

applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: August 13, 2005.

William Jeffrey,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region, Guam Bottomfish Large Vessel Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 October 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Anik Clemens (808) 944-2265 or anik.clemens@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires U.S. vessels, larger than 50 feet in length that land or transship bottomfish management unit species shoreward of the outer boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) around Guam, be registered under a valid permit. Eligibility for such a

permit would not be restricted in any way, and the permit would be renewable on an annual basis. To obtain a permit for a given year, a prospective participant would have to complete and submit an application form to NMFS. The permit application form provides basic information about the permit applicant, vessel, fishing gear and method, targeted species, projected fishing effort, etc., for use by NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council. The information is important for understanding the nature of the fishery and provides a link to participants. It also aids in the enforcement of the Fishery Management Plan measures.

II. Method of Collection

Information is submitted in the form of paper permit application forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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 OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region, Guam Bottomfish Large Vessel Logbook and Reporting

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 October 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Anik Clemens (808) 944-2265 or anik.clemens@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under a Guam Bottomfish Large Vessel Fishing Permit authorized under the Fishery Management Plan for Bottomfish of the Western Pacific Region, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires U.S. fishing vessels registered for use, or any U.S. citizen issuee, to maintain on board the vessel an accurate and complete logbook and submit it to NMFS. The information in the logbook is used to obtain fish catch, fishing effort, and other data on bottomfish harvested in the area outside 50 nm of Guam shores. These data are needed to determine the condition of the fish stocks and whether or not the current management measures are having the intended effects, to evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and to monitor and respond to incidental takes of endangered and threatened species.

II. Method of Collection

All information is recorded on paper logbook sheets.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 550.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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 OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 17, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Notice of Crab Rationalization Program Public Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS will present a public workshop on the new Crab Rationalization Program (Program) for participants in the Bering Sea and

Aleutian Islands (BSAI) king and Tanner crab fisheries. At this workshop, NMFS will review the Program, discuss the key Program elements, provide information on the application process, and answer questions. This workshop is specifically intended to address issues related to the Arbitration System portion of the Program. NMFS is conducting this public workshop to assist participants in complying with the requirements of this new Program.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST).

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Leif Erickson Hall, 2245 Northwest 57th Street, Seattle, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenn Merrill, telephone: 907-586-7228; e-mail: glenn.merrill@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 2, 2005, NMFS published a final rule implementing the Program as Amendments 18 and 19 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs (70 FR 10174).

NMFS conducted four public workshops in March and April of 2005 in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington to assist fishery participants in complying with the requirements of the Program. At these workshops, NMFS reviewed the Program, discussed the key Program elements, and provided information on the application process. NMFS conducted an additional workshop on the Arbitration System in Seattle, WA, on May 9, 2005.

As with the May workshop, the September 1, 2005 workshop is intended to specifically focus on the Arbitration System. Elements related to economic data collection, monitoring and enforcement, electronic reporting, quota share and individual fishing quota application and transfer provisions, the appeals process, fee collection, and the loan program may be addressed secondarily. Additionally, NMFS will answer questions from workshop participants. For further information on the Crab Rationalization Program, please visit the NMFS Alaska Region Internet site at www.fakr.noaa.gov.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be directed to Glenn Merrill (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 working days before the workshop date.

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 081705A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public hearing to solicit comments on a Regulatory Amendment to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to Set Commercial and Recreational Management Measures for Grouper.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude no later than 10:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Best Western The Westshore Hotel, 1200 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 282-3636.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stu Kennedy, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public hearing to solicit comments on a Regulatory Amendment to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to set Commercial and Recreational Management Measures for Grouper.

Proposed measures include setting grouper trip limits for the commercial fishery, reduce recreational red grouper harvest in the Gulf of Mexico, and minimize associated impacts on gag and other groupers.

This Regulatory Amendment will address measures to set commercial trip limits for deep-water and shallow-water grouper to extend the fishing season into December, reduce recreational red grouper harvest in the Gulf of Mexico,