

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****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 Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

*Title:* Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) Membership Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0070.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000 per year.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 500 per year.

*Needs and Uses:* The information requested will allow NIST to fill new positions created within the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) and to replace positions vacated by resignation or rotation. Over 550 OSAC Members participate in the OSAC with up to 1/3 of them being eligible for reappointment or replacement each year. This effort provides a coordinated U.S. approach to the development of scientifically sound forensic science standards and ensures broad participation from forensic science practitioners, researchers, metrologists, quality assurance experts, defense, and prosecution.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Once a year.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Weather Modification Activities Reports**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 30, 2018.

**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 [pracomment@doc.gov](mailto:pracomment@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kandis Boyd, (301) 734-1026 or [weather.modification@noaa.gov](mailto:weather.modification@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This request is for reinstatement, without changes, of a current information collection.

Section 6(b) of Public Law 92-205 requires that persons who engage in weather modification activities (e.g., cloud seeding) provide reports prior to and after the activity. They are also required to maintain certain records. The requirements are detailed in 15 CFR part 908. NOAA uses the data for scientific research, historical statistics, international reports and other purposes.

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0025.

*Form Number:* NOAA Forms 17-4 and 17-4A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (reinstatement without change).

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 55.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes per report (2 reports each).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 55.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$275 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: January 23, 2018.

**Sarah Brabson,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews for the Endangered Fin Whale, Endangered Gray Whale Western North Pacific Distinct Population Segment, and Endangered Sei Whale**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of 5-year reviews; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces its intent to conduct 5-year reviews for the endangered fin whale (*Baleaenoptera physalus*), the endangered gray whale