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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 24, 2002.

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 Jim Waters, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516-9722, (252-728-8710).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect information about vessel expenses and earnings in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and coastal pelagics (mackerels) fisheries with which to conduct economic analyses that will improve fishery management in those fisheries; satisfy NMFS' legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performances measures in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans. These data will be collected in conjunction with catch and effort data already being collected in this fishery as part of its logbook program, and will be used to assess how fishermen will be impacted by and respond to regulations likely to be considered by fishery managers.

II. Method of Collection

Owners of selected vessels with Federal commercial permits in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and coastal pelagics fisheries will be required to report information about trip costs, input usage, input prices, and dockside prices as part of the logbook reporting requirements in this fishery. In addition, these vessel owners will be required to complete and submit by mail a separate form about annual fixed cost

information such as expenditures for repair and maintenance, gear purchase and repair, fishing licenses and permits, insurance, dock fees, repayment on boat and business loans, office expenses and so forth.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0016.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes per trip report; 30 minutes for the annual fixed-cost survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,400.

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: March 18, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031902H]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Coastal Ocean Program Grants Proposal Application Package

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Ocean Program (COP) provides direct financial assistance through grants and cooperative agreements for research supporting the management of coastal ecosystems. In addition to standard government application requirements, applicants for financial assistance are required to submit a summary proposal budget form and a project summary form. Applicants are also requested to submit 20 copies of applications to expedite the review process. Recipients are required to file annual progress reports and a project final report using COP formats. All of these requirements are needed for better evaluation of proposals and monitoring of awards.

II. Method of Collection

Paper forms and documents are submitted to the COP. The option of electronic submission is being explored.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0384.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions (universities, colleges, junior colleges, technical schools, laboratories); State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for a budget form; 30 minutes for a project summary; 5 hours for an

annual report; 10 hours for a final report; and 10 minutes to provide the extra copies required.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 011102267-2064-02; I.D. No. 102301B]

Financial Assistance for Marine Mammal Stranding Networks Through the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for applications, re-opening receipt of application date.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a document in the **Federal Register** of January 14, 2002, concerning the solicitation of competitive applications under the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program (Prescott Stranding Grant Program). This document re-opens the

receipt of application date for no later than 5 p.m., (local time) on April 8, 2002.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications has been re-opened until April 8, 2002. You must submit one signed original and two copies of the completed application (including supporting information). We will not accept facsimile or electronic applications.

ADDRESSES: We must receive your application by 5 p.m. (E.S.T.) April 8, 2002, in one of the offices designated in the **Federal Register** issue of January 14, 2002 (67 FR 1720).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Teri Rowles, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program 301-713-2322 ext. 178 or via e-mail: Teri.Rowles@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

This solicitation, the application package, and supplementary documents are available on the NMFS Office of Protected Resources Home Page at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/PR2/Health-and-Stranding-Response-Program/Prescott.html>.

Title IV of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program is available at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/laws/MMPA/MMPA.html.

Information on MMPA and ESA research and enhancement permits can be found at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/PR1/Permits/pr1permits-types.html>.

Background

In the **Federal Register** notice issue of January 14, 2002, (67 FR 1720) under **DATES** change the date from March 15, 2002 to April 8, 2002. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. E.S.T. Any proposals that were received in the period after the original closing date of March 15 and before March 25, 2002, will be considered by the program and do not need to re-apply.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Rebecca Lent,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 020306047-2047-01; I.D. 020402E]

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Request for Research Proposals (RFP)

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

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that for fishing year 2003 up to 3 percent of the total allowable landings (TAL) will be dedicated to research endeavors under a research set-aside program (RSA). This notice describes how the application and selection process for research projects to be funded under the RSA by a set-aside from the TAL of selected species will operate. The RSA provides a mechanism to fund research and compensate vessels through the sale of fish harvested under the research quota. The setting of the actual research set-aside quotas will be the subject of future rulemakings. NMFS is soliciting proposals for research activities concerning the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, *Loligo* squid, *Illex* squid, Atlantic mackerel, butterflyfish, bluefish, and tilefish fisheries.

DATES: All research proposals to be considered under this solicitation must be received between March 25, 2002, and 5 p.m., EST, on May 13, 2002, in the Northeast Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**). Postmarks prior to the end of the receipt period will not be sufficient. Facsimile applications will not be accepted. For further information related to the timeframe for review and selection of proposals to be conducted with research quota set-asides, see Section A, Background, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark proposals "Attention--Mid-Atlantic Research Proposals." Copies of the Standard Forms for submission of research proposals may be found on the Internet in a PDF (Portable Document Format) version at <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/grants/index.html>, under the title "Grants Management Forms," or by contacting the Council