

ACTION: Proposed Collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@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, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information via dealer reports to monitor the U.S. catch of tuna in relation to the quota, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Provisions of the domestic regulations are also monitored through this collection of information, such as compliance with area closures, fishing seasons, and subquotas by gear type and/or user group. This information provides the catch data necessary to assess the status of tuna resources. Assessments are conducted and presented to ICCAT annually. The data provide, in part, the basis for ICCAT management recommendations which become binding on member nations. In addition, dealer reports provide

essential information for domestic management policy and rule making. This collection also includes imports of Pacific bluefin tuna.

II. Method of Collection

Dealers who buy, sell, or receive for commercial purposes any large medium or giant size class Atlantic bluefin tuna are required to report all transactions to NMFS via daily and biweekly reporting forms. These forms collect certain information for each Atlantic bluefin tuna that is sold at landing. Dealers who purchase any other types or sizes of Atlantic tuna, or Pacific coast dealers who export or import bluefin tuna, are required to submit biweekly reports only. Dealers must affix a tag to the tail of each bluefin tuna, record these tag numbers on biweekly reports, and add the tag numbers to the label of any packages of tuna parts to be transported for domestic use or export. Anglers who catch giant or medium-sized Atlantic bluefin tuna must also submit daily reports.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0239

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection

Affected public: Business or other for-profit (tuna dealers), individuals

Estimated Number of Respondents: 432

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 minutes for daily reports, 14 minutes for biweekly Atlantic bluefin tuna report, 24 minutes for the Pacific biweekly report, 14 minutes for the biweekly report on other Atlantic tunas, and 10 minutes for tagging and recording the tag numbers of bluefin tuna.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,039 hours

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures)

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 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

[Intent To Renew Information Collection No. 3038-0033]

Public Information Collection Requirement

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is planning to renew information collection 3038-0033, Regulation Governing Notification of Legal Proceedings, which is due to expire September 30, 1999. The information collected pursuant to this rule is designed to assist the Commission in monitoring legal proceedings involving the responsibilities imposed on contract markets and their officials and futures commission merchants and their principals by the Commodity Exchange Act, the Commission's enabling legislation, or otherwise. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Commission solicits comments to:

(1) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of the information of those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronics submission of responses.

Dates: Comments must be received on or before July 19, 1999.

Addresses: Persons wishing to comment on this information collection should contact the CFTC Clearance Office, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5160.

Title: Regulation Governing Notification of Legal Proceedings.
Control Number: 3038-0033.
Action: Extension.

Respondents: Contract Markets and their officials and Futures Commission Merchants and their principals.
Estimated Annual Burden: 10 hours.

Respondents	Regulation (17 CFR)	Estimated number of respondents	Annual responses	Est. avg. hours per response
Contract markets and their officials and futures commission merchants and their principals	1.60	100	1	.10

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Jean A. Webb,
Secretary to the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 4, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 11, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 14, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, June 18, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,
Secretary of the Commission.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 1999.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.