

DATES: To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before December 9, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Shannon Penna, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region (WCR) Long Beach Office, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 980-4238 or Shannon.Penna@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved collection. The WCR Southwest Permits Office administers permits required for persons participating in Federally-managed fisheries off the West Coast under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* There are three types of permits: Open access fishery permits, limited entry permits for selected fisheries, and exempted fishing permits (EFPs). Open access permits are used in all fisheries where there are no specific limitations or eligibility criteria for entry to the fishery. Limited entry permits are used to prevent overcapitalization or address other management goals in the fishery and are issued to applicants for fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited under a fisheries management plan. Permits also provide an important link between the NMFS and fishermen via the permit application process. The permit application process also makes it easier for NMFS staff to contact fishermen and advise them of changes in the regulations or fishery conditions, and give fishermen a direct point of contact in case they have questions or issues they want to bring to the attention of NMFS or a fishery management council.

This collection consists of four permits: the General Highly Migratory Species permit, limited entry permits

for coastal pelagic species and drift gillnet, and EFPs.

II. Method of Collection

Forms are available on the internet; paper applications are also available and may be submitted by mail to the Long Beach Permits Office. In addition, an online submission option is available for the general Highly Migratory Species permit through the National Permits System.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0204.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 855.

Estimated Time per Response: HMS permit (new 20 minutes, renew 10 minutes); CPS (renew 15 minutes, transfer 30 minutes); DGN (renew 20 minutes, transfer 30 minutes); EFP, 60 minutes; appeals, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 246.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$26,515.

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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; West Coast Region, Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery: Trawl Rationalization Cost Recovery Program

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 December 9, 2019.

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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 Christopher Biegel, (503) 231-6291 or christopher.biegel@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act authorizes and requires the collection of cost recovery fees for Limited Access Privilege Programs, such as the Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program (Trawl Program). Cost recovery fees may not exceed three percent of the ex-vessel value and must recover costs associated with the management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement of these programs. The Trawl Program's cost

recovery program requires fish sellers to submit fees to fish buyers who then submit those fees to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Fish buyers must also submit information to NMFS on the volume and value of harvested groundfish when submitting the fees. Information is collected from monthly and annual reports as well as non-payment documents when necessary.

This program is authorized under the Pacific coast groundfish fishery regulations, trawl rationalization cost recovery program at 50 CFR 660.115.

II. Method of Collection

Cost recovery fee payments for the Trawl Program must be submitted online through the Federal web portal *Pay.gov*. Annual reports are submitted by mail or email.

Payments for the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) and Mothership (MS) sectors cost recovery fees are submitted online monthly through *Pay.gov*. The Catcher Processor (CP) sector submits cost recovery fees online yearly through *Pay.gov*. All payments must be made online.

The MS sector submits an annual report yearly by mail or email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0663.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 167.

Estimated Time per Response: Cost recovery forms (online fee payments): 1 hour; Annual report: 1 hour; Failure to pay report: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,862.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$22,344 in reporting costs.

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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of Vessel Speed Restrictions To Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions With North Atlantic Right Whales

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.

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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 Caroline Good, Ph.D., caroline.good@noaa.gov, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

On October 10, 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service published a final rule implementing speed restrictions to reduce the incidence and severity of ship collisions with North Atlantic right whales (73 FR 60173). Under this rule, most non-sovereign vessels greater than or equal to 65ft in overall length are required to travel at a speed of 10 knots or less within Seasonal Management Areas along the east coast at certain times of year.

The final rule contained a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) in limited circumstances when a vessel needs to transit at a speed above 10 knots to maintain safe maneuverability. Specifically, 50 CFR 224.105(c) requires a logbook entry if a deviation from the 10 knot speed limit is necessary for safe maneuverability of a vessel "in an area where oceanographic, hydrographic and/or meteorological conditions severely restrict the maneuverability of the vessel". The logbook entry must provide the reasons for the deviation, the speed at which the vessel is operated and the area, time and duration of the deviation.

This extension includes a modest increase in the anticipated number of respondents and annual burden hours due to an increase in the number of vessels transiting through seasonal speed restricted areas over time.

II. Method of Collection

This information collection requires an entry into the vessel's logbook.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0580.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, non-profit institutions and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3263.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 272.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/recording costs.

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