

ACTION: Notice.

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 March 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork 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 or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Sadler, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (phone 727-570-5760).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The regulations at 50 CFR 622.6(b) and 640.6 require that each fish or spiny lobster trap or pot be marked with a tag or the vessel permit number, depending on the fishery, and have a buoy attached that meets specified identification requirements. The marking of gear aids law enforcement, helps to ensure that vessels only harvest fish from their own gear, and makes it easier for fishermen to report the use of gear in unauthorized locations.

The regulations at 50 CFR 622.41 require that aquaculture site materials be distinguishable from the natural occurring substrate, depending on the area either through marking or other method. The marking of aquacultured site materials aids determination of the origin of those materials and, thereby, helps ensure compliance with the regulations.

II. Method of Collection

Public disclosure via marking the fishing gear. No information is collected.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0359.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for marking of a Spanish mackerel gillnet float; 7 minutes to tag a trap; and 10 seconds to mark or tag an aquacultured live rock.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,192.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$15,200.

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: January 7, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011005E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Fishing Vessel Identification Requirements

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork 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 or copies of the information collection instrument 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**

The regulations at 50 CFR part 600.503 require that foreign fishing vessels display the vessel's international radio call sign on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weatherdeck. The numbers must be of a specific size. The display of the identifying number aids in fishery law enforcement and allows other fishermen to report suspicious activity.

II. Method of Collection

No information is collected.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0356.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of three markings).

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 3.75.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011005D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Data Collection for the Atlantic Wreckfish Fishery

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument 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 economic, sociocultural and demographic data through a one-time census about commercial fishing for wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*) along the U.S. south Atlantic coast. The wreckfish fishery has been managed with Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs) since 1992. Few shareholders currently fish for wreckfish, yet they have not

sold or leased their shares. This project will address why shareholders chose not to participate in the wreckfish fishery, where and for what species they did fish, and why they did not sell or lease their unused quota to generate revenue even though they did not fish for wreckfish. Equally important is to determine if the process of developing an ITQ system contributed to the rapid increase in fishing effort in the early 1990s. The results of this inquiry could offer important lessons for economists, fishery managers and others researching the appropriateness of applying ITQ systems in other fisheries in the southeast.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected through personal interviews with approximately 50 past and current shareholders in the ITQ management system for the wreckfish fishery. Interviews will include coded and open-ended questions to inquire about experiences with the fishery and the ITQ management program. All interviews will be tape-recorded and transcribed. Participation in the study will be voluntary.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100 hours.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011005B]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Intent and Capacity to Harvest and Process Fish and Shellfish (Northwest Region)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Becky L. Renko, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, 206-526-6110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Telephone interviews continue to be necessary to determine the intent and capacity of the various sectors of the domestic fleet to harvest and process Pacific whiting. Each year the Pacific whiting optimum yield is divided between the treaty Indian tribes on the coast of Washington State and the three sectors of the non-tribal commercial fisheries (motherships, catcher/processors, and shore-base processor). If it is determined that a sector will be unable to use all of their allocation