

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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02/22/2006

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 11/01/2005.

TITLE: Monitoring of Fish Trap Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE  
OMB NO. : 0648-0392  
EXPIRATION DATE: 02/28/2009

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	3,010	251	0
New	2,924	244	0
Difference	-86	-7	0
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		-7	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

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OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
MONITORING OF FISH TRAP FISHING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO  
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0392**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

NMFS issued a rule to implement Amendment 16A to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The intended effects of this rule are to enhance enforceability of fish trap measures and conserve and manage the reef fish resources of the Gulf of Mexico. The rule is proposed to address fish trap fishing violations in south Florida and to provide more effective monitoring and reporting for all fish trapping operations. The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides the legal basis for the rule. Amendment 16A proposes a one-time fish trap/vessel inspection, and announcement of trip initiation and trip termination for fish trappers, until a fish trap VMS (vessel monitoring system) can be evaluated and implemented. The inspections will establish a baseline to assure that all fish trap gear is in compliance with fish trap construction and tagging requirements, and that all participants are familiar with the Federal regulations governing their fishery.

The proposed rule specified that each fish trap vessel owner or operator will contact NMFS Law Enforcement by telephone each year to schedule an annual inspection. However, this was modified to a one-time inspection in the final rule, and this requirement has been completed. The rule also requires a trip initiation report and a trip termination report. Such reports can be made using a 24-hour toll free number for each fishing trip on which a fish trap will be used or possessed.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

Trip reports. For each fishing trip on which a fish trap will be used or possessed, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued must submit a trip initiation report and a trip termination report to the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) or his designee, by telephone, using a 24-hour toll free number.

The trip initiation report must be submitted before beginning the trip and must include: vessel name; official number; number of traps to be deployed; sequence of trap tag numbers; date, time, and point of departure; and intended time and date of trip termination.

The trip termination report must be submitted immediately upon returning to port and prior to any off loading of catch or fish traps. The trip termination report must include: vessel name, official number, name and address of dealer where catch will be off loaded and sold, the time off loading will begin, notification of any lost traps, and notification of any traps left deployed for any reason.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

NMFS Law Enforcement recommended an electronic VMS for fish trap vessels as a means to monitor regulated fish trap vessels and detect unlawful fish trapping activity. The device currently being evaluated by NMFS Law Enforcement uses cellular telephone technology and, in addition to reporting vessel location, can be configured to sense various operational aspects of a fishery such as engine speed and operation of fishing gear (e.g., winches).

The VMS hardware costs are estimated in Amendment 16A to be relatively small (approximately \$1,000 per vessel) in comparison to the costs of fish trap operations, including acquiring a fish trap endorsement. Most fish trappers who commented on this measure to the Council supported establishing a VMS and accepting the associated VMS hardware costs, if necessary, to allow them to continue trap fishing through February 7, 2007 (the time period approved by NMFS under Amendment 14 to the FMP).

The Council was unwilling to proceed with requiring VMS for fish trap vessels without knowledge of the detailed cost of the system or confirmation by NMFS that the system is viable. The Council has asked NMFS to complete its VMS system cost evaluation (purchase/installation) and to test systems on fish trap vessels. Once the cost information becomes available, the Council will make the decision to approve or disapprove implementation of the VMS. Until the evaluation is completed, the fishery will be monitored by this collection.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

There are no similar or comparable programs.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The collection will not have a significant impact on small businesses, and no special modifications of the requirements were considered necessary to accommodate the needs of small businesses. The data being requested is usually maintained as part of normal business records.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

Reporting is on a one-time and trip basis. Enforcement could not monitor the fishery with less

frequent reporting.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

The trip initiation and termination reports may take place more often than quarterly and require a response in fewer than 30 days. These inconsistencies are required for proper enforcement.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

A Federal Register Notice (copy attached) dated June 20, 2005, solicited public comment on this submission. No comments were received.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payments or gifts are provided.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

There is no assurance of confidentiality provided.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

There are no sensitive questions asked.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

There are 86 vessels in the fishery. The 86 vessels are expected to average 17 fishing trips per year. Each trip will require a 5-minute departure report and a 5-minute termination report for a total of 14,620 minutes. The total burden will be 244 hours.

