

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 24, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0794 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Keeley Kent, Groundfish Branch Chief, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–6349, (206) 247–8252, [keeley.kent@noaa.gov](mailto:keeley.kent@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

On February 23, 2021, NMFS published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (86 FR 10857) allowing a Pacific whiting sector cooperative or group of vessels to develop a Salmon Mitigation Plan (SMP) to promote reduction in Chinook salmon bycatch. The SMP is a voluntary agreement by a Pacific whiting fishery Mothership (MS), Catcher/processor (C/P), or Pacific whiting individual fishing quota (IFQ) fishery group to manage Chinook salmon bycatch. The SMP would be approved by NMFS. Those groups with an approved SMP would be required to provide an annual postseason report to the Council and NMFS no later than March 31. The report would describe the group's use of Chinook salmon bycatch avoidance measures and an evaluation of the effectiveness of those measures. It would also describe any amendments to the terms of the SMP that were approved by NMFS during the

fishing year in which the SMP was approved and the reasons that the amendments to the SMP were made. The rule also established that vessels with a NMFS-approved SMP have access to the Chinook salmon bycatch reserve regardless of NMFS implementing other inseason measures to minimize salmon bycatch. Participation in an SMP is voluntary; however, any vessel that chooses not to participate in an SMP would be subject to additional salmon bycatch minimization measures prior to being allowed access to the reserve. The associated regulations are found at 50 CFR part 660. OMB approved the collection-of-information requirements contained in the final rule on March 10, 2021, under OMB Control Number 0648–0794 (Pacific Coast Groundfish Salmon Bycatch Minimization).

**II. Method of Collection**

The designated SMP representative will have the option of submitting a proposed SMP and/or postseason SMP report to NMFS electronically or by mail.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0794.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 14.

*Estimated Time per Response:* SMP proposal (10 hours), SMP amendment (3 hours), Administrative appeals for disapproved SMP (6 hours), SMP postseason report (8 hours).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 113 burden hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$49.66.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Legal Authority:* 50 CFR 660.

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the

reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burdens.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice's publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the website's search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the “comment” button next to the information collection on the “OIRA Information Collections Under Review” page, or the “View ICR—Agency

Submission” page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to OIRA may also be submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission or CFTC) by clicking on the “Submit Comment” box next to the descriptive entry for OMB Control No. 3038–0005, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/FederalRegister/PublicInfo.aspx>.

Or by either of the following methods:

- **Mail:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- **Hand Delivery/Courier:** Same as Mail above.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. You should only submit information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.<sup>1</sup> The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amanda Olear, Director, (202) 418–6700, [aolear@cftc.gov](mailto:aolear@cftc.gov); Pamela Geraghty, Deputy Director, (202) 418–5634, [pgeraghty@cftc.gov](mailto:pgeraghty@cftc.gov); Peter Sanchez, Acting Associate Director, (202) 418–5237, [psanchez@cftc.gov](mailto:psanchez@cftc.gov); or Elizabeth Groover, Special Counsel, (202) 418–5985, [egroover@cftc.gov](mailto:egroover@cftc.gov), Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Rules Relating to the Operations and Activities of Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors and to Monthly Reporting by Futures Commission Merchants (OMB Control No. 3038–0005). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Abstract:** The various collections of information required by part 4 of the Commission’s regulations were previously approved by OMB in accordance with the PRA and assigned OMB control number 3038–0005.<sup>2</sup> The Commission offers the following summary of the renewal and the resulting impact on existing burden hour estimates associated with this information collection. The Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) empowers the Commission with the authority to require commodity pool operators (CPOs) and commodity trading advisors (CTAs) to maintain books and records and to file reports as required by the Commission.<sup>3</sup> The Commission also has the power to promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary to implement the purposes of the CEA.<sup>4</sup> It is pursuant to this authority that the Commission has promulgated the various compliance requirements for CPOs and CTAs in 17 CFR part 4. The reporting, filing, and recordkeeping requirements within part 4 of the Commission’s regulations were adopted to assist and inform customers, to establish customer protection initiatives for investors, to facilitate monitoring intermediary compliance with part 4 regulations by the Commission and its delegatee, the National Futures Association (NFA), and to enable the Commission to better monitor the market risks posed by its registrants. The information collections are necessary to enable the Commission and NFA to accomplish the purposes of both the CEA and the compliance regime set forth in part 4 of the Commission’s regulations.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. On July 12, 2023, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 88 FR 44280 (60-Day Notice). The Commission did not receive any relevant substantive comments on the 60-Day Notice.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR part 4.

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 6m(3).

<sup>4</sup> 7 U.S.C. 8a(5).

**Burden Statement:** The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** (1) All persons filing reports required by 17 CFR part 4, and (2) all principals of such persons.

**Estimated number of respondents:** 49,083.

**Estimated number of exempt pools/reports per respondent:** 8.8.

**Estimated total annual burden on respondents:** 432,325 hours.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*)

Dated: September 19, 2023.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### U.S. Army Science Board Closed Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of a closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (as amended) and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations 102–3.140 through 160, the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting of the U.S. Army Science Board (ASB) Fall voting session.

**Name of Committee:** U.S. Army Science Board.

**Date:** Tuesday, 26 September 2023.

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Crystal City Marriott at Regan National Airport, 1999 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**Purpose of Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is for ASB members to review, deliberate, and vote on the findings and recommendations presented for two Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 studies.

**Agenda:** Briefing, deliberation, and vote on the following studies:

“Testing, Validating, and Protecting Army use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Models.” This FY23 study contains Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) and will be presented in a closed session at 08:45–10:00 a.m.

“Advanced Concepts to Support Army Warfighting Functions in the Indo-Pacific.” This FY23 study contains CUI and will be presented in a closed session at 10:15–11:30 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** ASB, Designated Federal Officer (DFO),

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.