

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 information collection request. 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,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NOAA Diving Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce 2.

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 October 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0822 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 NOAA Diving Center Executive Officer, NOAA Diving Program, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 8, Seattle, WA 98115, 206-526-6460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

The NOAA Diving Program (NDP) is administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and is headquartered at the NOAA Western Regional Center (WRC) in Seattle, Washington. The NDP provides the guidelines, policy, and training for all NOAA Divers, which includes all NOAA employees who dive, as well as contractors and volunteers, among others, who conduct diving operations.

With more than 300 divers, NOAA has the largest complement of divers of any civilian federal agency. NOAA Divers conduct operations in our nation's waters and beyond in support of NOAA's scientific research and operations. They are called upon to work in various conditions ranging from the warm, clear waters of a marine sanctuary, to the cold, murky waters of a commercial harbor. The tasks NOAA Divers complete are as varied as the waters they dive in, with most divers supporting projects and research of the National Ocean Service (NOS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO).

NOAA Divers are required to maintain a high level of proficiency, both in practice (in the water) and in theoretical understanding (academic learning) in order to continue to dive at NOAA. In addition, NOAA Divers must maintain medical fitness to dive and are required to send their diving equipment out for maintenance as scheduled. If requirements are not met, divers may become unauthorized to dive or suspended. In order to become NOAA Divers, candidates must first submit a diving physical to the NOAA Diving

Medical Officers to determine if they are medically fit to dive. After that, divers must complete medical documentation annually to maintain authorization to dive. To maintain fitness to dive, it is imperative that divers recognize the need for a continual and aggressive exercise program that exceeds basic health maintenance standards.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected electronically via email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0822.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission [extension of an approved collection].

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 141.

Estimated Time per Response: The time for response varies depending on the collection instrument. The response times range from one minute to two hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 336.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$ 11,700 This is an upper bound estimate that assumes that respondents providing a Report of Examination and Medical History—Diver do not have private insurance. If all respondents have private insurance, the estimated annual cost would be approximately \$1,750 which assumes a \$35 co-pay.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: 29 CFR Subpart T, Commercial Diving Operations.

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.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Renewal of the Innovation Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Innovation Advisory Committee (IAC). The Commission has determined that the renewal of the IAC is necessary and in the public's interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Passalacqua, Senior Advisor to Chairman Michael S. Selig and IAC Designated Federal Officer, at 202–418–5052 or MPassalacqua@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 1008, and 41 CFR 102–3.65, the CFTC is announcing the IAC's renewal and providing the below Commission-approved public interest determination. The IAC's objectives and scope of activities are to assist the Commission by providing advice on the impact and implications of technological innovation in the financial services markets. The IAC will also provide advice on the application and utilization of new technologies in the financial services markets, as well as by market professionals and market users. The IAC may further provide advice to the Commission on the appropriate level of investment in technology at the Commission to meet its surveillance and enforcement responsibilities, and inform the Commission's consideration of technology-related issues to support the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the markets and

achievement of other public interest objectives. The IAC will operate for two years from the date of renewal unless the Commission directs that the IAC terminate on an earlier date. A copy of the renewal charter will be posted on the CFTC's website at www.cftc.gov.

Public Interest Determination

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.60(a), to establish, renew, reestablish, or merge a discretionary (agency discretion) advisory committee, an agency must first consult with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat (the Secretariat) and, as part of the consultation, provide a written public interest determination approved by the head of the agency to the Secretariat with a copy to the Office of Management and Budget. In addition, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.35, an agency shall follow the same consultation process and document in writing the same determination of need before creating a subcommittee under a discretionary committee that is not made up entirely of members of a parent advisory committee.

Information on the following factors for the committee is provided to the Secretariat to demonstrate that renewing the committee is in the public interest:

1. *Annual budget:* The estimated annual operating cost for supporting the IAC is \$83,581.88 and includes:

a. *Federal personnel on a full-time equivalent (FTE) basis:* .50.

b. *Other Federal internal costs:* \$6,636.27.

c. *Proposed payments to members:* The CFTC does not compensate IAC members for their services. However, there are government costs (salary and benefits) for Federal members which are estimated at \$2,071.00.

d. *Proposed number of members:* Approximately 40–45.

e. *Reimbursable Costs:* \$811.11.

2. *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* N/A.

3. *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership:* IAC members are selected to represent a balance of viewpoints that reflect the groups and entities potentially affected by or interested in the IAC's recommendations, and are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered by the IAC. The IAC will consist of members who reflect a wide array of background and have the technical expertise and qualifications to share their experiences and views on the opportunities and risks that may be associated with technological innovation, including in the derivatives

and commodities markets, and ways that the Commission can utilize innovative technologies in carrying out its mission.

4. *List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:*

In addition to the IAC, the CFTC has one statutory committee that Congress has exempted from the FACA and one discretionary FACA committee:

(a) Agricultural Advisory Committee (discretionary)

(b) Energy and Environmental Markets Advisory Committee (statutory)

5. *Justification that the information or advice provided by the Federal advisory committee or subcommittee is not available from another Federal advisory committee, another Federal Government source, or any other more cost-effective and less burdensome source:* The IAC is the most efficient and thorough means of obtaining advice on issues related to: the impact and implications of technological innovation in the financial services markets; the application and utilization of new technologies in the financial services markets, as well as by market professionals and market users; and the appropriate level of investment in technology at the Commission to meet its surveillance and enforcement responsibilities, and inform the Commission's consideration of technology-related issues to support the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the markets and achievement of other public interest objectives—issues that are not addressed by the CFTC's other advisory committees. Innovations that may significantly impact our markets include those involving blockchain technologies, artificial intelligence, machine learning, prediction markets, and cybersecurity innovations and evolution in approaches to cyber threats. Technological innovation and change in the derivatives and commodities markets is continuous and can only be addressed by a permanent committee comprised of a broad cross-section of representatives of the public, including, for example, market participants, CFTC registrants, financial technology providers, market infrastructure firms, self-regulatory organizations, public interest groups, and academics—they cannot be properly addressed by the CFTC, or by ad hoc roundtables, public hearings, or other means of public engagement, all of which are better suited to responding to specific, time-limited events and idiosyncratic concerns rather than ongoing, long-term issue. The IAC is the most cost-effective way to access input and information, particularly since the