DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, the NOAA Administrator, on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

DATE AND TIME: The public meeting will be held from September 16–18, 2015, September 16, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and September 18, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All meeting times are EDT.

LOCATION: Silver Spring, MD, with the meeting location to be posted online at the Web site below. Please refer to the following Web site for updates on the location, agenda, presentations, speaker’s biographies, and Web conferencing service sign up: http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings.htm and http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_washingtondc.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm, or contact Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis, HSRP Program Manager, National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/NSD), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301–713–2702 ext. 199; Email: lynne.mersfelder@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public and public comment periods (on-site) will be scheduled at various times throughout the meeting. Public comment periods will be included in the draft and final agendas posted on the HSRP Web site listed above and written comments are welcome in advance. Each individual or group making verbal comments will be limited to a total of five (5) minutes. Comments will be recorded. Advance written comments should be submitted to Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov by September 4, 2015. Public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov by September 4, 2015. The HSRP meeting will provide Web conferencing service and teleconference capability for access to listen and observe the meeting presentations. Members of the public who wish to participate virtually must register at least a day in advance by September 15, 2015. The meeting times, topics, and speakers are subject to change. For updated information and to register for the Web conferencing service, please refer to http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: National and Federal partners and stakeholders will present to the HSRP on issues relevant to NOAA’s navigation services. Navigation services includes the data, products, and services provided by the NOAA programs and activities which undertake geodetic observations, gravity modeling, shoreline mapping, bathymetric mapping, hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, tide and water level observations, current observations, and marine modeling. This suite of geospatial data, products and services support safe and efficient navigation, resilient coasts and communities, and the nationwide positioning information infrastructure to build America for the future.

The Panel will hear from Federal agencies and non-Federal associations about their mission or business uses for NOAA’s navigation services; what value these services bring; and what improvements could be made to NOAA’s navigation services. Other business will include reports by the HSRP working groups on their progress or results in response to NOAA’s tasking on coastal intelligence and resilience, and emerging Arctic priorities.

The Panel will consider input from these discussions to develop recommendations for the NOAA Under Secretary to improve NOAA’s navigation services.
The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at §§648.74, 648.75, and 648.76 form the basis for this collection of information. We request information from surfclam and ocean quahog individual transferable quota (ITQ) permit holders to issue ITQ permits and to process and track requests from permit holders to transfer quota share or cage tags. We also request information from surfclam and ocean quahog ITQ permit holders to track and properly account for surfclams and ocean quahogs harvest shucked at sea. Because there is not a standard conversion factor for estimating unshucked product from shucked product, NMFS requires vessels that shuck product at sea to carry on board the vessel a NMFS-approved observer to certify the amount of these clams harvested. This information, upon receipt, results in an efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ.

Georges Bank has been closed to the harvest of surfclams and ocean quahogs since 1990 due to red tide blooms that cause paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP). In 2013, a portion of Georges Bank was reopened with certain restrictions. We request information from surfclam and ocean quahog ITQ permit holders who fish in the reopened portion of the Georges Bank Closed Area to ensure compliance with the Protocol for Onboard Screening and Dockside Testing in Molluscan Shellfish. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the commercial fishing industry, and NMFS developed the PSP protocol to test and verify that clams harvested from Georges Bank continue to be safe for human consumption. The National Shellfish Sanitation Program adopted the PSP protocol at the October 2011 Interstate Shellfish Sanitation Conference.

II. Method of Collection

Forms are online at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sgea_forms/forms.htm as “fillable” pdf documents, which can then be downloaded, printed, and faxed or mailed to NMFS. ITQ transfer forms may also be submitted electronically. Information for the PSP protocol is submitted through paper forms, as well as through electronic methods, including email, telephone, and shipboard electronic equipment such as VHF radio, email, or a vessel monitoring system.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0240.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 189.

Estimated Time per Response: ITQ permit application form, review of a pre-filled ITQ ownership form for renewing entities, ITQ transfer form, 5 minutes each; 1 hour to complete the ITQ ownership form for new applicants; and 30 minutes for the application to shuck surfclams and ocean quahogs at sea. The requirements under the PSP protocol are based on the number of vessels that land surfclams or ocean quahogs and the number of trips taken into the area, with a total estimated annual burden of 2,400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,538.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $111,764 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 Office of Management and Budget approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Internet Assigned Numbers Authority Stewardship Transition Consolidated Proposal and Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers Accountability Enhancements; Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates of a comment period during which the public is invited to provide input on two interrelated multistakeholder community proposals. Together, the proposals set forth a plan for transitioning NTIA’s stewardship role over the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions. The purpose of this notice is to encourage interested parties to comment on the two connected proposals—the IANA Stewardship Transition Plan and the Enhancements to Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) Accountability Related to the IANA Stewardship Transition. NTIA will utilize the input provided in making its determination of whether the proposals have received broad community support and whether the plan satisfies the criteria required to transition its stewardship role.

DATES: Comments on the IANA Stewardship Transition Plan are due on or before September 8, 2015; comments on the Enhancements to ICANN Accountability are due on or before September 12, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the IANA Stewardship Transition Proposal should be submitted at https://www.iana.org/calls-for-input/combined-proposal-public-comment-period/. Written comments on the proposed Enhancements to ICANN’s Accountability should be submitted at https://www.icann.org/public-comments/ccwg-accountability-2015-08-03-en.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: