

325.2(l)): Chief Orchards L.L.C., Yakima, Washington; J.C. Watson Co., Parma, Idaho; Jenks Bro. Cold Storage, Inc., Royal City, Washington; Naumes, Inc., Chelan, Washington; The Apple House, Brewster, Washington; Valicoff Fruit Company, Inc., Wapato, Washington; and Washington Cherry Growers, Wenatchee, Washington (controlling entities: Blue Bird, Inc. and Dovex Fruit Company); and

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Crisp'n Spicy Growers, Inc., Pateros, Washington; D & G Packing Inc., Plymouth, Washington; Fox Orchards, Mattawa, Washington; Nickell Orchards, Pateros, Washington; and Rolling Hills Orchards, Emmett, Idaho.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071999B]

American Fisheries Act Reports

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

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 September 27, 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 Patsy Bearden, NMFS-

Alaska Region, PO Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, (907) 586-7465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The American Fisheries Act (AFA), signed into law in October 1998, established a complex system that allocates the pollock catch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area to entities composed of groups of specific fishing vessels and processors. Under the AFA, groups of vessels delivering to a specific shoreside processor may form a cooperative and receive a direct allocation of pollock catch to be exclusively harvested by that cooperative. At the same time, the AFA restricts the ability of pollock fishing vessels and processors from expanding their level of participation in other (non-pollock) fisheries. To implement the provisions of the AFA, NMFS will need to monitor the catch of these various entities, including newly established fishery cooperatives, for inseason management of directed fisheries and for managing catch limits by AFA-qualified vessels in other fisheries. Timely reports will be necessary for NMFS to determine catch and bycatch taken by AFA-qualified vessels.

The new reports proposed by NMFS include a Shoreside Electronic Delivery Report that is the equivalent of existing Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) fish ticket reports. A report would be submitted for each delivery on a daily basis. As an alternative to this new electronic report, processors would have the option to fax ADF&G fish tickets to NMFS. A daily report of pollock catch by vessel also would be required from each of up to eight shoreside fishery cooperatives.

The AFA also lists the 20 catcher/processors and three motherships that may participate in the pollock fisheries, and requires that all AFA-listed catcher/processors carry two observers and weigh all groundfish catch on scales approved by NMFS. The Council has recommended that NMFS extend these observer and scale requirements to the three AFA-listed motherships. The Council also recommended that NMFS require that AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships provide observer sampling stations. These observer coverage, scale, and sampling station requirements would be identical to existing requirements for catcher/processors participating in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries. Nine of the 23 AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships are not currently equipped with NMFS-approved scales and observer sampling stations and would be required to install

scales and observer sampling stations to comply with the AFA. The other 14 vessels participate in the CDQ fisheries and, as a consequence, their facilities already meet the new standards established in the AFA. The information collection requirements associated with scales and weighing catch at-sea in the CDQ program have been approved by the OMB under control number 0648-0330. The information collection requirements associated with observer sampling stations have been approved under OMB control number 0648-0269. These requirements include requesting an annual scale and observer sampling station inspection, maintaining scale and observer sampling station approval documents on board the vessel, conducting a daily at-sea scale test, producing a scale audit trail when requested and producing and maintaining printed output from the scale.

II. Method of Collection

A. Shoreside Electronic Delivery Reports. Shoreside electronic delivery reports would be submitted electronically by each shoreside processor via modem or Internet connection using software provided by NMFS. These daily reports would be in lieu of existing daily production logbooks and weekly production reports which currently must be faxed to NMFS or submitted electronically.

B. Shoreside Pollock Catch Report. Each of up to eight shoreside catcher vessel cooperatives would be required to submit daily pollock catch reports to NMFS over the Internet using a NMFS Home Page established for this purpose that will provide a Web-based reporting form. As an alternative for cooperatives lacking Internet access, reports could be sent to NMFS via fax. The regulations establishing the inshore pollock co-op program will require each catcher vessel cooperative to appoint a designated representative or cooperative manager who will report cooperative activity to NMFS. NMFS anticipates that cooperative managers will operate out of shore-based offices and will therefore have the capability to report cooperative activity to NMFS through normal phone lines and Internet accounts. Consequently, this catcher vessel co-op reporting requirement does not contain an at-sea reporting requirement.

C. Scale and observer sampling station requirements for AFA-listed Catcher/Processors and Motherships. All 23 AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships will be required to submit a written request for scale and observer sampling station inspection annually. Scales must be tested daily

when in use. Test results are maintained on the vessel and not reported to NMFS. The total weight of each haul or set must be printed out daily and maintained on board the vessel for inspection by the observer.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Business or other for-profit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39 (8 shoreside processors, 8 catcher vessel cooperatives, 20 catcher/processors and 3 motherships)

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for a daily catch report from a cooperative; 5 minutes for electronically submitting or faxing a delivery report or fish ticket; 2 minutes for a scale inspection request; 1 minute to retain an annual scale inspection report; 45 minutes for an at-sea scale test report; 5 minutes per day for a printed record of haul weight; 3 minutes to retain a scale audit trail print-out; and 2 hours for requesting an observer sampling station inspection and maintaining the inspection report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,775

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$6,368

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: July 20, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Commercial Harvesters and Recreational Party and Charter Boats Sociocultural and Economic Data Collection Pilot Study

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

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John Witzig, Chief, Fishery Statistics Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-281-9232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a pilot study sponsored by the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) and conducted by the National Marine Fisheries Service. This study is designed to develop sociocultural and economic information systems for commercial and recreational fisheries. Three specific arenas will be addressed during this pilot study. One is to identify and address potential problems with the mechanics of implementing the system. These include all data gathering, entry, and storage activities as well as the ability to link the data to all other ACCSP data. The second is to carry out a field test of the survey instrument across the different

cultural and socioeconomic contexts in which the data gathering system must eventually be implemented. Field testing questions and instruments is standard procedure in preparing for any survey research. The third arena is to verify the economic model. Initial data gathering in two specific fisheries, summer flounder and blue crab, will be carried out and the data used for test runs of several standard economic models.

II. Method of Collection

The study will collect social, cultural, and economic data from commercial and recreational party/charter fishing vessels' owners, captains and crew via face-to-face interviews. Time series of this information will be collected over a three-year period from the same people. Subsequent interviews with respondents will use telephone interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Businesses and other for-profit, individuals (fishing boat owners, captains, and crew members)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,743 (343 vessels owners/captains and approximately 1,400 crew members)

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour for owners, 30 minutes for crew members

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,386

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0

IV. Request for Comments

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