

collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by e-mail at christopher.rogers@noaa.gov or phone at 301-713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Under current regulations NMFS may select for observer coverage any fishing trip by a vessel that has a permit for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS). NMFS will advise vessel owners in writing when their vessels have been selected. The owners of those vessels are then required to notify NMFS before commencing any fishing trip for Atlantic HMS. Such notification allows NMFS to arrange for observer placements and assignments. The estimated number of responses exceeds the number of respondents due to multiple trips taken within a particular season.

**II. Method of Collection**

Notification can be made by phone, fax, or letter.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0374.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 212.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 295.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$4,468.

**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: January 4, 2002.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 010702B]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

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**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should

be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, F/ AKR2, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (telephone 907-586-7008).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

As required in the reasonable and prudent measures in the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 biological opinion on the effects of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska pollock, Atka mackerel, and Pacific cod fisheries on the endangered Steller sea lions, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has implemented changes to information collected from fishery participants. Any vessel that is registered for directed fishing for Pacific cod, pollock, and Atka mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska must install a vessel monitoring system (VMS) unit and operate the VMS while directed fishing for each of the species. The VMS unit automatically transmits location information every 20 minutes. NOAA uses the information for determining vessel locations and enforcing the closure of areas of critical habitat. Participants must also fax NOAA a check-in report when a VMS unit has been installed.

**II. Method of Collection**

The position reports are electronic and automatic. Check-in reports must be faxed.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0445.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 539.

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

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 6 hours to install a VMS, 4 hours per year to maintain a VMS, 5 seconds for an automated position report, and 12 minutes to fax a check-in report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 13,044.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$811,000.

**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: January 4, 2002.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Public Hearing on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California**

**AGENCY:** The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Public hearing notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) prepared on the proposed designation of the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California. The Supplement to the DEIS/DMP addresses research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the proposed reserve.

The Estuarine Reserves Division will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th, at Pittsburg, California City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

The views of interested persons and organizations on the adequacy of the Supplement to the DEIS/DMP are solicited, and may be expressed orally and/or in written statements. Presentations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-heard basis, and may be limited to a maximum of five (5)

minutes. The time allotment may be extended before the hearing when the number of speakers can be determined. All comments received at the hearing will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan.

The comment period for the Supplement to the DEIS/DMP will end on February 26, 2002. All written comments received by this deadline will be considered in the preparation of the FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Laurie McGilvray (301) 713-3155 extension 158, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Draft Management Plan are available upon request to the Estuarine Reserves Division.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves

Dated: January 4, 2002.

**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone, Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Ecosystem Management Committee, Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, Protected Resources Committee, and Executive Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Monday, January 28 through Thursday, January 31, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 350 Rt. 3 West, Secaucus, NJ 07094, telephone 201-863-8700.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Monday, January 28, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.*—the Ecosystem Planning Committee will meet.

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 8 a.m. until noon* the Ecosystem Planning Committee will continue its meeting.

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.*—the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet.

*Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.*—the Protected Resources Committee will meet.

*Wednesday, January 30, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 10. a.m.*—the Executive Committee will meet.

*Wednesday, January 30, 2002*—the Council will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m.

*Thursday, January 31, 2002, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.*—Council will meet.

Agenda items for the committees and Council meeting(s), as appropriate, are: Discussion of alternative recreational and commercial management approaches for MAFMC species; review scoping comments for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP, review Amendment 9 issues paper, finalize management measures for Amendment 9 public hearing draft, and develop timeline for Amendment 9 completion; review update to recent bottlenose dolphin take reduction team's report; receive and discuss the advisory report on the status of monkfish, Georges Bank winter flounder, and Loligo squid developed at the 34th Stock Assessment Workshop; discuss approval of Framework Adjustment 1 to the Monkfish FMP (options include: 1) no action and allowing the FMP Year 4 default measures to take effect eliminating the directed fishery, 2) the preferred alternative of postponing the Year 4 default measures for one year and adjusting trip limits and days at sea allocations to achieve fishing year 2000 landing levels after accounting for the court-ordered adjustment to the gillnet trip limits, 3) adjusting management measures to reduce catches to the Years 2 and 3 total allowable catch targets); convene public scoping meeting for Amendment 2 to the Monkfish FMP; receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding