

Dated: May 19, 1999.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5033, 14th and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instruction should be directed to Lanse Felker, Baldrige National Quality Program, Administration Building, Room 635, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1020, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020, (301) 975-2715, (301)948-3716 fax, Llsansing.felker@NIST.GOV e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

Applicants for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award must submit an eligibility application, and if declared eligible, an application package. NIST will use the eligibility application to determine if the applicant is eligible to apply and will use the application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant's quality and performance practices.

Method of Collection

Applicants must comply in writing according to the *Application Forms & Instructions* booklet.

Data

OMB Number: 00693-0006.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Eligible U.S. organizations that choose to apply for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 100 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 10,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0—no capital expenditures required.

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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 19, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052099A]

Report of Whaling Operations

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

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 26, 1999.

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 should be directed to Kevin Chu, National Marine Fisheries Service, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, MA 02543, (508) 495-2367.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Native Americans are allowed to conduct certain aboriginal subsistence whaling in accordance with the provisions of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). In order to respond to obligations under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, and the IWC, captains participating in these operations must submit certain information to the relevant Native American whaling organization about strikes on and catch of whales. Anyone retrieving a dead whale is also required to report. Captains must place a distinctive permanent identification mark on any harpoon, lance, or explosive dart used, and must also provide information on the mark and self-identification information.

The relevant Native American whaling organization receives the reports, compiles them, and submits the information to NOAA.

The information is used to monitor the hunt and to ensure that quotas are not exceeded. The information is also provided to the International Whaling Commission, which uses it to monitor compliance with its requirements.

II. Method of Collection

Reports may be made by phone or fax. Information on equipment marks must be made in writing.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0311

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Individuals; State, Local, or Tribal government

Estimated Number of Respondents: 52

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for reports on whales struck or on recovery of dead whales, 5 minutes for providing the relevant Native

American whaling organization with information on the mark and self-identification information; 5 minutes for marking gear; and 5 hours for the relevant Native American whaling organization to consolidate and submit reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 57 hours
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$50

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 18, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051899E]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Habitat Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Executive Committee, Information & Education Committee, Comprehensive Management Committee and Demersal Species Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 1999 to Thursday, June 10, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Hilton Norfolk Airport, 1500 N. Military Highway @ Northampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA; telephone: 757-466-8000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On

Tuesday, June 8th, the Habitat Committee will meet from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Law Enforcement Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. On Wednesday, June 9th, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Information and Education Committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Demersal Species Committee will meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. On Thursday, June 10th, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Agenda items for this meeting include: Review function of the Habitat Committee; review Magnuson-Stevens Act responsibilities and integrate Council actions into NMFS processes; review function of the Law Enforcement Committee; review NMFS notice process regarding opening and closing of fisheries; develop ideas on how to keep enforcement personnel current on regulations; formalize industry advisory panel process; discuss possible changes in meeting frequencies; view a presentation by the U.S. Coast Guard on vessel safety devices; review impacts of latest safety regulations on fishing industries; develop ideas for the June Newsletter; review sea sampling document; discuss disapproved portions of Amendment 12 and address status of Amendment 13 and 14 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan; review Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Board meeting recommendations; possible adoption of management measures for summer flounder and scup; hear committee reports and other fishery management issues.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be

restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 20, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051899F]

South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical, Personnel, Statement of Organizational Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) and joint Executive & Finance Committees, joint meetings of its Mackerel, Golden Crab, Spiny Lobster and Dolphin/Wahoo Advisory Panels (AP) and Committees; and a Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from June 14-18, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Pier House, One Duval Street, Key West, FL 33040; telephone: (305) 296-4600.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Mahood, Executive Director; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: robert.mahood@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

June 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Scientific and Statistical Committee;