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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041301B]

High Seas Fishing Vessel Identification Requirements

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork 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 Bob Dickinson, F/SF4, Room 13304, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2276, ext. 154).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Operators of vessels licensed under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act are required to mark their vessels in three (3) locations with their official number or radio call sign. The requirement is for enforcement purposes.

II. Method of Collection

No information is submitted, only displayed on the vessel.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0348.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of 3 locations).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 37.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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 (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Customer Surveys.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0342.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,800.

Number of Respondents: 70,000.

Average Hours Per Response: Varies from 1-15 minutes, depending on specific survey.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for a generic clearance for voluntary customer surveys to be conducted by NOAA program offices to determine whether their customers are satisfied with products and/or services being received and whether they have suggestions for improving those products and services. NOAA is not planning a NOAA-wide survey. The request is for approval of generic lists of questions which individual program offices would select from and adapt to meet their specific needs. Those specific surveys would then be sent to OMB for fast-track review to ensure that the proposal is consistent with the generic clearance and well-planned.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, Federal Government, and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041001D]

Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984; Conservation and Management Measures

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

ACTION: Final notice.

SUMMARY: At its Nineteenth Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, October 23 to

November 3, 2000, the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), of which the United States is a member, adopted conservation measures, pending members' approval, pertaining to fishing in the CCAMLR Convention Area in Antarctic waters. These were agreed upon in accordance with Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the CCAMLR measures and the framework environmental assessment may be obtained from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Tuttle, 301-713-2282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See 50 CFR part 300, subpart G—Antarctic Marine Living Resources, and the Department of State's notice at 66 FR 7527, January 23, 2001.

The measures restrict overall catches and bycatch of certain species of fish, krill, squid, and crab; limit participation in several exploratory fisheries; restrict fishing in certain areas and to certain gear types; set fishing seasons; amend the catch documentation scheme for *Dissostichus* species; add to the procedures for minimizing the incidental take of seabirds in longline fishing; make technical amendments to the conservation measures related to research activities; and amend previously adopted measures relating to reporting requirements, licensing and inspection obligations of Contracting Parties, cooperation between Contracting Parties, and the use of automated satellite-linked vessel monitoring systems (VMS) on Contracting Party vessels fishing in the Convention Area. The Commission also adopted resolutions urging action with respect to illegal fishing and the implementation of the Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* species.

The measures and resolutions were announced by the Department of State by a preliminary notice in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2001. Public comments were invited, but none were received. NMFS implements these measures by this final notice, consistent with the framework process specified in the International Fisheries Regulations (50 CFR 300.111).

CCAMLR approved several fisheries as exploratory fisheries for the 2000/2001 fishing season. These fisheries are limited total allowable catch (TAC) fisheries and, with the exception of an

exploratory fishery for *M. hyadesi* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 open to all Contracting Party vessels, are open only to the flagged vessels of the countries that notified CCAMLR of an interest by participants in the fisheries. The United States was not a notifying country, and, thus, U.S. fishers are not eligible to participate in them. The exploratory fisheries are for longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Subarea 48.6 by Argentina, Brazil and South Africa; trawl fishing on the BAZARE Bank by Australia; longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species on BAZARE Bank outside areas under national jurisdiction by Argentina and France; trawl fishing for *Dissostichus* species on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3) by Australia; longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species on Elan Bank (Statistical Division 58.4.3) outside areas of national jurisdictions by Australia and France; trawl fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Division 58.4.2 by Australia; longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Division 58.4.4 by Argentina, Brazil, France, South Africa, Ukraine and Uruguay; longline fishing for *Dissostichus eleginoides* in Statistical Subarea 58.6 by Argentina, France and South Africa; longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Subareas 88.1 by New Zealand, South Africa and Uruguay; longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species in Statistical Subarea 88.2 by South Africa and Uruguay; and trawl fishing for *Chaenodraco wilsoni*, *Lepidonotothen kempi*, *Trematomus eulepidotus* and *Pleuragramma antarcticum* in Statistical Division 58.4.2 by Australia.

Participation in the Convention Area crab fishery continues to be limited to one vessel per Commission member. Applications for a crab permit must be received no later than 90 days prior to intended harvesting and will be considered in the order of application. If there are multiple applicants, the one U.S. crab permit will be issued on the basis of (1) order of receipt of applications (2) criteria for harvesting permits appearing in 50 CFR 300.112 (3) willingness to participate in CCAMLR pilot programs and (4) record of previous participation, if any, in the crab fishery.

The Commission amended the conservation measure and Explanatory Memorandum for the Catch Documentation Scheme for *Dissostichus* species to improve the catch document and clarify the memorandum.

The Commission also amended the conservation measure specifying aspects of cooperation among Contracting Parties so that vessels known to be

engaged in illegal, unregulated or unreported fishing must be denied port access, other than for emergency purposes.

The Commission revised the procedures for minimizing the incidental mortality of seabirds in the course of longline fishing or longline fishing research in two ways. One, by requiring that vessels using the Spanish method of longline fishing release weights before line tension occurs and use weights of at least 8.5 kg mass, spaced at intervals of no more than 40 meters, or 6 kg mass spaced at intervals of no more than 20 meters. Two, by requiring that vessels unable to process or retain offal on board, or discharge offal on the opposite side of the vessel, not be authorized to fish in the Convention area.

The Commission amended the 5-day catch and effort reporting system by requiring that vessels failing to comply with the requirement cease fishing.

The Commission updated the general measure for exploratory fisheries for *Dissostichus* species to include changes to the Research Plan and bycatch limits.

The Commission approved minor technical revisions to management plans for CCAMLR Ecosystem Management Sites at Cape Shirreff and Seal Islands and added a catch limit on the take of *Dissostichus* species by any type of fishing gear during research fishing.

CCAMLR adopted four new resolutions relating to illegal fishing and implementation of the catch documentation scheme for *Dissostichus* species. These were a resolution urging all Contracting Parties to avoid flagging a non-Contracting Party vessel or licensing such a vessel to fish in waters under their fisheries jurisdiction, if that particular vessel has a history of engagement in illegal, unregulated or unreported fishing; urging all Acceding States and non-Contracting Parties not participating in the Catch Documentation Scheme which fish for, or trade in, *Dissostichus* species to implement the Scheme as soon as possible; urging all Contracting Parties where they are unable to provide an authorized Flag State official(s) to monitor a landing for the purposes on validating *Dissostichus* Catch Documents, to discourage their flag vessels authorized to fish for longline fishing for *Dissostichus* species from using ports of Acceding States and non-Contracting Parties which are not implementing the Catch Document Scheme; and agreeing that, on a voluntary basis, subject to their laws and regulations, Flag States participating in the Catch Document

Scheme for *Dissostichus* species should ensure that their flag vessels authorized to fish for or transship *Dissostichus* species on the high seas maintain an operational vessel monitoring system throughout the whole calendar year.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*

Dated: April 12, 2001.

Clarence Pautzke,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; Notice of Court Order Requiring Actions to Reduce the Incidental Catch of Sea Turtles in the Hawaii Pelagic Longline Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of Requirements of the Order Modifying Injunction (Order) of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii issued on March 30, 2001.

SUMMARY: This document announces the terms of the March 30, 2001, Order of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. This Order modifies the Court's previous Order of August 4, 2000. The Order restricts the Hawaii-based longline fishery (Hawaii longline fishery) based on the preferred alternative of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) governing the Hawaii longline fishery conducted under the Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP). The new Hawaii longline fishery management measures are intended to protect and conserve sea turtles.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alvin Katekaru, Fishery Management Specialist, Pacific Islands Area Office (PIAO), 808-973-2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background information on actions taken to implement earlier orders of the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii in *Center for Marine Conservation v. NMFS* was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 1999 (64 FR 72290), on March 28, 2000

(65 FR 16346), on June 19, 2000 (65 FR 37917), on August 25, 2000 (65 FR 51992), on November 3, 2000 (65 FR 66186), on February 22, 2001 (66 FR 11120) and on March 19, 2001 (66 FR 15358) and is not repeated here. The other regulations in 50 CFR parts 600 and 660 applicable to this fleet continue to apply. In the near future, NMFS anticipates publishing emergency interim regulations implementing the requirements of the Hawaii District Court's Order of March 30, 2001. This document is published to provide the public with notification of the requirements of the recent Court Order.

On March 30, 2001, Judge David A. Ezra, U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii (Court), issued an Order in *Center for Marine Conservation v. NMFS*, in response to NMFS filing an FEIS for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region by a deadline set in the Court's August 4, 2000, Order. The Court ordered that the following restrictions be imposed on Hawaii longline fishermen:

1. No vessel registered for use with a Hawaii longline limited access permit ("Hawaii longline vessel") may use longline fishing gear to target swordfish north of the equator. Longline gear must always be deployed such that the deepest point of the main longline between any two floats, i.e., the deepest point in each sag of the main line, is at a depth greater than 100 m (328.1 ft or 54.6 fm) below the sea surface.

2. No Hawaii longline vessel may fish with longline gear from April 1, 2001, through May 31, 2001, in the area bounded on the south by the equator, on the west by 180° W. long., on the east by 145° W. long., and on the north by 15° N. lat.

3. A Hawaii longline vessel that is de-registered from a Hawaii longline limited access permit after March 29, 2001, may not be registered again with a Hawaii longline limited access permit, except during the month of October.

4. If a sea turtle is discovered hooked or entangled on a longline during gear retrieval, retrieval shall cease until the turtle has been removed from the gear or brought onto the vessel's deck.

5. Hooks must be removed from the sea turtles as quickly and carefully as possible. If a hook cannot be removed, the line must be cut as close to the hook as possible.

6. Wire or bolt cutters capable of cutting through a longline hook must be on board each vessel to facilitate cutting of hooks imbedded in sea turtles.

7. The vessel operator shall bring comatose sea turtles on board the vessel and perform resuscitation as prescribed in 50 CFR 223.206(d)(1).

The Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 13, 2001.

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. 041201A]

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) Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2001, starting at 10 a.m. and continuing until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the large conference room at the offices of National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, 501 W Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review the Pacific mackerel stock assessment and harvest guideline for the 2001-2002 fishery; and coastal pelagic species stock assessment and fishery evaluation document.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the CPSMT and/or the CPSAS for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal CPSMT or CPSAS action during this meetings. CPSMT and/or CPSAS 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 Fishery Conservation and Management