

data from Trip Interview programs is obtained by face-to-face interviews with fisherman or sea food dealers.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0013.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Estimated Time per Response: Dealer reporting for monitoring Federal fishery annual catch limits (ACLs): coastal fisheries dealers reporting, 10 minutes; mackerel dealer reporting (gillnet), 10 minutes. Bio profile data from Trip Interview programs (TIP): Fin Fish interviews, 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: This data collection is authorized under 50 CFR part 622.5.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD684]

Pacific Island Fisheries; Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and NMFS will convene a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) of a stock assessment update for the multispecies bottomfish complex in Guam. The review will be conducted virtually. A satellite location will be made available for the public to view the review process and NMFS staff will be available in-person to answer questions. See **ADDRESSES** for the web address to access the meeting and the location of the satellite viewing site. **DATES:** The WPSAR meeting will be held between February 7 and February 8, 2024 (February 8 and 9, Chamorro Standard). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates and times and the daily agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by web conference via WebEx. Audio and visual portions for all of the web conferences can be accessed at: <https://wprfinc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>. Web conference access information and instructions for providing public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 552–8220.

The satellite viewing site for the WPSAR review is located at the Guam NOAA Field Office 770 East Sunset Blvd., STE 170, Tiyan, GU 96913.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) conducted a stock assessment update for bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) in the U.S. territory of Guam. PIFSC previously conducted a 2019 benchmark stock assessment for the Guam bottomfish stock complex using a Bayesian surplus production model based on data through 2017. The 2019 assessment incorporated improvements to data standardization and model assumptions that followed recommendations from the review panel for the 2015 assessment for the same stock. PIFSC used production models to estimate biomass and stock status through time, and to evaluate stock status against maximum sustainable yield-based reference points set in the fishery ecosystem plan (FEP) for the Mariana Archipelago, which includes Guam. Based on the results of the 2019 assessment, NMFS determined the stock to be overfished but not experiencing overfishing. In 2022 NMFS and the Council implemented a plan to rebuild biomass of the stock consistent with requirements of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the FEP.

The 2024 assessment update that will be reviewed in February used the methodology of the 2019 benchmark assessment and updated it with data through 2022. The 2024 assessment update will provide new information to inform management, including updates on biomass and fishing mortality relative to status determination thresholds to evaluate rebuilding progress, and projections to inform recommendations of allowable biological catch and annual catch limits.

Meeting Agenda for WPSAR Review

The meeting schedule and agenda are as follows:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (12 p.m.–6 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time)/
Thursday, February 8, 2024 (8 a.m.–2 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time)

1. Introduction
2. Review objectives and terms of reference
3. Review of stock assessment updates
4. Summary of comments and analysis during desktop phase
5. Questions to presenters
6. Public comment

Thursday, February 8, 2024 (12 p.m.–6 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time)/Friday, February 9, 2024 (8 a.m.–2 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time)

7. Panel presentation on the review results and recommendations

8. Questions to reviewers
9. Public comment
10. Closing comments and adjourn

The agenda order may change. The meeting will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 19, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Applications and Reports for Registration as a Tanner or Agent

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0179 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jerod Cook, Enforcement Officer, PO Box 1310 Petersburg, Alaska 99833 (907) 772-2285; jerod.cook@noaa.gov or Robert Marvelle, Supervisory Enforcement Officer, PO Box 21767 Juneau, Alaska 99802, (907) 586-9329; robert.marvelle@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for extension of an approved information collection. 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 clothing. Possession of marine mammals and marine mammal parts by other than Alaskan natives is therefore prohibited (exception, 50 CFR 216.26: beach found non-Endangered Species Act (ESA) teeth or bones that have been registered with NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)). As native handicrafts are allowed by the MMPA to enter interstate commerce, an exemption is also needed to allow non-natives to handle the skins or other marine mammal produce, whether to tan the pinniped hide or to act as an agent for the native to sell his handicraft products. The information is necessary for law enforcement purposes to ensure that only Alaska Indians, Aleuts, or Eskimos are submitting marine mammal hides or parts for tanning.

The information required by 50 CFR 216.23 is of two types. Applications: Information is required to identify the applicant as a tanner/agent in order to preclude prosecution under the MMPA and to determine that he/she has an acceptable record keeping program to accurately account for those marine mammal products received. This information serves as a deterrent for those individuals who might use this registration program for entering prohibited marine mammal products into interstate commerce. Reports: Information is also needed annually to evaluate the agent/tanner's activities during the year, and his/her procedures for bookkeeping and yearly inventory to assure NMFS, the Marine Mammal

Commission, and the general public that prohibited marine mammal products were not being transshipped through registered agents.

The reporting requirements are: report in writing to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, any changes in the facts stated in Registrant's applications for this Certificate of Registration within 30 days of such change; maintain current records of each transaction authorized stating the marine mammals or marine mammal parts or products involved, from whom received, any processing accomplished, to whom returned, and the date of each such transaction. These records shall be kept separate and apart from other records maintained in the ordinary course of business and shall be retrained for not less than three years; and annually, during the month of January, send certified copies of such records (annual report) to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

II. Method of Collection

Paper documentation is submitted to meet the requirements found at 50 CFR 216.23(c).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0179.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours for an application and 2 hours for a report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$150.00.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Paper documentation is submitted to meet the requirements found at 50 CFR 216.23(c).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to