center propose to collect data on non-economic values related to subsistence salmon fishing and use in Alaska. Data are needed to support Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) and resource restoration analysis and activities. NRDA is a legal process to determine the type and amount of restoration needed to compensate the public for harm to natural resources and their human uses that occur as a result of an oil spill or other hazardous substance release. Through the NRDA process, NOAA and co-trustees identify the extent of natural resource injuries and the amount and type of restoration required to restore public trust resources to baseline conditions.

For this study, researchers have developed a survey instrument to quantify non-economic values, including (1) the value subsistence fishing adds to an individual or community's way of life, (2) the value of the subsistence resources in cultural or religious practices, roles, language, knowledge and skill transfer and (3) the value of the subsistence resources harvested. Alaska, with an abundance of natural and energy resources that are co-located with subsistence harvesting grounds, is a logical place for NOAA to develop assessment tools. This pilot

project tests a set of survey questions for their ability to provide NOAA with adequate information to assess non-economic values of subsistence resource harvest that might be damaged by a hazardous substance release event. We focus on Alaska's subsistence salmon fishery because of its size, geographic range, and significance to multiple types of communities, families and individual commercial, recreational, and subsistence fishermen. We further focus on subsistence use of salmon because of its importance to rural residents and Alaska Natives who rely on natural resources for food, shelter, clothing, the maintenance of cultural traditions, and other aspects of Alaskan Native life. The data collection is expected to take place between fall 2015 and spring 2016.

II. Method of Collection

Members of the research team will administer a questionnaire in person in an interview-style setting with each respondent.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 450.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: October 16, 2014.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Contingent Valuation Surveys To Assess Value of Selected Hurricane Sandy Restoration Efforts in New York and New Jersey

AGENCY: National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

Superstorm Sandy caused significant damage to the New York and New Jersey coast. There are numerous ongoing and planned projects to repair the damage caused by the storm. The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2012 provided NOAA with funding to assess the ecosystem service values associated with restoration options being considered in the wake of Sandy. Two geographic areas that were particularly impacted by the Storm were the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in

New Jersey and Jamaica Bay in New York. Under this collection effort, the NOAA Office for Coastal Management will implement a contingent valuation survey to assess the value of the ecosystem services that will be generated by restoration projects being implemented in both areas. Data will be collected from individuals who reside in the New York and New Jersey areas. NOAA will implement two separate surveys: One for each geographic area.

There are a number of restoration projects that are ongoing in the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and in Jamaica Bay. After reviewing the scope and focus of many of those restoration projects, NOAA has decided to focus on two specific projects. For the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, NOAA will focus on the work being done under a \$15 million project being conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Forsythe project will focus on restoring and enhancing the salt marsh at the Refuge to act as a natural protection from storms and to act as a habitat for wildlife. In assessing ecosystem service benefits for the Forsythe restoration work, NOAA will focus on the value of the salt marsh for storm protection, habitat, and recreation, as well as other possible ecosystem services.

The Jamaica Bay area has a number of planned and ongoing projects. NOAA has decided to focus on work being conducted at Spring Creek Park on the northern point of Jamaica Bay. The restoration work at the park will involve improving habitat and storm and flood protection. NOAA will focus on the associated ecosystem services from habitat improvements and the added storm and flood protection.

NOAA is currently contacting and working with partners and stakeholders at each site to ensure the relevancy of this work.

II. Method of Collection

NOAA will collect these data using a web-based survey instrument and will be using an online panel. The panel will consist of individuals who reside in the two areas. A number of firms maintain online panels to use in survey efforts. These firms recruit individuals to be part of the panels and target their recruitment efforts to develop panels that are representative of the general population. Individuals who are part of these panels have agreed to participate in online surveys. To access the panel, NOAA will contract with one of the firms who maintains an online panel.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 134 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in capital and reporting/recording costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Catcher Processor Socio-Cultural Study

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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Historically, changes in fisheries management regulations have been shown to result in impacts to individuals within the fishery. An understanding of social impacts in fisheries—achieved through the collection of data on fishing communities, as well as on individuals who fish—is a requirement under several federal laws. Laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) (as amended 2007) describe such requirements. The collection of this data not only helps to inform legal requirements for the existing management actions, but will inform future management actions requiring equivalent information.

Fisheries rationalization programs have an impact on those individuals participating in the affected fishery, as well as their communities and may also have indirect effects on other fishery participants. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering the implementation of a new, yet to be defined, rationalization program for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fishery. A data collection was conducted in 2014 (OMB Control No. 0648-0685) to obtain relevant socio-cultural information about current participants in most sectors of this fishery.

The proposed data collection complements this 2014 effort by collecting comparable information from individuals participating in the catcher processor fleet that operates in the North Pacific. The data collected will be used to develop a baseline description of the catcher processor sector operating in the North Pacific that can be used to analyze impacts that future fisheries management changes, such as the new bycatch management changes being