

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit or modification issuance date
21431 .....	0648–XF787	Gregory Bossart, V.M.D., Ph.D., Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30313.	82 FR 50121; October 30, 2017 .....	January 19, 2018.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

**Julia Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Socio-Economic Survey of Hired Captains and Crew in New England and Mid-Atlantic Commercial Fisheries

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 April 23, 2018.

**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 [pracomments@doc.gov](mailto:pracomments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Lisa L. Colburn, (401) 782–3252 or [lisa.l.colburn@noaa.gov](mailto:lisa.l.colburn@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for a reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection.

The NOAA Fisheries, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Social Science Branch (SSB) seeks to conduct surveys to provide for the ongoing collection of social and economic data related to the fishing industry in the New England and Mid-Atlantic States. The purpose of this survey is to assess the current social and economic conditions of commercial fishing crews for which little is known. The proposed survey is a follow-up to a baseline study conducted in 2011/2012. The intent of the proposed study is to assess how and why commercial crew working conditions may have changed since the initial 2011/2012 assessment. Data needed for this assessment support fishery performance measures developed by the SSB, which include information on financial viability, distributional outcomes, stewardship, governance, and well-being. Data to be collected include demographic information on crew, wage calculations systems, individual and community well-being, fishing practices, job satisfaction, job opportunities, and attitudes toward fisheries management. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act (MSA) both contain requirements for considering the social and economic impacts of fishery management decisions. There is a need to understand how such fishery management policies and programs will

affect the social and economic characteristics of those involved in the commercial fishing industry. To help meet these requirements of NEPA and MSA, the SSB will collect data on an ongoing basis to track how socio-economic characteristics of fisheries are changing over time and the impact of fishery management policies and programs implemented in New England and the Mid-Atlantic regions.

##### II. Method of Collection

This information will be collected though in-person intercept surveys.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0636.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (reinstatement with change of a previously approved collection).

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 167.

*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: February 15, 2018.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XG031

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet March 8–14, 2018. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), reconvening at 8 a.m. each day through Wednesday, March 14, 2018. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Friday, March 9 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, CA; telephone: (707) 584-5466.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 820-2280 or (866) 806-7204 toll-free; or access the Pacific Council website, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The March 9–14, 2018 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PST Friday, March 9, 2018 and continue at 8 a.m. daily through Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Broadcasts

end daily at 5 p.m. PST or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Pacific Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online, please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the November Webinar ID, 530-089-227, and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1-562-247-8321 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 240-052-611, and entering the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, advisory entity meeting times, and meeting rooms are described in Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance March 2018 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council website at [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org) no later than February 16, 2018.

#### A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

#### B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

#### C. Administrative Matters

1. Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Update
2. Marine Planning Update
3. National Marine Sanctuary Coordination Report
4. Legislative Matters
5. Approval of Council Meeting Record
6. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
7. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

#### D. Habitat

1. Current Habitat Issues

#### E. Salmon Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Review of 2017 Fisheries and Summary of 2018 Stock Forecasts
3. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2018 Salmon Management Alternatives
4. Recommendations for 2018 Management Alternative Analysis
5. Further Council Direction for 2018 Management Alternatives
6. Adoption of 2018 Management Alternatives for Public Review
7. Appoint Salmon Hearings Officers

#### F. Ecosystem

1. California Current Ecosystem and Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Report and Science Review Topics
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan Climate and Communities Initiative Update
3. Sablefish Ecosystem Indicators: Management Strategy Evaluation

#### G. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Annual International Pacific Halibut Commission Meeting Report
2. Incidental Catch Recommendations: Options for the Salmon Troll and Final Recommendations for Fixed Gear Sablefish Fisheries—Final Action

#### H. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Trawl Catch Shares—Gear Switching and Trawl Sablefish Area Management
3. Implementation of the 2018 Pacific Whiting Fishery Under the U.S./Canada Agreement
4. Initial Stock Assessment Plan and Terms of Reference
5. Endangered Species Act Biological Opinion on the Take of Listed Salmon in Groundfish Fisheries
6. Trawl Catch Share—Final Range of Alternatives (ROA) for Follow-On Actions
7. Update on 2019–2020 Harvest Specifications and Management Measures
8. Final Inseason Management, Including Shorebased Carryover and Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)—Final Action

#### I. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Deep-Set Buoy Gear Authorization—Final Range of Alternatives/Preliminary Preferred Alternative
3. Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits

#### Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are