

Firms (5 minutes); Workers (10 minutes)  
 Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:  
 Processing Firms (15) = 7.5 hours;  
 Non-processor Harvesting Firms (20)  
 = 1.5 hours; Workers 1100 workers\*10  
 min = 183.3 hours; Total Burden  
 Hours = 192

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.0

Respondents will not need to buy equipment or materials to respond to this survey

#### 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: February 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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#### **Proposal to Collect Economic and Social Information From West Coast Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit and Vessel Owners**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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 April 29, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to James L. Seger, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW 5th, Suite 224, Portland, Oregon 97201 (telephone: 503-326-6352) or Stephen P. Freese, National Marine Fisheries Service, Trade and Industry Services Division, Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA, 98115, (206) 526-6113.

#### I. Abstract

Data will be collected from vessel and permit owners on economic and social characteristics of firms harvesting in the West Coast limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery. The fishery is currently managed as a derby fishery which has become intolerably short. The data to be collected is intended to assist the Council and Secretary of Commerce in evaluating the effects of alternatives to derby fishery management. These alternatives have substantial allocative implications. There is broad industry support for certain provisions in the alternatives, e.g. a requirement that the owner of the permit or vessel be on board the vessel during fishing operations. However, the information necessary to determine the degree to which such provisions would change or maintain the current practices is not available. The questions to be asked of vessel and permit owners in the fixed gear sablefish sector will cover the following topics: legal organization of ownership (e.g. individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), participation of the vessel owner in fishing operations, status of family members as participants in the fishing operation, number of employees, number of years of participation in the fishery, vessel's home port, number of dependents, dependence on fishing income, level of household income. Questions on other social characteristics (age, sex, marital status, education level) may also be asked.

#### II. Method of Collection

The survey will be administered through the mail. Following the initial mailing a reminder post card will be sent. Nonrespondents will be sent a second mailing of the questionnaire.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None

*Form Number:* None

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission

*Affected Public:* Owners of West Coast Longline and Fishpot Groundfish Limited Entry Permits and Vessels  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 240  
*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20 hours

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$0.0

Respondents will not need to purchase equipment or materials to respond to this survey

#### IV. Request for Comments

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#### **Proposal to Collect Cost and Earnings Information on Participants in the Pacific Whiting Industry**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

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