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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Survey of Intent and Capacity to Harvest and Process Fish and Shellfish (Northwest Region)

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 7, 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 William L. Robinson, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98112, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Preseason survey information collected from the groundfish industry helps provide (1) the capacity and extent to which U.S. fishing vessels will annually harvest the optimum yield specified for a fishery; (2) the portion of that optimum yield which will not be harvested by U.S. fishing vessels, and can therefore be made available to foreign vessels; and (3) the capacity and extent to which U.S. fish processors can annually process that portion of the optimum yield that will be harvested by U.S. vessels.

Pacific whiting, the species most often available to foreign and joint venture operations in the past, recently has

become fully "Americanized" (processed by U.S. processors only). However, Americanization of other species is not assured, and therefore the need for the survey continues. In addition, there has been an increased need to determine the intent and capacity of segments of the domestic industry, particularly with respect to resource allocation among user groups. Therefore, the survey continues to be an appropriate and important tool to assist in groundfish management.

II. Method of Collection

The survey consists of a written data collection instrument for U.S. fish processors, and U.S. fishers of groundfish off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California. The survey form will be returned to NMFS (NWR) by mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0243.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit (owners or operators of vessels that catch or process fish in ocean waters 0-200 nautical miles offshore Washington, Oregon, and California).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10.

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

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Individual Fishing Quota Program for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Participants of the Individual Fishing Quota Program for Pacific halibut and sablefish managed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, are required to report certain information to NMFS. This information is used for monitoring and managing Pacific halibut and sablefish caught with fixed gear in and off Alaska's waters for purposes of conservation of the fisheries and enforcement of fisheries regulations.

II. Method of Collection

Information is collected by forms and electronic reporting. Forms are used for Notification of Inheritance, Application for Transfer, Corporation or Partnership Eligibility, Registered Buyer Application, Application for Additional Card, Shipment Report, Application for