

the HMS Advisory Panel with a publicly-available written document with its findings. This review is expected to be finalized in September 2019 after consideration by the HMS Advisory Panel.

NMFS also recently released a document (Amendment 13 Issues and Options Paper) for use in 2019 for scoping, a public process during which NMFS will consider a range of issues and objectives, as well as possible options for bluefin tuna management. The options being presented in the Issues and Options Paper consider the preliminary results of the Draft Three-Year Review and respond to recent changes in the bluefin fishery and input from the public and HMS Advisory Panel. The options include refining the IBQ Program; reassessing allocation of bluefin tuna quotas (including the potential elimination or phasing out of the Purse Seine category); and other regulatory provisions regarding bluefin directed fisheries and bycatch in the pelagic longline fishery, to determine if existing measures are the best means of achieving current management objectives for bluefin tuna management. During scoping, public feedback will be accepted via written comments or scoping meetings as described in separate **Federal Register** notices.

NMFS also is currently in the process of developing a Proposed Rule Modifying Pelagic Longline Bluefin Tuna Area-Based and Weak Hook Management Measures. To analyze the potential environmental effects of a range of alternatives, NMFS recently released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS evaluates whether current area-based and gear management measures remain necessary to reduce and/or maintain low numbers of bluefin tuna discards and interactions in the pelagic longline fishery, given more recent management measures, including the IBQ Program. The DEIS prefers alternatives that undertake a process to evaluate the need for the Northeastern United States Closed Area and the Gulf of Mexico Gear Restricted Area; removes the Cape Hatteras Gear Restricted Area; and adjusts the Gulf of Mexico weak hook effective period from year-round to seasonal (January–June). The comment period for the DEIS and proposed rule are open through July 31, 2019. NMFS is holding four public hearings across the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Coast. There will also be two webinars that will serve as public hearings for interested members of the public from all geographic locations. After consideration of public comment, NMFS expects to finalize the rule in the late Fall of 2019. The proposed rule

related to this DEIS is expected to be released shortly.

Finally, NMFS has also recently published an Issues and Options Paper for Amendment 14, which will review annual catch limits and reference points for sharks. This action could result in a different process for establishing the annual catch limits for sharks, and therefore could affect all fishermen, commercial and recreational, that target or incidentally catch sharks. During scoping, public feedback will be accepted via written comments or at scoping meetings as described in separate **Federal Register** notices.

Scoping Process

NMFS encourages participation, by all persons affected or otherwise interested in recreational and commercial HMS fishing, in the process to determine the scope and significance of options to be analyzed and considered in a draft environmental impact analysis and regulatory action. All such persons are encouraged to submit written comments (see **ADDRESSES**), or comment at one of the scoping meetings or public webinar. Persons submitting comments are welcome to address the specific measures in the Issues and Options Paper.

NMFS intends to hold scoping meetings in the geographic areas that may be affected by these measures, including locations on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. NMFS will announce the date and times for the scoping meetings in a separate **Federal Register** notice at a later date. After public comment has been gathered and analyzed, NMFS will determine if it is necessary to proceed with preparation of a draft environmental impact analysis and proposed rule, which would include additional opportunities for public comment. The scope of the draft environmental impact analysis (whether an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) would depend on the scope and potential effects of the agency action being considered and would consist of the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts to be considered. This scoping process also will identify, and possibly eliminate from further detailed analysis, issues that may not meet the purpose and need of the action.

The process of developing any resulting regulatory action is expected to take approximately two years. Until the draft environmental impact analysis and proposed rule are finalized or until other regulations are put into place, the current regulations remain in effect.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Comment Request; Greater Atlantic Region Logbook Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0212.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 2,422.

Average Hours per Response: VTR response time is 5 minutes; Shellfish log is 12.5 minutes; IVR burden for each tilefish call is 2 minutes, each herring call is 4 minutes, and each RSA or EFP call is 5 minutes; DAS IVRs are 5 minutes; and declarations of days out of gillnet fishery, along with the departure/landing call ins are 2 minutes.

Burden Hours: 10,429

Needs and Uses: The information collected using IVR and VTRs is used by several offices of the NOAA Fisheries Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Councils, and state fishery enforcement agencies under contract to the NOAA Fisheries Service in order to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management strategies.

These data serve as inputs for a variety of uses, including biological analyses and stock assessments, regulatory impact analyses, quota allocation selections and monitoring, economic profitability profiles, trade and import tariff decisions, allocation of grant funds among states, and analysis of ecological interactions among species. NMFS would be unable to fulfill the majority of its scientific research and fishery management missions without these data.

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

Frequency: On occasion, weekly, monthly

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Input of Value and Use of NOAA Tropical Cyclone Graphical and Text Products in Decision-Making

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 July 15, 2019.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jennifer Sprague-Hildebrand, NOAA National Weather Service, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-427-9065, and Jennifer.Sprague@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection. The NOAA National Weather Service (NWS) National Hurricane Center (NHC) produces tropical cyclone

text and graphical products to provide critical information about meteorological parameters of tropical storms and hurricanes that could threaten the United States and other countries. While NOAA has a good understanding of how many of its core partners (*i.e.*, emergency management personnel and broadcast meteorologists/members of the media) use these graphics, it is interested in how other professionals within key sectors (*i.e.*, transportation, marine, tourism, energy) and international users perceive these products and use them in decision-making. In particular, NOAA is interested in input on the NHC Track Forecast Cone (often referred to as the cone of uncertainty). In addition to appearing on NHC's website, the cone is widely disseminated on social media, online (*e.g.*, local and national news websites), and on television—with broadcast meteorologists and private weather industry often making their own version of the graphic. This request is for a set of related data collection activities, including interviews, focus groups, and a survey to collect information from audiences that use NHC products, particularly the Track Forecast Cone.

II. Method of Collection

NOAA will collect information by conducting a web-based survey within the four sectors of interest (transportation, marine, tourism, and energy) and interviews and/or focus groups with international users.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regulation (New information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government; International government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,700 (2,660 for survey; 40 for interviews and/or focus groups).

Estimated Time per Response: 2,660 respondents × 30 minutes (survey); 40 respondents × 90 minutes (interviews and/or focus groups).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,370 hours.

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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on *Matters To Be Considered*.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. EDT to 4:00 p.m. EDT. These times and agenda topics described below are subject to change. For the latest agenda please refer to the SAB website: <http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx>.

ADDRESSES: This will be a webinar meeting. Members of the public may attend at the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3, Room 12836, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Members of the public may also participate virtually by registering at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/53725036640687363>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 301-734-1156; Email: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov; or visit the