DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Rescission of NOAA Policy on Prohibited and Approved Uses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announces the rescission of its previously published NOAA Policy on Prohibited and Approved Uses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 2011 (76 FR 16386), NOAA published in the Federal Register its Policy on Prohibited and Approved Uses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund. That Policy articulated the prohibited and approved uses of asset forfeiture funds to ensure that no conflict of interest—either real or perceived—could be associated with its use while continuing to promote a sound enforcement program dedicated to conserving and protecting our nation’s marine resources. NOAA has recently revised its Policy on Prohibited and Approved Uses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund; therefore, this serves as Notice of the rescission of the NOAA Policy published on March 23, 2011. A copy of NOAA’s revised Policy on Prohibited and Approved Uses of the Asset Forfeiture Fund can be found at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/index.html.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

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Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Planning, Protection or Restoration

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 September 14, 2015.

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 Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Patmarie Nedelka, (301) 713–9155 ext. 127 or Patmarie.Nedelka@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

The FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) to protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion, and to issue guidelines for this program delineating the criteria for grant awards. The guidelines establish procedures for eligible applicants who choose to participate in the program to use when developing state conservation plans, proposing or soliciting projects under this program, applying for funds, and carrying out projects under this program in a manner that is consistent with the purposes of the program. Guidelines for the CELCP can be found on NOAA’s Web site at: http://www.coast.noaa.gov/czm/land_conservation/or may be obtained upon