

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Cooperative Charting Program

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 6, 1998.

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 Harold M. Schantz, Customer Affairs Branch, N/CS28, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282, (301-713-2729).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

NOAA's National Ocean Service produces nautical charts to ensure safe navigation. A cooperative charting program has been established with the United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for their members to voluntarily submit chart correction data.

II. Method of Collection

Forms are provided to the cooperative charting program organizations for use by their members.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0022.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 77-4 and 77-5.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, not-for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 45,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures).

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: April 30, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Fisheries for Dolphin and Wahoo

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

ACTION: Request that NMFS designate the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to prepare a fishery management plan (FMP) and subsequent FMP amendments (amendments) for dolphin and wahoo; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 9, 1998, NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** advising of and requesting comments on the request of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council) to be designated by NMFS, under procedures of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as the Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare an FMP and amendments for the fisheries for dolphin, *Coryphaena hippurus*, and

wahoo, *Acanthocybium solanderi*, throughout their range in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. NMFS is reopening the public comment period to afford the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) and other members of the public more time to consider the South Atlantic Council's proposal.

DATES: The comment period reopens May 5, 1998; comments must be submitted by June 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be directed to Dr. Andrew J. Kemmerer, Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Godcharles, 813-570-5305.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the request of the Gulf Council, NMFS reopens the public comment period and requests comments on the South Atlantic Council's request to be designated by NMFS, under Magnuson-Stevens Act procedures, as the Council to prepare an FMP and amendments for the fisheries for dolphin and wahoo throughout their range in the EEZ of the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. A notice previously published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 11422, March 9, 1998) described the details of the South Atlantic Council's request and requested comments on that proposal through April 8, 1998. The Gulf Council has requested more time to more fully consider the issues and impacts of the proposal at its meeting during the week of May 11-15, 1998, in Destin, Florida. Reopening the public comment period will allow the Gulf Council the requested time to consider, develop, and submit to NMFS more specific and extensive comments on the proposal. By publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS also affords other concerned or potentially impacted entities further opportunity for comment.

NMFS again requests public comments on the South Atlantic Council's proposal to be designated as the Council to prepare a new FMP to manage dolphin and wahoo throughout the Atlantic Ocean. Written comments received from both this and the previous notice will be reviewed and considered prior to NMFS' decision on this request.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*