

approved, NMFS expects that the Gulf red snapper and gray triggerfish stocks would be reclassified as not overfished, but rebuilding, because the biomass for these two stocks is currently estimated to be greater than 50 percent of B_{MSY} . The greater amberjack stock would remain classified as overfished.

Procedural Aspects of Amendment 44

The Council has submitted Amendment 44 for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation. NMFS' decision to approve, partially approve, or disapprove Amendment 44 will be based, in part, on consideration of comments, recommendations, and information received during the comment period on this notice of availability. After consideration of these factors, and consistency with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws, NMFS will publish a notice of agency action in the **Federal Register** announcing the Agency's decision to approve, partially approve, or disapprove Amendment 44. Because none of the measures included in the amendment involve regulatory changes, no proposed or final rule is required at this time. If approved, the provisions of Amendment 44 would not be specified in regulations but would be considered an amendment to the FMP.

Consideration of Public Comments

Comments on Amendment 44 must be received by November 24, 2017. Comments received during the comment period for this notice of availability will be considered by NMFS in its decision to approve, partially approve, or disapprove Amendment 44. Comments received after the comment period will not be considered by NMFS in this decision. All comments received by NMFS during the comment period will be addressed in the notice of agency action.

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

Dated: September 19, 2017.

Samuel D. Rauch, III,

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

[FR Doc. 2017-20396 Filed 9-22-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Rockfish Program: Permits and Reports

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

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 November 24, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at pracomments@doc.gov).

An electronic copy of the most recent supporting statement for this information collection is available from <http://www.cio.noaa.gov/itmanagement/pdfs/0545ext15.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Sally Bibb, (907) 586-7228 or sally.bibb@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program (RP) was designed to enhance resource conservation and improve economic efficiency in the rockfish fisheries conducted in the Central Gulf of Alaska by establishing cooperatives that receive exclusive harvest privileges. Through the RP, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (1) assigns rockfish quota share (QS) and cooperative quota to participants for rockfish primary and secondary species; (2) allows a participant holding a License Limitation Program (LLP) license with rockfish QS to form a rockfish cooperative with other persons; (3) allows holders of catcher/processor LLP licenses to opt-out of rockfish cooperatives each year; (4) includes an

entry level longline fishery; (5) establishes sideboard limits, which are limits designed to prevent participants in the RP from increasing their historical effort in other Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries; and (6) includes monitoring and enforcement provisions. The Rockfish Program is authorized for until December 31, 2021.

II. Method of Collection

Forms are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/central-goa-rockfish-program>. The Application for Rockfish Cooperative Fishing Quota (CQ) must be submitted by mail, hand delivery, or fax. The Application for Inter-Cooperative Transfer of Rockfish CQ, the Rockfish Vessel Check-in/Checkout Report, and the Termination of Fishing Declaration must be submitted to NMFS online through eFISH on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login>.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0545.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours for Application for Rockfish Cooperative Fishing Quota (CQ); 10 minutes for Application for Inter-Cooperative Transfer of Rockfish CQ; and 10 minutes for Rockfish Vessel Check-in/Checkout Report with Termination of Fishing Declaration.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours and Equivalent Labor Costs to the Public: 34 hours and \$1,300 per year (\$37 per hour).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$47 in recordkeeping/reporting costs for photocopying, faxing, and postage for the annual Application for Rockfish CQ.

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: September 20, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2017-20397 Filed 9-22-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board (SAB); Public Meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, October 30, 2017, from 9:45 a.m. EDT to 5 p.m. EDT and on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, from 9 a.m. EDT to 12 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page www.sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx for the most up-to-date meeting times and agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Email:

Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov; or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on October 30th from 4:45–5:00 p.m. EDT (check Web site to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of two (2) minutes. Individuals or groups planning to make a verbal presentation should contact the SAB Executive Director by October 23, 2017 to schedule their presentation. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by October 23, 2017, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after October 23, 2017, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seating at the meeting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed no later than 12:00 p.m. on October 23, 2017, to Dr. Cynthia Decker, SAB Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MC 20910; Email: Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Discussion of SAB Review of the NOAA Policy on Partnerships in the Provision of Environmental Information; (2) Discussion of SAB Review of Indigenous and Local Ecological Knowledge; (3) Quantification and documentation of the value of information gathered by NOAA; (4) Better understanding of how information is used, and (5) Updates from the Acting NOAA Administrator and Acting Chief Scientist.

Dated: September 15, 2017.

David Holst,

Acting Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

[FR Doc. 2017-20395 Filed 9-22-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-KD-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submissions for OMB Review; Comment Request; "Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks)"

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit 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, Commerce.

Title: Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

OMB Control Number: 0651-0056.

Form Number(s):

- PTO Form 2196
- PTO Form 2201

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 84,291 per year.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately between 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to complete this information, depending on the complexity of the document. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the request, and submit them to the USPTO. The time estimates shown for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.

Burden Hours: 7,840.77 hours.

Cost Burden: \$82.81 (postage costs).

Needs and Uses: The USPTO needs the information described in this collection to manage the various actions concerning the appointments and retention of attorneys and domestic representatives for trademark applications. The information in this collection is also a matter of public record and is utilized by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. The information is accessible online, through the USPTO Web site, as well as through various USPTO facilities. Additionally, the USPTO provides the information to the public through the Patent and Trademark Depository Library (PTDLs) System.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.