

including sea turtles, which is necessary to evaluate the fisheries in terms of bycatch and encounters with protected species. For both directed and incidentally caught species, the information supplied through vessel logbooks also provides the catch and effort data on a per-set or per-trip level of resolution.

These data are necessary to assess the status of highly migratory species, dolphin, and wahoo in each fishery. International stock assessments for tunas, swordfish, billfish, and some species of sharks are conducted and presented to the ICCAT periodically and provide, in part, the basis for ICCAT management recommendations which are binding on member nations. Domestic stock assessments for most species of sharks and for dolphin and wahoo are often used as the basis of managing these species.

Supplementary information on fishing costs and earnings has been collected via this vessel logbook program. This economic information enables NMFS to assess the economic impacts of regulatory programs on small businesses and fishing communities, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and other domestic laws.

II. Method of Collection

Logbook entries are mailed.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0371.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88–191.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations (vessel owners).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,216.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes for cost/earnings summaries attached to logbook reports, 30 minutes for annual expenditure forms, 12 minutes for logbook catch reports, 2 minutes for negative logbook catch reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,189.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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 8, 2014.

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; Commercial Fishing Vessel Cost and Earnings Data Collection Survey in the Northeast Region

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

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 14, 2014.

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 Tammy Murphy, (508) 495–2137 or Tammy.Murphy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of an existing information collection.

Economic data on the costs of operating commercial fishing businesses are needed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to meet the legislative requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, Executive Order 12866 and the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The Social Sciences Branch (SSB) of the NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) is responsible for estimating the economic and social impacts of fishery management actions.

Lack of information on fixed (non-trip related) costs, crew payments and operating (trip) costs have severely limited the ability of the SSB to assess fishermen's behavioral responses to changes in regulations, fishing conditions, and market conditions. Maintaining an ongoing, consistent, data collection program will enable the SSB to provide a level of analysis that meets the needs of the New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, to make informed decisions about the expected economic effects of proposed management alternatives.

Revision: We will begin conducting this survey every three years rather than annually, to reduce respondent burden and fatigue. In the next iteration, to be mailed in early 2016, half the population will receive a survey for costs incurred in 2015. In early 2017, the remaining half will receive a survey for costs incurred in 2016.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel owners will be given the option of completing the survey online or by mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0643.

Form Number: Not Applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of an existing information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 630.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 630.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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 8, 2014.

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 Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; extension of duration of an exempted fishing permit.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the effective date for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) for goliath grouper research by Dr. Chris Koenig (Florida State University) and Dr. Chris Stallings (University of South Florida) is extended from August 28, 2014, to October 15, 2014. The issued EFP authorizes Drs. Koenig and Stallings to use trained for-hire fishermen to temporarily possess goliath grouper for non-lethal sampling during the course of their normal fishing activities.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to any of the following addresses:

- *Email:* Peter.Hood@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the email the following document identifier: "FSU_EFP".

- *Mail:* Peter Hood, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Hood, 727-824-5305; email: Peter.Hood@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EFP was granted under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing. A notice of receipt of an application for an EFP published in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2012 (77 FR 38585) and solicited public comment. No public comments were received on the notice and the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council supported the issuance of the EFP. The EFP was issued by NMFS on July 17, 2012, with an expiration date of August 29, 2014.

The described research is part of a life history study of goliath grouper and includes a regional age structure study. This research is funded by NOAA through the Marine Fisheries Initiative (cooperative agreement number NA11NMF4330123). The research involves for-hire fishermen in the collection of biological information from up to 1,000 goliath grouper. The collection activities covered under the EFP for scientific research involves activities that could otherwise be prohibited by regulations at 50 CFR part 622, as they pertain to reef fish managed by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fishery management councils (councils). The applicant requests authorization to extend the duration of the EFP because approximately 60 percent of the 1,000 goliath grouper have been sampled and they do not anticipate reaching the project's sample size by the current deadline. The EFP allows for-hire fishermen to temporarily possess goliath grouper for non-lethal sampling during the course of their normal fishing activities. Extending the duration of the EFP from August 28, 2014, to October 15, 2014, will allow the applicants the opportunity to achieve their desired number of samples and thereby more fully meet the objectives of the EFP.

Therefore, NMFS extends the duration of the EFP from August 28, 2014, to October 15, 2014, because sampling will remain within the scope of activities already approved for the EFP. This notice serves to notify the

public of the change in duration of the EFP.

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

Dated: August 11, 2014.

Emily H. Menashes,

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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Anticipated RESTORE Act Science Program Federal Funding Opportunity for Fiscal Year 2014

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Ocean Service (NOS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) notifies the public and potential applicants of an anticipated upcoming Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) under the RESTORE Act Science Program, and of the short-term priorities for the program that NOS expects will be addressed in the FFO.

DATES: N/A. No applications are being requested at this time. NOAA anticipates publishing the FFO sometime during fall 2014, subject to the availability of funds and pending the release of the Department of the Treasury Regulations for the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund.

ADDRESSES: N/A. No applications are being requested at this time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact: Becky Allee, (becky.allee@noaa.gov, 228-688-1701).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1604 of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) establishes the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science, Observation, Monitoring, and Technology program (Science Program) to be administered by NOAA and to carry out research, observation, and monitoring to support the long-term sustainability of the ecosystem, fish stocks, fish habitat, and the recreational, commercial, and charter fishing industry in the Gulf of