

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Southwest Region Logbook Family of Forms

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 February 18, 1997.

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 Svein Fougner, Fisheries Management Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone 310-980-4034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Federal Fisheries Logbook Program administered by the Southwest Region, NMFS, is the principal mechanism for monitoring the extent and nature of fishing in the pelagic longline, crustacean, bottomfish and precious corals fisheries in the western Pacific region. These fisheries are regulated under fishery management plans prepared by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Persons who have permits to participate in these fisheries must maintain and provide to the Southwest Regional Administrator, NMFS, data concerning catch, effort, results of experimental fishing, or other records. These data are needed to ensure the ability to determine the effects of the fishery on the fish stocks, determine the economic and social values associated with the fisheries, evaluate the effectiveness of management and the impacts of potential changes in management, and enforce the regulations governing the fisheries.

II. Method of Collection

Where logbooks are required, permittees are provided with the required forms that are filled out while on a fishing trip and are submitted to the Regional Administrator on the completion of a trip. For experimental fishing, permittees are advised of the information that must be provided to the Regional Administrator at the completion of the experiment, but are left to furnish that information in the manner they see fit. NMFS will provide guidance as requested. Observers may be placed on vessels to ensure that more complete and accurate data are provided to NMFS than could reasonably be expected of the fishing vessel operator. Sales report forms are provided where appropriate. Pre-trip and pre-landings reports are made by radio or by messaging using automated vessel monitoring system equipment. Protected species interaction reports are made in a manner determined by the permittee.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0214.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals and businesses (commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 215.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes per logbook day, 5 minutes for sales reports and notifications, and 4 hours for experimental fishing reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,293.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0—no capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

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: December 11, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Rule Enforcement Review of Broker Associations

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: As part of a rule enforcement review of the programs in place at U.S. futures exchanges for monitoring trading by members of broker associations, and the operation of broker associations generally, the Commission is seeking public comment with regard to all aspects of broker association activities. Comments are particularly invited on: (a) any impact broker associations may have on the handling and execution of orders; (b) any impact on open outcry trading; (c) any relationship between broker associations and the potential for non-competitive trading; (d) any benefits of membership in a broker association, both for-profit and not for-profit; and (e) any restrictions that could appropriately be placed on trading among members within a broker association.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the broker association rule enforcement review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Duane C. Andresen, Special Counsel, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 5a(a)(8) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Commission Regulation 1.51, the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets is conducting a "horizontal," or "issue-based," rule enforcement review of the