

processing of materials and products (USA)

—Draft OIML Recommendation: Alanine EPR dosimetry system for ionizing radiation processing of materials and products (USA)

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081800E]

#### Fishing Capacity Reduction Program Advanced Referenda and Other Requirements

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

**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 October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 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 Richard Roberts, OFA1x1, Station 8118, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-3525, ext. 115).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) conducts a program to reduce excess fishing capacity by paying fishermen to (1) surrender their fishing permits, or (2) to both surrender their permits and either scrap or restrict their vessel titles

to prevent fishing. The bulk of the information requirements associated with this program are approved under OMB Control Number 0648-0376. In May of 2000, however, NOAA obtained emergency clearance from OMB to conduct advanced referenda concerning buyback programs. Certain other existing requirements were clarified. NOAA is now requesting OMB for regular Paperwork Reduction Act approval for these requirements.

##### II. Method of Collection

Hard copies of material will usually be submitted.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0413.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 800.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,200.

*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: August 17, 2000

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081800C]

#### Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Prior Notice of Landing Report

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

**ACTION:** Proposed information 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 October 23, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 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 A. Bearden, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802, Telephone number 907-586-7008.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service is requesting comments on a revision to a collection of information that supports the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for fixed-gear Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska. Vessel operators would be required to report IFQ regulatory area on the IFQ Prior Notice of Landing (PNOL) report in addition to the currently required information about the anticipated IFQ offload.

##### II. Method of Collection

An IFQ vessel operator provides the information by telephone to a NOAA Enforcement Officer or U.S. Coast Guard Officer prior to IFQ offloading.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0272.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,700.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 8 seconds for added data element.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 33.

*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: August 17, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081700A]

#### Development of a Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone; Public Workshops

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshops.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes information regarding stakeholder input to the development of a Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (Code of Conduct). It is the purpose of such a Code of Conduct to provide general

guidance for siting and operating aquaculture facilities in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) seaward of coastal state boundaries and authorities. NMFS is holding three workshops to gather information that will be used to develop a draft Code of Conduct. The workshops are open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are:

1. Seattle, WA, September 7, 2000, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

2. Danvers, MA, September 14, 2000, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

3. Galveston, TX; September 20, 2000, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop locations are:

1. Seattle: National Marine Fisheries Service, NMFS, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, 2725 Montlake Boulevard E., Seattle, WA. 98112.

2. Danvers: King's Grant Inn, Route 128 at Trask Lane, Danvers, MA 01923

3. Galveston: National Marine Fisheries Service, Galveston Laboratory, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edwin Rhodes at (301) 713-2334 or Colin Nash at (360) 871-8309. For specific workshop information contact: Seattle, WA, Colin Nash, (360) 871-8309; Danvers, MA, Harry Mears, (978) 281-9243; Galveston, TX, Roger Zimmerman, (409) 766-3500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

NMFS has Federal responsibility for the living marine resources of the United States. Under authorities of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, NMFS has responsibility for Federally managed species and for the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat in the zone seaward of coastal state boundaries to the 200 nautical mile limit of the EEZ. NMFS has additional responsibilities for threatened and endangered species and for marine mammals under authorities of the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. NMFS anticipates increasing aquaculture activity in the EEZ. In order to provide guidance to potential users of the U.S. EEZ for aquaculture, NMFS, with broad stakeholder input, will produce a Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone. It is the purpose of such a Code of Conduct to provide general guidance to the aquaculture industry for siting and operating aquaculture facilities in this zone, and to provide NMFS with a framework that can be used to ensure a more consistent review of aquaculture projects that require agency actions. NMFS may also use the Code of

Conduct as a starting point for the development of regulatory standards in the future.

The United States was an active participant in the 1993-1995 consultations that led to the adoption by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (FAO Code). While the FAO Code is a voluntary and non-binding instrument, the United States has consistently supported its usefulness as an internationally agreed upon statement of principles that should govern the policies of FAO members in all sectors of the fishing industry, including aquaculture, which is addressed in Article 9 of the FAO Code. Although the Code of Conduct being developed for the U.S. EEZ does not have to follow the FAO model, the FAO Code is an important reference instrument. A copy of the aquaculture section (Article 9) of the FAO Code can be obtained from the contact persons listed here, and can be found on the internet at <http://www.fao.org/fi/agreem/codecond/ficonde.asp>

NMFS will develop the Code of Conduct in steps. The first step is to get stakeholder input in September, 2000, to assist in Code of Conduct development. NMFS, in consultation with other Federal agencies with authorities in Federal waters, will consider this stakeholder input in producing a draft Code of Conduct, which will be made available for public comment through a **Federal Register** notice early in 2001. Public comments will be addressed in formulating a final Code of Conduct, which will be published in the **Federal Register** before January, 2002.

#### Regional Workshops

NMFS will hold three regional workshops to receive stakeholder input for development of the Code of Conduct. NMFS seeks input on the scope, content, specificity and use of a Code of Conduct that can be used to help guide aquaculture development in the EEZ. Areas for discussion include, but are not limited to, species choices, siting, transboundary considerations, design and construction of facilities, disease prevention and control, feeds and feeding protocols, effluents and pollution, interactions with wild species and protected resources, general operations, stock enhancement, use conflict resolution, and on-shore impacts. The workshops are open to all interested persons.