

carrier service will not accomplish the agency's mission.

Classification

This document involves collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which have been approved by OMB under OMB control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

This document has been determined to be "not significant" for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

John J. Phelan, III,

Acting Director for Executive Budgeting and Assistance Management.

[FR Doc. 00-27102 Filed 10-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-BV-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101800LE]

Management and Oversight of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System

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 December 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms 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 Doris Grimm, N/ORM5, Room 11616, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-3132 x107).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System consists of carefully selected estuarine areas of the U.S. that are designated, preserved, and managed for research and educational purposes. Information is needed from states on proposals for designations. For selected sites the state must submit a management plan and an annual report/work plan. NOAA needs the information to ensure that the sites selected meet national standards.

II. Method of Collection

Much information can be submitted electronically via a Web site. Other information is submitted in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0121.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2,000 hours for a management plan or site nomination; 15 hours for an annual report/work plan; and 2 hours for any supporting documentation such as a categorical exclusion checklist, state Historical Preservation Office comments, a preliminary engineering report for activities involving construction, and a Federal Consistency Certification.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14,405.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$185.

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: October 17, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

[FR Doc. 00-27184 Filed 10-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE: 3510-08 -S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101800MC]

NOAA Space-based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms 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 the Direct Services Divisions (E/SP3), Room 3320, FB-4, NOAA, 5200 Auth Road, Suitland, MD 20746-4304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA operates two space-based data collection systems: the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Data Collection System and the Argos Data Collection System. Both systems are operated to support environmental applications. Since the entire capacity of the systems is not used by NOAA, this extra capacity is made available to other users who meet

certain criteria set forth in 15 CFR part 911.

II. Method of Collection

Applications are submitted on forms that respond to requirements detailed in 15 CFR part 911.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0157.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 390.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 390.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$500.

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: October 17, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

[FR Doc. 00-27185 Filed 10-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-12-S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101700F]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish and Monkfish Oversight Committees in November, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Monday, November 6, 2000 and Wednesday, November 8, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA and Baltimore, MD. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, November 6, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: 978-977-6478.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will finalize its recommendations for management alternatives to be included in Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This will include recommendations on rebuilding programs, measures to address capacity issues, and the four broad approaches to management that are under consideration (status quo, adjustments to the status quo, area management, and sector allocation). The committees' recommendations will be reviewed by the Council at its November 14-16 meeting. After approval by the Council, the proposed alternatives will be analyzed and a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and public hearing document prepared. The committee will meet in a closed session to review advisory panel applications.

Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.—Monkfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton International Hotel at BWI Airport, 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240; telephone: (410) 691-9827.

The committee will review the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation

(SAFE) Report for 1999, including the Monkfish Monitoring Committee Report. Based on this review, the committee will develop recommendations to the Council for adjustments to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan for the 2001 fishing year, in accordance with the framework adjustment procedures in the FMP. The committee will review the Monkfish Advisory Panel recommendations on trip limit options to address perceived inequities across fleet sectors, a range of alternatives for monkfish spawning area/time management, and on possible options for bycatch control and minimizing discards of monkfish in small mesh fisheries. The committee will also develop recommendations to the Council for research priorities under cooperative programs with the industry.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

[FR Doc. 00-27186 Filed 10-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE: 3510-22 -S

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 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: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).