$86 \text{ vessels} \times 17 \text{ trips} \times 2 \text{ reports} \times 5 \text{ min/report} = 2,924 \text{ responses and } 244 \text{ hours.}$

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

There will be no cost to fishermen. All reports will be via a toll free telephone call.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

The cost is estimated to be \$.40 per minute. The total cost will be \$5,848.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

Because the one-time inspection requirement has been completed, there is a small decrease in respondents' responses and hours.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

No formal publications based on these collections are planned.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

This will not be displayed since no forms or written materials are involved.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

There are no exceptions.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection of information will not employ statistical methods.



**§ 622.5 Recordkeeping and reporting.**

Participants in fisheries governed in this part are required to keep records and report as follows.

(a) *Commercial vessel owners and operators*—(1) *Requirements by species*—(i) *Coastal migratory pelagic fish*. The owner or operator of a vessel that fishes for or lands coastal migratory pelagic fish for sale in or from the Gulf, Mid-Atlantic, or South Atlantic EEZ or adjoining state waters, or whose vessel is issued a commercial permit for king or Spanish mackerel, as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(iii) or (iv), who is selected to report by the SRD, must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(ii) *Gulf reef fish*. The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for Gulf reef fish has been issued, as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(v), or whose vessel fishes for or lands reef fish in or from state waters adjoining the Gulf EEZ, who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain a fishing record on a form available from the SRD and must submit such record as specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

(A) *Fish traps*. In addition to the other reporting requirements in paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued, as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(i), must comply with the following requirements.

(1) *Inspection*. The RA will establish a 1-month period for mandatory inspection of all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels. The RA will provide written notification of the inspection period to each owner of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(i). Each such owner or operator must contact the Special Agent-in-Charge, NMFS, Office of Enforcement, Southeast Region, St. Petersburg, FL (SAC) or his designee by telephone (727–570–5344) to schedule an inspection during the 1-month period. Requests for inspection must be made between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and must be made at least 72 hours in advance of the desired inspection date. Inspections

will be conducted Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. only. On the inspection date, the owner or operator must make all fish trap gear with attached trap tags and buoys and all applicable permits available for inspection on land. Vessels must also be made available for inspection as directed by the SAC or his designee. Upon completion of the inspection and a determination that all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels are in compliance, an owner or operator may resume fishing with the lawful gear. However, an owner or operator who fails to comply with the inspection requirements during the 1-month inspection period or during any other random inspection may not use or possess a fish trap in the Gulf EEZ until the required inspection or reinspection, as directed by the SAC, has been completed and all fish trap gear, permits, and vessels are determined to be in compliance with all applicable regulations.

(2) *Trip reports*. For each fishing trip on which a fish trap will be used or possessed, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a fish trap endorsement has been issued, as required under § 622.4(a)(2)(i), must submit a trip initiation report and a trip termination report to the SAC or his designee, by telephone, using the following 24-hour toll-free number—800–305–0697.

(i) *Trip initiation report*. The trip initiation report must be submitted before beginning the trip and must include: vessel name; official number; number of traps to be deployed; sequence of trap tag numbers; date, time, and point of departure; and intended time and date of trip termination.

(ii) *Trip termination report*. The trip termination report must be submitted immediately upon returning to port and prior to any offloading of catch or fish traps. The trip termination report must include: vessel name; official number; name and address of dealer where catch will be offloaded and sold; the time offloading will begin; notification of any lost traps; and notification of any traps left deployed for any reason.

