

surface marking on one end of trap trawls of more than three traps and on all gillnet gear. For trap trawls of fewer than three traps, vessels would still use one traditional surface marking, in addition to the on-demand retrieval system; therefore, there would be no fully ropeless trawls. Other than gear markings, all trap trawls and gillnet strings would be consistent with the regulations of the management area where the vessel is fishing and would be fished in accordance with the participating vessels' standard operations (*i.e.*, number and length of trips, soak times, trap limits, *etc.*). Because the on-demand systems would replace buoyed systems that the fishermen would otherwise be fishing, the gear library component would not increase fishing effort.

For the geolocation component, vessels would use acoustic positioning systems from Teledyne Benthos, Ropeless Systems, Ashored, Sub Sea Sonics, Edgetech, or Advanced Navigation. Each of these systems uses a surface unit to communicate with a unit on the seafloor to determine the gear's geolocation, associated with whichever gear is attached. This may differ significantly from the geolocation provided by the surface buoy or surface GPS marking upon deployment, the extent of which ME DMR is proposing to investigate, alongside the performance of these systems in an acoustic environment where multiple signals are being transmitted simultaneously. Vessels would set up to three trawls at different distances apart, within a one-kilometer radius. Trawls would be allowed to soak no longer than 1 hour each. Up to 10 discrete, single-day gear geolocation trials would be conducted within the fishing year, resulting in a maximum of 150 gear retrievals. In instances where traps are used, they would not have fresh bait. These trials would increase trap/pot effort via short soaks and a high rate of retrieval. However, catch per unit effort would be reduced.

ME DMR researchers anticipate, for the gear library component, up to 6,240 trap/pot trawl retrievals and up to 500 gillnet string retrievals, and up to an additional 150 retrievals of trap/pot trawls for the geolocation component. Trap trawls would be consistent with Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP) regulations. Trawls would not exceed 50 traps per trawl. The gear library component trawls would soak for no shorter than 3 days and no longer than 30 days. Gillnets would be consistent with ALWTRP and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan regulations. Gillnets would use 15–30.5

centimeter mesh, would not exceed 3,200 meters, and are estimated to soak for no more than 24 hours. Any legal catch would be sold to a dealer.

To maximize data collection and participation, ME DMR requests flexibility to modify the participant vessel list with the ability to list up to 65 total vessels, consisting of up to 7 gillnet vessels, with the rest consisting of trap/pot vessels.

ME DMR or partnering organizations and a representative from gear manufacturers would distribute gear and train all participants on its use. Scientific observers may accompany the participants on up to two trips per vessel, within budget and safety limitations. ME DMR would provide standardized data collection sheets to all participants. Individually identifiable data would only be made available via consent of the participants.

ME DMR has proposed the following best practices and risk management:

- Buoy lines associated with this project would contain unique white and blue markings above the required regional markings;
- Weekly mandatory gear loss reporting;
- After release, the on demand vertical line would be retrieved as quickly as possible to minimize time in the water column;
- Visual right whale sightings would be recorded on data sheets and fishermen would notify NMFS via email (ne.rw.survey@noaa.gov) or via phone (866–755–6622), or the U.S. Coast Guard via radio (Channel 16);
- Typical soak time is anticipated to be less than 14 days and no longer than 30 days (weather permitting and without unforeseen circumstances);
- Project vessels would adhere to a 10-knot (5.1 meters per second) speed limit when transiting dynamic management areas, transiting areas closed to vertical lines, and/or whales are observed;
- Law enforcement agencies, including Maine Marine Patrol and NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, would be notified of project participants and activities in advance of the project start date. Materials related to the redeployment of alternative retrieval gear systems would be provided along with this notice. Law enforcement would be able to inspect gear at any time as usual, because at least one traditional endline would be present at all times. Law enforcement would be provided with the information necessary to continue relevant enforcement operations with participant gear;

- Trap Tracker or an equivalent application would be utilized for acoustic on-demand retrieval and set positioning details and would be available to Federal, State, and corresponding enforcement personnel;

- Gear locations would be available to those who have downloaded gear marking applications, but otherwise locations would be treated with sensitivity to mitigate the possibility of gear molestation from members of the public who oppose project activities;

- Project updates would be updated through the ME DMR website for public awareness of general activities related to this EFP; and

- Premature deployments of on-demand gear would be documented and would be retrieved as soon as circumstances (*e.g.*, weather) allow.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: September 9, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, has submitted an information collection request (ICR) for the AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by October 14, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Colleen Holohan, Acting Deputy Director, AmeriCorps State and National, 202–606–6656, or by email at cholohan@americorps.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;
- 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.

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment on this information collection was published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2026 at 91 FR 35673. The comment period ended August 11, 2026. No public comments were received in response to that notice.

Title of Collection: AmeriCorps State and National Application Instructions.

OMB Control Number: 3045–0047.

Type of Review: Revision.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Businesses and organizations, and State, local or Tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 450.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 18,000.

Abstract: The application instructions conform to AmeriCorps’ online grant application system, eGrants, which applicants must use to respond to AmeriCorps Notices of Funding Opportunities. AmeriCorps is seeking to revise the application instructions to

address how unexpended funds are handled (see Carry Forward Funding section in Continuations); remove the fixed percentage rate method as an option for calculating administrative/indirect costs for cost-reimbursement grants (see Attachment B of the form); update the de minimis indirect cost rate; add a new Attachment I: State Commission Recommendation and Ranking Guidance; add clarifying language (e.g., identifying the hours for a full Member Service Year (MSY); and reflect regulatory changes since the last renewal, including, for example, updating the match requirements and updating terminology. AmeriCorps also seeks to continue using the currently approved information collection until the revised information collection is approved by OMB. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on September 30, 2026.

Arminda Pappas,

Acting Director, AmeriCorps State and National.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy (USMA BoV)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open Federal Advisory Committee meeting; in person.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting will take place.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, October 9, 2026, 9–11:30 a.m. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will be required to show a government photo ID upon entering in order to gain access to the meeting location. All members of the public are subject to security screening.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the United States Military Academy, in the Haig Room, Jefferson Hall, 758 Cullum Road, West Point, New York 10996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Nagle, the Designated Federal Officer for the committee, in writing at: Secretary of the General Staff, United States Military Academy ATTN: David Nagle, 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996; by email at: david.nagle@

westpoint.edu or BoV@westpoint.edu; or by telephone at (845) 938–3716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150. The USMA BoV provides independent advice and recommendations to the President of the United States on matters related to morale, discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and any other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

Purpose of the Meeting: This is the 2026 Annual Meeting of the USMA BoV. Members of the Board will be provided updates on Academy issues. Agenda: Introduction; Board Business; Academy Update from the Superintendent, Commandant of Cadets, and Dean of the Academic Board; and Open Discussion.

Public’s Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165 and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mr. Nagle, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the committee during the meeting, and members of the public attending the committee meeting will not be permitted to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the committee. Because the committee meeting will be held in a Federal Government facility security screening is required. Because the committee meeting will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military post, security screening is required. A DoD government photo ID is required to enter post. Without a DoD ID, members of the public must first go to the Visitor Control Center in the Visitor Center and undergo a background check before being allowed access to the installation. Members of the public then need to park in Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot and ride the north-bound Central Post Area (CPA) shuttle bus to Thayer Road and get off at the Library Corner stop. A member of the USMA staff will meet members of