

other interested parties through newsletters, popular articles, and meetings throughout the region.

This research would consist of the development of modified bottom trawl nets containing different configurations of an escape window and visual stimuli surrounded by 3-inch (7.6-cm) mesh codend covers to measure the escapement of undersized fish. These nets would test the difference in juvenile retention between square and hexagonal mesh escape windows, both with and without visual stimuli in the form of a black panel wrapped around the net between the extension and the codend of the net. A total of four experimental extension/codend configurations would be developed, including: (1) A codend made of 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) diamond mesh preceded by a 7-inch (17.7-cm) square mesh escape window in the extension; (2) a codend made of 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) diamond mesh preceded by a 7-inch (17.7-cm) hexagonal mesh escape window in the extension; (3) a codend made of 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) diamond mesh preceded by a 7-inch (17.7-cm) square mesh escape window in the extension, with additional visual stimulus by a black panel wrapped around the codend between the escape window and the codend; and (4) a codend made of 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) diamond mesh preceded by a 7-inch (17.7-cm) hexagonal mesh escape window in the extension, with additional visual stimulus by a black panel wrapped around the codend between the escape window and the codend ball. Two conventional nets of 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) diamond mesh and 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) square mesh codends would be used to compare the effectiveness of the experimental extension configurations.

The EFP would allow three commercial vessels to conduct a total of 16 days of sea trials in support of this study. During these sea trials, vessels would test all four experimental codend configurations and control codends. Five 1-hour experimental tows, and ten 20-minute control tows would be made per vessel per days-at-sea (DAS). All fish retained in the codend and the cover would be weighed and measured as quickly as possible. All legal-sized fish would be landed and sold to offset vessel costs. No undersized fish would be retained as part of this study, and any caught would be returned to the sea as quickly as possible. All vessels would be required to use DAS.

This work would examine the use of inexpensive visual stimuli to reduce bycatch of undersized fish. It is estimated that the use of visual stimuli

can induce escape behavior in nearly all species, and may increase escapement of undersized fish by up to 90 percent. Therefore, it is necessary to have an exemption to allow the use of a 3-inch (7.6-cm) codend cover on the net in order to quantify the number of undersized fish, and to assess the success of the visual stimuli and escape windows. This work also would examine seasonal effects on gear selectivity. Seasonal variation has been demonstrated for fisheries in other parts of the world. It is speculated that codends and other bycatch reduction devices may not perform in the same manner in all areas at all times. Therefore, in order to vary the season and have the maximum likelihood of catching a wide range of groundfish species, it is necessary to have access to the GOM Rolling Closure Area V.

Underwater video cameras would be placed within the net and in the codend cover to record reaction behavior of fish to the escape windows, visual stimuli, and codend mesh. Videotapes would be analyzed to develop behavioral traces of reaction behavior for each species. The catches of each codend configuration would be compared and analyzed to assess the effectiveness of the escape windows, visual stimuli, and codend mesh shapes (diamond versus square mesh).

The intended sampling area includes the western GOM, including 30-minute statistical squares 124, 125, 138, and 139, during September and October 2004. This area includes the GOM Rolling Closure Area V. Access to this area is necessary to be able to sample a wide range of fish species in sufficient numbers during the proposed project time frame. Sampling would not take place in the Western GOM Closed Area during this research.

The participating vessels would be required to report all landings in their Vessel Trip Reports. The data collection activities aboard the participating vessel would be conducted by observers trained to NMFS standards to ensure compliance with the experimental fishery objectives.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of its Standing and Special Mackerel Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs) to review stock assessment reports and proposed revisions to the guidelines for National Standard One.

DATES: The Council's Standing and Special Mackerel SSCs will convene from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Tampa Bay, 3050 North Rocky Point Drive West, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-888-8800.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rick Leard, Deputy Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Standing and Special Mackerel SSC to review stock assessment information on mackerel stocks that were developed as part of the Southeast Area Data and Assessment Review (SEDAR) 5 workshops. As part of the stock assessment process, three workshops were held between December 2003 and April 2004. The first workshop reviewed available data that would be used to develop stock assessments for Gulf and Atlantic group king mackerel. The second workshop provided a forum for developing the stock assessment, and the third workshop was a peer review of the stock assessment. The SSC will review the workshop reports as well as other information that was made available to the workshop attendees and provide the Council with a determination of whether the assessment reflects the best available scientific information. The SSC will also review draft revised guidelines for implementing National Standard 1 or the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management

Act (Magnuson Act) that addresses overfishing and achieving optimum yield from the Nation's fisheries.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SSCs for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSC 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are open to the public and physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) office by August 18, 2004.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080904B]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Researcher Workshop for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and Deepwater Coral/Habitat.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a technical research workshop in Cape Canaveral, FL involving invited scientists with backgrounds in deepwater coral and the Oculina Bank area.

DATES: The workshop will take place August 31 through September 3, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701

Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920; telephone: 321-784-0000 or 800-333-3333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843-571-4366 or 866-SAFMC-10; fax: 843-769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Workshop participants will meet from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on August 31, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on September 1-2, 2004, and from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on September 3, 2004. The workshop has two primary goals: (1) Development of a research and monitoring plan for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area, and (2) Development of a research and monitoring plan for deepwater coral and associated habitat.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 27, 2004.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Global Positioning System (GPS) Industry Survey

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collection, 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 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Jason Kim, Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Space Commercialization, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 4843, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 or via e-mail to jason.kim@technology.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Office of Space Commercialization will collect financial information from all known producers of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment. The information will be used to develop a public report describing the size and characteristics of the GPS manufacturing industry, and its economic impact on the United States. Dissemination of this information will provide a service to businesses and investors involved in the GPS industry. The information will also be used within the U.S. Government to inform ongoing policy and budget decisions related to the GPS program.

II. Method of Collection

This will be a one-time collection of information involving a paper questionnaire mailed to all known GPS manufacturers. The survey is completely voluntary and designed to be short to minimize public burden. Follow-up phone calls and letters will be used to encourage companies to participate in the survey. All respondents will receive a copy of the final report upon its release.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 250.