

tuna. The collection serves three purposes of ICCAT: (1) Provides stock assessment and research information, (2) verifies catch monitoring programs so as not to exceed the country quota, and (3) augments NMFS's ability to better quantify all bluefin tuna that enter into commerce of the United States.

II. Method of Collection

A Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document must accompany all imports or exports of bluefin tuna. Copies must be retained for 2 years. In certain cases NOAA authorization can be obtained by firms to validate the Document in place of a government official.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0040.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Importers and exporters.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 311.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$300.00.

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: May 12, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Information Needed for Wreckfish Share Transfer

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 July 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Edward E. Burgess, Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702, (813) 570-5326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The wreckfish fishery for the South Atlantic is managed under an Individual Transferable Quota System. Under this system fishermen are issued a share of the fishery and an individual annual quota. Shares are issued by certificate and may be bought and sold. Buying and selling of shares are not completed until the transfer is recorded by the National Marine Fisheries Service. The information in this collection is necessary so the National Marine Fisheries Service can record the sale.

II. Method of Collection

When shares in the wreckfish fishery are sold, information concerning the sale is recorded on the back of the share certificate and sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service. The transfer of ownership is recorded and new share certificates issued.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0262.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses (commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.
Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: Shareholders are charged for the administrative cost of the share transfer. This annual cost is expected to be \$160.00.

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.

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Dated: May 12, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Economic Data for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Fisheries and Alaska Halibut Fisheries

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)).