

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 April 6, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patricia Lawson, (301) 713-2322 or Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires any commercial fisher operating in Category I and II fisheries to register for a certificate of authorization that will allow the fisher to take marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations. Category I and II fisheries are those identified by NOAA as having either frequent or occasional takings of marine mammals.

Some states have integrated the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) registration process into the existing state fishery registration process and fishers in those fisheries do not need to file a separate federal registration. If applicable, vessel owners will be notified of this simplified registration process when they apply for their state or Federal permit or license.

II. Method of Collection

Most fishers have their information imported directly into the Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) from their state. Otherwise they can fill out the forms on NMFS' Web page or mail in application for exemption made available to them in the NMFS regions.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0293.
Form Number: None.

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

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes; 9 minutes for a renewal.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$20,336.

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: February 1, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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

RIN 0648-XA980

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee, in February 2012, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300; fax: (603) 433-5649.

Council Address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is for the Council's Habitat Committee to recommend management measures for further development and analysis in Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2. Two types of measures will be considered at the meeting: (1) options to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on Essential Fish Habitat and (2) alternatives to protect deep-sea corals from the impacts of fishing.

Note that this meeting was originally planned for January 25, 2012 as the second day of a 2-day meeting, but was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. However, the management measures listed above were discussed by the Habitat Committee and its Advisory Panel during day one of that meeting, which was held as planned on January 24. The outcomes of those discussions will be considered at this meeting, along with any additional analyses and recommendations prepared by the Habitat Plan Development Team.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 1, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The OEAP meeting will be held on February 28, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel in 105 De Diego Avenue, Santurce, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OEAP will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to Order
- Welcome—Miguel Rolón
- Goals and Objectives of the CFMC Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP)
- What the CFMC Expects of the OEAP
- Strategic Plan for O&E
- APPs for Smart Phones
- Web page Redesign
- Bulletin/Newsletter
- Social Network Pages
- Streaming of Council Meetings
- Other Business

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery

Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-1920, telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 1, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its 109th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and its 153rd Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region. The Council will also convene community meetings on the islands of Tinian and Rota, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and at Merizo, Guam, as well as hold meetings of the Guam Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC), the CNMI REAC, the Mariana Archipelago and Pacific Pelagic Fisheries Ecosystem Plans (FEPs) Advisory Panel (AP) and the Council's Executive and Budget Standing Committee.

DATES: The meetings will be held between February 21, 2012 and March 9, 2012. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Honolulu, HI; Tinian, CNMI; Merizo, Guam; Rota, CNMI; Tumon Bay, Guam; and Saipan Beach, Garapan, CNMI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific meeting locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 109th SSC meeting will be held on February 21-23, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; the Tinian and Merizo Community Meetings will be held on February 28, 2012, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; the Rota Community Meeting on February

29, 2012, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; the Guam REAC on February 29, 2012, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; the CNMI REAC on March 2, 2012, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; the Mariana Archipelago and Pacific Pelagic FEPs AP on March 3, 2012, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; the Council's Executive and Budget Standing Committee on March 4, 2012, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The 153rd Council Meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 5, 2012, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 6, 2012, in Saipan, and between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 8, 2012, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on March 9, 2012, in Guam. In addition, the Council will host Fishers Forums on Saipan on March 5, 2012 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and on Guam on March 8, 2012, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The 109th SSC will be held at the Council's Office in Honolulu; the Tinian Community Meeting will be held at The Fleming Hotel, Tinian; the Merizo Community Meeting will be held at the Merizo Community Center; the Rota Community Meeting will be held at the Mayor's Office at the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Building; the Guam REAC will be held at the Guam Hilton Hotel, Tumon Bay, Guam; the CNMI REAC, the Mariana Archipelago and Pacific Pelagic FEPs AP, the Council's Executive and Budget Standing Committee, the 153rd Council Meeting on March 5 and 6 and Fishers Forum on March 5 will be held at the Fiesta Hotel, Garapan, Saipan; the Council Meeting on March 8 and 9 and the Fishers Forum on March 8 will be held at the Guam Hilton Hotel.

Meeting Locations:

- Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522-8220.
- Fleming Hotel, Tinian, CNMI 96952; telephone: (670) 433-3232.
- Merizo Community Center, Merizo, Guam 96915; telephone: (671) 828-2941.
- Office of the Mayor, Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Building, Tatchog Road, Rota, CNMI 96951; telephone: (670) 532-9451.
- Guam Hilton Hotel, 202 Hilton Road, Tumon Bay, Guam 96913; telephone: (671) 646-1835.
- Fiesta Hotel, Saipan Beach, Garapan, CNMI 96950; telephone: (670) 234-6412.

In addition to the agenda items listed here, the SSC and Council will hear recommendations from Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.