

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 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Steve Turner, (305)361-4482 or Steve.Turner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Fishery quotas are established for many species in the fishery management plans developed by both the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery Management Council and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SFSC) has been delegated the responsibility to monitor these quotas. To do so in a timely manner, seafood dealers that handle these species are required to report the purchases (landings) of these species. The frequency of these reporting requirements varies depending on the magnitude of the quota (*i.e.*, lower quota usually require more frequent reporting) and the intensity of fishing effort. The most common reporting frequency is twice a month; however, some fishery quotas, *e.g.*, the mackerel gill net, necessitates weekly or by the trip.

In addition, information collection included in this family of forms includes interviews with fishermen to gather information on the fishing effort, location and type of gear used on individual trips. This data collection is conducted for a subsample of the fishing trips and vessel/trips in selected commercial fisheries in the Southeast region. The fishing trips and individuals are selected at random to provide a viable statistical sample. These data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and management decisions made by national and international fishery management organizations.

II. Method of Collection

The SFSC will provide a reporting form to each dealer selected to report the minimum information necessary to

monitor the quota(s). This form must be faxed or sent as an e-mail attachment to the SFSC within 5 business days of the end of each reporting period. For dealers that do not have a rapid fax machine or access to e-mail, pre-addressed, pre-paid envelopes will be provided. Fishery biologists that are located at strategic fishing ports throughout the Southeast Region (North Carolina through Texas) intercept fishermen as they are unloading their catch and interview them.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0013.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations (seafood dealers and fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 13,795.

Estimated Time per Response: Fifteen minutes for a dealer report in the golden crab, rock shrimp and Puerto Rican prohibited coral dealers; 5 minutes to fax or mail a dealer report; 5 minutes for a dealer quota monitoring report in the Coastal Fisheries and mackerel fisheries; 5 minutes for an annual vessel interview; 10 minutes for other interviews; 10 minutes for a dealer and vessel report in the eastern Gulf of Mexico runaround gill mackerel fishery; and 5 minutes for a wreckfish dealer report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,838.

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: May 16, 2007.

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; An Observer Program for At-Sea Processing Vessels in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of 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 July 23, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jonathan Cusick, (360) 332-2793 or Jonathan.Cusick@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service's At-Sea Hake Observer Program defines observer duties, trains and debriefs observers, and manages data and release. The observers, deployed aboard at-sea processing vessels in the U.S. West Coast hake (a.k.a. whiting) fishery, are hired by observer providers who contract with the at-sea processors to provide the required observer coverage (50 CFR part 660). This data collection relates to the response time for observer providers and observers to register for training, debriefing or to respond to suspension or decertification.

II. Method of Collection

Methods of submittal include e-mail, U.S. post, telephone calls, and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0500.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22.

Estimated Time per Response: Transcripts, 15 minutes; decertification response, 4 hours; training registration, 7 minutes; notification of observer physical examination, 2 minutes; observer assignment information, 7 minutes; weekly deployment report, 7 minutes; debriefing registration, 7 minutes; and reports on observer harassment/safety/performance, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 51.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

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: May 16, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XA36

U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 3.1

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of the draft Report for one of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products for public comments. This draft Report addresses the following CCSP Topic: Product 3.1 Climate Models: An Assessment of Strengths and Limitations for User Applications. After consideration of comments received on the draft Report, a revised Report along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 6, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The draft Report is posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web address to access the draft Report is:

Product 3.1

<http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap3-1/default.php>

Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Report is provided on the SAP 3.1 webpage (see link here). Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419-3481.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Report addressed by this notice provides a topical overview and describes plans for scoping, drafting, reviewing, producing, and

disseminating one of 21 final synthesis and assessment Products that will be produced by the CCSP.

Dated: May 17, 2007.

William J. Brennan,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, and Acting Director, Climate Change Science Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XA35

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Applications for five scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received nine scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on June 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the applications should be sent to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by e-mail to resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5441, e-mail: Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available from the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered upper Columbia River (UCR), threatened Snake River (SR) spring/summer-run (spr/sum), threatened Puget Sound (PS).