

officials in monitoring fishing and other activities and to ascertain whether the vessel is participating in activities authorized for that vessel.

NOAA has previously received Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for all of its vessel-identification requirements under one Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number, 0648-0306, but for internal management reasons NOAA intends that future clearances will be obtained on a regional or fishery basis. This notice is for the requirements imposed in the Northeast Region for the following fisheries: summer flounder; black sea bass; scup; American lobster; Atlantic sea scallop; Northeast multispecies; Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog; Atlantic mackerel, squid and butterfish.

## II. Method of Collection

The vessel's official number must be displayed in a specified size on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull and on a weather deck.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,655.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of 3 specified locations).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,241 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$120,169.

## 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: June 1, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Northeast Region Gear Identification Requirements

**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 August 4, 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 Mary M. Tokarcik, Fisheries Management Specialist, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978) 281-9326.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et. seq.*) NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. As part of its efforts to enforce fishery regulations, NOAA has included in some of those regulations requirements that fishing gear be marked. The ability to link gear to its owner or operator is essential for enforcement in these fisheries, and the identification of gear is also useful in actions concerning the damage or loss of gear.

NOAA has previously received Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for all of its gear-marking requirements under one Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number, 0648-

0305, but for internal management reasons NOAA intends that future clearances will be obtained on a regional or fishery basis. This notice is for the requirements imposed in the Northeast Region for the following: American lobster traps; black sea bass traps; scup traps; multispecies fish traps; multispecies gill nets; and multispecies longlines.

## II. Method of Collection

Fishermen in selected fisheries must mark their fishing gear. American Lobster, black sea bass and scup traps must be marked by a number assigned by the Regional Administrator. Multispecies traps, longlines and gillnets must be marked with the owner and vessel names or the vessel's official number, so that it is visible on the surface of the water.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,203.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Each lobster trap will take one minute to mark, each multispecies trap, longline and gillnet will take one minute to mark, each scup pot will take one minute to mark and each black sea bass pot will take one minute to mark.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24,516 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$367,736.

## 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: June 1, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Gear Identification Requirements

**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 August 4, 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 Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 713-2347.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Any flotation device attached to handline or harpoon gear used to fish for Atlantic highly migratory species (tunas, swordfish, sharks) must be marked with the permit number of the vessel from which it is used. Regulations for these fisheries prohibit at-sea transfer of catch. This requirement is necessary to identify catch that is buoyed for later pickup.

##### II. Method of Collection

There is no form used under this requirement. Permit numbers are issued to vessel operators (under a separate information collection) and the permit number is marked on flotation gear. The

requirement is contained at 50 CFR 285.33.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, Business and other for-profit organizations (respondents are operators of vessels in the Atlantic tunas, swordfish and shark fisheries who fish with handgear).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,600.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 15 minutes per float (it is assumed that each vessel would have a maximum of five floats).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$24,000 (for materials).

### 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: June 1, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship National Sea Grant College Federal Fellows Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that applications may be submitted for a Fellowship program which was initiated by the National Sea Grant College Program Office (NSGCPO), in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, to provide educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students in marine related fields. The Fellowship program accepts applications once a year during the month of September. All applicants must submit an application to one of the Sea Grant College Programs in their state. If there is no program in the applicant's state they should apply through the closest state Sea Grant College Program.

**DATES:** Deadlines vary from state to state, but are generally due in early August. Contact your state Sea Grant College Program for specific deadlines (see list below).

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be addressed to the Sea Grant College Program in your state or the closest state. Contact your state Sea Grant College Program for the mailing address from the list below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information and brochures can be obtained from Dr. Shirley J. Fiske, Director, National Sea Grant Federal Fellows Program, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, telephone (301) 713-2431 extension 148 or call your nearest Sea Grant program:

University of Alaska—(907) 474-7086  
University of California—(619) 534-4440

University of Connecticut—(860) 405-9128

University of Delaware—(302) 831-2841  
University of Florida—(352) 392-5870  
University of Georgia—(706) 542-6009  
University of Hawaii—(808) 956-7031  
University of Illinois—(317) 494-3593  
Louisiana State University—(504) 388-6710

University of Maine—(207) 581-1436  
University of Maryland—(301) 405-6371

Massachusetts Institute of Technology—(617) 253-7131

University of Michigan—(313) 763-1437  
University of Minnesota—(218) 726-8106

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium—(601) 875-9341

University of New Hampshire—(603) 862-3505