

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William L. Robinson, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle WA 98112, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Data collections dealing with Federal reporting requirements for processing vessels affect participants in the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California (WOC). The data collections involve: (1) vessel reports; (2) catch or receipt reports and logbooks; and (3) transfer/offloading reports and logbooks. The data collections apply to groundfish processing vessels over 125' (38.5 meters) in length and catcher vessels delivering to them.

Vessel reports indicate when a vessel has started and stopped operations, and is needed to ensure catch/receipt reports have been received, for observer deployment, and for monitoring the fishery.

Logbooks are the basis for reports submitted to NMFS. The logbooks for processing vessels are used to keep daily and cumulative totals of the catch (or fish received from a catcher vessel), species, disposition, and numbers and species of prohibited species (salmon, halibut, Dungeness crab). Reports of species and amounts caught are submitted on a weekly or daily basis, depending on the duration of the season. Logbooks also are kept by fishing vessels to record specific haul or set information. Logbooks also are used to record transfers or offloading of fish or fish products which facilitates enforcement.

II. Method of Collection

These are written data collections that are prepared and submitted by the vessel owner or operator to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Regional Office, by mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0271

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular Submission

Affected Public: This data collection involves owners and operators of vessels that fish for or process groundfish in ocean waters 0-200 nautical miles offshore Washington, Oregon, and California.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Fewer than 100 vessels are expected to be affected.

Estimated Time Per Response: This is variable depending on the action taken. The expected daily average for vessel reports is about 1.25 minutes; for entering information in catch/receipt logbooks is 13-26 minutes; for weekly reports of fish caught or received is 4.3 minutes per day; for transfer logs is 0.5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The public is expected to spend less than 1,803 total hours complying with these data collections.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: The direct cost to the public is estimated to be less than \$10,000 annually to the fleet, averaging about \$100 per vessel. These estimates do not include time spent preparing submissions.

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.

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Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its

Administrative Committee, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the Advisory Panel (AP) and the Habitat Advisory Panel (HAP) will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 18-20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 91st regular public meeting to discuss the Third Amendment to the Reefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and the First Amendment to the Coral FMP, among other topics.

The Administrative Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operation.

The Council will convene on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through Thursday, March 20, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, approximately.

The SSC, AP and HAP will meet on March 19, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., to discuss the presentation of Dr. Downs and provide their comments to the Council.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

There will be simultaneous translation (English-Spanish) at the AP meeting only, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on March 19, 1997.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón at the Council (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

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Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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