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Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110999A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request.

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Requirements for Certified Observer Contractors of the North Pacific.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0318.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 213 new hours (2,106 hours total).

Number of Respondents: 31.

Average Hours per Response: Ranges between 7 minutes and 60 hours depending on requirement.

Needs and Uses: In the North Pacific contractors provide observer services to the Alaskan groundfish fishery. Observers collect basic fishery data such as catch and composition of groundfish, catch and mortality of prohibited species and marine mammals, and other data necessary for stock assessment, conservation, and research. Companies must be certified to provide such services, and new entrants must supply information showing they meet the criteria for certification. Anyone wishing to apply for certification as an observer contractor must submit a narrative application which details how they plan to carry out the responsibilities and duties of an observer contractor. The information collected assist the National Marine Fisheries Service Observer Program to coordinate and conduct effective scheduling of observers for training, briefing and debriefing sessions, maintaining a logistical observer deployment database for recordkeeping purposes, and monitor the ongoing ability of a company to meet the requirements of a certified observer contractor.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and businesses or other for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 724 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110899A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, and will conclude by 12:00 p.m. on Friday December 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607; telephone 813-877-6688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP will convene to review Draft Amendment for a Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium. This plan

amendment proposes to impose a moratorium on the issuance of new permits for reef fish and coastal pelagics charter vessels/headboats. The SEP will prepare a report containing its conclusions and recommendations on the plan amendment. This report will be presented for review to the Council's Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee and Ad Hoc Charter Vessel Advisory Panel at meetings to be held in early January 2000. The SEP report will also be presented to the Council at its meeting on January 17-20, 2000 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Composing the SEP membership are economists, sociologists, and anthropologists from various universities and state fishery agencies throughout the Gulf. They advise the Council on the social and economic implications of certain fishery management measures.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by November 26, 1999.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102799A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Thursday, December 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Friday, December 10, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA; (858) 546-7000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Six, Executive Director, (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the work session is to begin drafting sections of the fishery management plan and related documents for highly migratory species fisheries of the West Coast. This is the first of several sessions that will be held in 1999 and 2000 to develop documents for Council review and action.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 3, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110599C]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Marine Reserves and Dolphin/Wahoo Committees, and joint meetings of its Calico Scallop, Snapper Grouper and Golden Crab Committees and advisory panels (AP). The Red Drum Committee will meet jointly with the Red Drum Advisory Panel, the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission South Atlantic Board. There will also be a Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from November 29 - December 3, 1999. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Blockade Runner Hotel, 275 Waynick Blvd., Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480; telephone: (1-800) 541-1161 or (910) 256-2251.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

November 29, 1999, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Joint Marine Reserves Committee and Advisory Panel meeting;

The Marine Reserves Committee and Advisory Panel will review, revise and approve the Marine Reserves Discussion Document and review and approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary. *November 30, 1999, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon*—Joint Calico Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel meeting;

The Calico Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel will develop Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) measures, revise vessel monitoring system (VMS) measures and approve the fishery management plan (FMP).

November 30, 1999, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee and Advisory Panel meeting;

The committee and advisory panel will review the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report, develop recommendations on Georgia's Special Management Zone (SMZ) request and other framework actions as appropriate. The committee will also develop recommendations for approval of Amendment 12, discuss extending the emergency rule on red porgy and discuss the need for a follow-up amendment to the Emergency Action implementing permit reapplication.

December 1, 1999, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Joint Red Drum Committee and Advisory Panel, North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission, and ASMFC South Atlantic Board;

The committees will address the red drum stock assessment report and discuss the status of the stock and future management actions.

December 1, 1999, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Golden Crab Committee and Advisory Panel meeting;

The committee and advisory panel will review options and develop recommendations for Amendment 1.

December 2, 1999, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Dolphin/Wahoo Committee;

The committee will review Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Fishery Management Council actions and discuss modifications to the draft FMP as appropriate.

December 2, 1999, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Council Session;

From 10:45 - 11:00, the Council will hear the Golden Crab Committee report and approve Amendment 1 for public hearing.

From 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, the Council will hear the Snapper Grouper Committee report.

As part of the Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, beginning at 11:00 a.m., the Council will take public comment on the Georgia Special Management Zone (SMZ) Request, other potential framework actions and extending the emergency rule on the closure of the red porgy fishery. Immediately following public comment, the Council will make a decision on these issues. The Council will make a decision on approving Snapper Grouper Amendment 12 and make a decision on the need for a follow-up amendment to Emergency Action implementing permit reapplications.

From 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., the Council will hear the Calico Scallop Committee report after taking public comment on establishing MSY and revising the VMS measures for the Calico Scallop FMP at 1:30 p.m. The