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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 404 of the MSFCMA requires the Secretary of Commerce to publish in the **Federal Register** a strategic plan for fisheries research for the 5 years immediately following its publication. The MSFCMA requires that the plan address four major areas of research: (1) Research to support fishery conservation and management; (2) conservation engineering research; (3) research on the fisheries; and (4) information management research. The MSFCMA specifies that the plan shall contain a limited number of priority objectives for each of these research areas; indicate goals and timetables; provide a role for commercial fishermen in such research; provide for collection and dissemination of complete and accurate information concerning fishing activities; and be developed in cooperation with the Councils and affected states.

This draft plan is based upon and entirely consistent with the overarching NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan (NFSP) recently released in July 2003. The objectives under each goal in the draft NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research (2004) correspond to strategies in the NFSP.

The scope of the NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research (2004) is solely fisheries research to support the MSFCMA. It does not include the regulatory and enforcement components of the NMFS mission. NMFS currently conducts a comprehensive program of fisheries research and involves industry and others interested in fisheries in planning and implementing its objectives.

NMFS intends that the final version of the NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research (2004) will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions on this draft NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research are hereby solicited from the public, other concerned government agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person.

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*Director, Office of Science and Technology,  
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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Proposed Information Collection;  
Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95)(44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning its proposed renewal of its AmeriCorps\*NCCC Team Leader Application, OMB Control Number 3045-0005. This application is used to collect information that will be used by AmeriCorps\*NCCC staff in the evaluation and selection of Team Leaders.

Copies of the information collection requests can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods:

(1) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps\*National Civilian Community Corps; Attention Mr. John Hourihan, Program Officer; Room 9412-D, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(3) By fax to: (202) 565-2791, Attention Mr. John Hourihan, Program Officer.

(4) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system: [JHourihan@cns.gov](mailto:JHourihan@cns.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

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

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses).

**Background**

The Team Leader Application is completed by applicants who wish to serve as Team Leaders at AmeriCorps\*NCCC regional campuses.

**Current Action**

The Corporation seeks to renew and revise the current application. When revised, the application will include additional information concerning loan deferral, campus schedules, and the number of Team Leaders required. The application will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. The Corporation also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on October 31, 2004.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Agency:* Corporation for National and Community Service.

*Title:* AmeriCorps\*NCCC Team Leader Application.

*OMB Number:* 3045-0005.

*Agency Number:* None.

*Affected Public:* Citizens of diverse ages and backgrounds who are committed to national service.

*Total Respondents:* 500.

*Frequency:* Bi-Annually.

*Average Time Per Response:* Two hours.