

I. Abstract

This request is for a review of a regular submission (extension without change of a currently approved information collection).

The Southwest Fisheries Science Center—La Jolla Laboratory (SWFSC) proposes to collect information from the different types of fishing vessels operating in the U.S. West Coast Commercial Swordfish Fishery (WCCSF). Requested information will include different components of operating costs and earnings for the various types of vessels in the U.S. west coast commercial swordfish fleet.

This economic data collection effort for the WCCSF will improve the SWFSC's capability to do the following: (1) Describe and monitor economic performance (e.g., profitability, capacity utilization, efficiency, and productivity) and impacts (e.g., sector, community, or region-specific employment and income impacts); (2) determine the quantity and distribution of net benefits derived from living marine resources; (3) understand and predict the behavior of participants in Federally managed commercial fisheries; (4) predict the biological, ecological, and economic impacts of existing management measures and alternative proposed management actions; and (5) in general, more effectively conduct the analyses required under the MSA, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), Executive Order 12866, and other applicable law.

II. Method of Collection

A standardized survey will be administered via in-person interview, telephone interview and/or mail to all WCSF participants.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0751.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension without change of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

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.

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Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Red Hake Stock Structure Research Track Assessment Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Assessment Oversight Panel will convene the Red

Hake Stock Structure Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the stock structure of Red Hake. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Red Hake Stock Structure Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from March 9, 2020–March 12, 2020. The meeting will commence on March 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Stephen H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michele Traver, 508-495-2195; email: michele.traver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about the AOP meeting and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/northeast-region-stock-assessment-process>.

Daily Meeting Agenda—Red Hake Stock Structure Research Track Peer Review Meeting (Subject to Change; All times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair).

Time	Activity	Lead
Monday, March 9, 2020		
1 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver/Chair (TBD).
1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m	Introductions/Process Review of Current Assessment and Historical Designations (TOR #1).	Toni Chute/Dave Richardson (WG Chair).
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m	New Data and Analyses (TOR #2)	Dave Richardson (WG Chair).
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m	Break.	

Time	Activity	Lead
3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m	New Data and Analyses (TOR #2) cont	Dave Richardson (WG Chair).
5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m	Review/Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.
5:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
5:45 p.m	Adjourn.	
Tuesday, March 10, 2020		
8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/Chair (TBD).
8:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m	New Data and Analyses (TOR #2) cont	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m	Break.	
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m	Catchability (TOR #4)	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m	Stock Structure Proposals (TOR #3)	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m	Break.	
3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m	Stock Structure Proposals (TOR #3) cont	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
5:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m	Review/Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.
5:30 p.m.–5:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
5:45 p.m	Adjourn.	
7:00 p.m	Dinner Social	TBD.
Wednesday, March 11, 2020		
8:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m	Brief Overview and logistics	Michele Traver/Chair (TBD).
8:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m	Model Proposals (TOR #5)	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m	Break.	
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m	Research Recommendations (TOR #6)	Dave Richardson, WG Chair.
12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m	Review/Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.
12:30 p.m.–12:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m	Lunch.	
1:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m	Report Writing	Review Panel.
5:00 p.m	Adjourn.	
Thursday, March 12, 2020		
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m	Report Writing	Review Panel.

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Wednesday, March 11th, and Thursday, March 12th, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, 508–495–2195, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 2, 2020.

Jennifer M. Wallace,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Applications and Reports for Registration as a Tanner or Agent

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 comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before March 9, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the

public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jerod Cook, (907) 772–2285; jerod.cook@noaa.gov or Robert Marvella (907) 586–9329; robert.marvella@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) mandates the protection and conservation of marine mammals and makes the taking, killing or serious injury of marine mammals, except under permit or exemption, a violation of the Act. An exemption is provided for Alaskan natives to take marine mammals if the taking is for subsistence or for creating and selling authentic native articles of handicraft and