

3. More effectively mitigate the effects of natural hazards;
4. Improve national and homeland security;
5. Reduce public health risks;
6. More effectively protect and restore healthy coastal ecosystems; and
7. Enable the sustained use of ocean and coastal resources.

**DATE AND TIME:** The draft PEA is available for public review and comment through April 30, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment on the draft PEA, you may email comments to Regina Evans at [regina.evans@noaa.gov](mailto:regina.evans@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regina Evans, U.S. IOOS, Regions Budget & Policy Division, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1225, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone 301-427-2422; Fax 301-427-2073; Email [regina.evans@noaa.gov](mailto:regina.evans@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft PEA for U.S. IOOS is available online at [http://ioos.noaa.gov/about/governance/environmental\\_compliance.html](http://ioos.noaa.gov/about/governance/environmental_compliance.html).

**Authority:** Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (33 U.S.C. 3601-3610).

Dated: March 18, 2014.

**Zdenka S. Willis,**

*Director, U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Requesting Nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Protected Areas Center, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for nominations and notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (Department) is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior in implementing Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, specifically on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of marine protected

areas (MPAs) and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs. Nominations are sought for highly qualified non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and people representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine protected areas including in the Great Lakes. Ten members of the Committee have terms that expire June 30, 2014, and nominations are sought to fill these vacancies.

**DATES:**

*Nominations:* Nominations must be received on or before May 30, 2014.

*Meeting:* The Committee will meet at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary office in Galveston, Texas on June 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These times and the agenda items below are subject to change. For the most recent agenda, see: <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/meetings/>

**ADDRESSES:**

*Nominations:* Nominations should be sent to Nicole Capps at West Coast Region, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 99 Pacific Street, Suite 100F, Monterey, CA, 93940, or [Nicole.capps@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicole.capps@noaa.gov). Electronic submissions are acceptable.

*Meeting:* Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA Galveston Lab, 4700 Avenue U, Building 216, Galveston, Texas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lauren Wenzel, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 301-713-7265, [lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 13158 directed the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested people and organizations through a Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee was established in June 2003 and includes 20 members.

The Committee meets at least twice annually; meetings may be in person or via teleconference/webinar. Committee members serve one, four-year nonrenewable term. Members of the Committee are not compensated for their time, but their travel expenses associated with attending Committee meetings are reimbursed.

*Nominations:* Anyone is eligible to nominate and self-nominations will be accepted. Each nomination submission should include Nominations should provide: (1) The nominee's full name,

title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee's area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to the kinds of advice being solicited, and (4) a resume or CV not to exceed four pages in length. Nominations may choose to include letters of support (no more than three) describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. The intent is to select from the nominees; however, NOAA retains the prerogative to nominate people to the Committee that were not nominated through the process outlined in this FRN if it deems it is necessary to achieve the desired balance. Once selected, Committee members' names will be posted at: <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/>.

Individuals seeking membership on the Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a related field or represent a stakeholder interest in MPAs. Nominees also will be evaluated based on the following factors: marine policy experience; leadership and organizational skills; region of country represented; and member demographics. The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. The full text of the Committee charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's Web page at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov>.

*Meeting:* The meeting is open to the public, and public comment will be accepted from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted by May 29, 2014 to [lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov).

The focus of the Committee's meeting will be the completion of recommendations to the Departments of Commerce and the Interior that address the Committee's charge related to enhancing and managing recreational activities in MPAs and expanding stakeholder engagement. The Committee will meet with representatives from National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils to discuss fostering links between MPA programs on issues of common interest. The agenda will be posted at <http://marineprotectedareas.noaa.gov/fac/meetings/>.

Dated: March 26, 2014.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps State Commission Support Grant Application Instructions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mr. James Stone at 202-606-6885 or via email [jstone@cns.gov](mailto:jstone@cns.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

(1) By fax to: 202-395-6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or

(2) By email to: [smar@omb.eop.gov](mailto:smar@omb.eop.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, 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;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to 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.

### **Comments**

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 2013. This comment period ended October 28, 2013. Six entities provided comments. Individual comments and the disposition of each are addressed below.

Two commenters focused on several aspects of how performance of state service commissions will be assessed. One commenter asked how progress toward state service plan objectives by commissions will be assessed. CNCS will expect commissions to report annually the progress they are making toward outcomes they identify in the theory of change logic model they submit with the Commission Support Grant Application. In addition, CNCS believes that capacity building is a critical activity shared by all state service commissions. Given this capacity building role, CNCS will require commissions to measure their performance against at least one aligned set of capacity building National Performance Measures.

Two commenters stated that evaluation by CNCS would be a more effective mechanism for commission assessment than using performance measures or assessing accomplishment against a theory of change logic model. One commenter specifically mentioned resurrecting the State Administrative Standards project as a model of this type of evaluation. CNCS agrees that periodic inspection and evaluation can be effective ways to assess the impact of a project, verify compliance and confirm the accuracy of reported values. CNCS will continue to conduct risk-based monitoring site visits to ensure program compliance and verify performance accomplishments. CNCS also believes that all grantees, including commissions, must have ways of regularly assessing their performance and reporting their accomplishments. Because a theory of change logic model allows performance and accomplishments to be assessed within a consistent and well-understood framework, CNCS will require state

service commissions to submit a theory of change logic model and to select at least one aligned set of capacity building national performance measures as the basis for reporting on their accomplishments.

One commenter expressed the opinion that better measures of value for a state service commission include the number of leveraged volunteers, geographic coverage of programming, compliance of subgrantees, and program development and growth. CNCS agrees with the commenter about the importance of these measures and intends to review these values in any assessment of state service commissions. CNCS expects commissions to report on these values in periodic progress reports rather than in the application for funding. CNCS staff has listened to state commissions that have expressed a desire to have a better method to capture the full value of a state commission's strategic efforts to address the critical needs of the state. Allowing commissions to articulate their priorities through a theory of change logic model is intended to give commissions the flexibility to communicate and define the intensions they have for national service in their state. And it also gives commissions a measure of control in how they may be assessed to reflect differences across state priorities.

One commenter expressed a desire that CNCS take a more consultative approach with commissions to create better methods to capture the value of state commissions and their contribution to national service. CNCS looks forward to receiving input from state commissions and will expand ways to collaborate to improve the way commission performance is assessed. To that end, the development of commission-appropriate national performance measures is especially important. CNCS expects that states will select applicant-determined measures that will best capture aspects of commission outputs and outcomes as we move forward. CNCS anticipates that, through collaboration, these applicant-determined measures could be the basis of commission-specific national performance measures in the future.

One commenter expressed the opinion that the requirement to submit an application, a theory of change logic model, and performance measures, runs counter to Section 178(f) of the Serve America Act. This particular statutory provision gives the agency the option of waiving some types of administrative requirements otherwise applicable to grants made to states. However,