(B) [Reserved]

(iii) *Gulf shrimp*. The owner or operator of a vessel that fishes for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ or in adjoining state

**SEC. 303. CONTENTS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS 16 U.S.C. 1853**

**95-354, 99-659, 101-627, 104-297**

**(a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, shall--

(1) contain the conservation and management measures, applicable to foreign fishing and fishing by vessels of the United States, which are--

(A) necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, and to protect, restore, and promote the long-term health and stability of the fishery;

(B) described in this subsection or subsection (b), or both; and

(C) consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, regulations implementing recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates (including but not limited to closed areas, quotas, and size limits), and any other applicable law;

(2) contain a description of the fishery, including, but not limited to, the number of vessels involved, the type and quantity of fishing gear used, the species of fish involved and their location, the cost likely to be incurred in management, actual and potential revenues from the fishery, any recreational interest in the fishery, and the nature and extent of foreign fishing and Indian treaty fishing rights, if any;

(3) assess and specify the present and probable future condition of, and the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield from, the fishery, and include a summary of the information utilized in making such specification;

(4) assess and specify--

(A) the capacity and the extent to which fishing vessels of the United States, on an annual basis, will harvest the optimum yield specified under paragraph (3),

(B) the portion of such optimum yield which, on an annual basis, will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing, and

(C) the capacity and extent to which United States fish processors, on an annual basis, will process that portion of such optimum yield that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States;

(5) specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, and charter fishing in the fishery, including, but not limited to,

information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was engaged in, time of fishing, number of hauls, and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by, United States fish processors;

(6) consider and provide for temporary adjustments, after consultation with the Coast Guard and persons utilizing the fishery, regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery; except that the adjustment shall not adversely affect conservation efforts in other fisheries or discriminate among participants in the affected fishery;

(7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;

(8) in the case of a fishery management plan that, after January 1, 1991, is submitted to the Secretary for review under section 304(a) (including any plan for which an amendment is submitted to the Secretary for such review) or is prepared by the Secretary, assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan;

(9) include a fishery impact statement for the plan or amendment (in the case of a plan or amendment thereto submitted to or prepared by the Secretary after October 1, 1990) which shall assess, specify, and describe the likely effects, if any, of the conservation and management measures on--

(A) participants in the fisheries and fishing communities affected by the plan or amendment; and

(B) participants in the fisheries conducted in adjacent areas under the authority of another Council, after consultation with such Council and representatives of those participants;

(10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;

(11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority--

(A) minimize bycatch; and

(B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

(12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;

(13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and

(14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.

97-453, 99-659, 101-627, 102-251, 104-297

**(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.**--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may--

(1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to--

(A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]\* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]\*;

(B) the operator of any such vessel; or

(C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;

(2) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;

(3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the--

(A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);

(B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

(C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;

(4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;

(5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery;

(6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account--

(A) present participation in the fishery,

(B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery,

(C) the economics of the fishery,

(D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries,

(E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities, and

(F) any other relevant considerations;

(7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data (other than economic data) which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;

(8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;

(9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;

(10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

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(11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and

(12) prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

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*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Less than 2 minutes for a response card, and 2 hours for focus group participation. The average estimated response time is expected to be less than 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 3,022.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$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 will 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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 14, 2005.

#### 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; Monitoring of Fish Trap Fishing in the Gulf of Mexico

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

**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 August 19, 2005.

**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Beverly D. Lambert, 727-824-5347 or [Beverly.Lambert@noaa.gov](mailto:Beverly.Lambert@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Any person using fish traps to participate in the commercial reef fish fishery in the Gulf of Mexico must make an appointment with NMFS in order for the fish traps to be inspected. This is a one-time requirement. Fishermen will also be required to make telephone reports when initiating and terminating fishing trips. This information is needed to monitor fish trap fishing.

##### I. Method of Collection

The information is submitted via a toll-free telephone call.

##### II. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0392.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 86.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 251.

*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: June 14, 2005.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031705F]

##### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish Fisheries Management in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and the Gulf of Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Approval of amendments to fishery management plans.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the approval of Amendment 83 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) and Amendment 75 to the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA). The amendments make housekeeping revisions to the FMPs. The revisions update harvest, ecosystem, and socioeconomic information, consolidate text, and reorganize the documents. The intent of this action is to update information in the FMPs and to make them easier to read. This action promotes the goals and objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the FMPs, and other applicable laws.

**DATES:** The amendments were approved on June 13, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of Amendments 83 and 75 are available from the Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Durall, or from the Alaska Region website at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that each Regional Fishery Management Council submit any FMP amendment it prepares to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial