

members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee provides a channel of communication between the representative communities and the Bureau of the Census. The Committee assists the Bureau in its efforts to reduce the count differential for Census 2000 and advises on ways that decennial census data can best be disseminated to communities and other users.

The Committee will provide advice and recommendations for the implementation and evaluation phases of Census 2000. To do so, they will draw on several items including past experience with the 1990 census process and procedures, the results of evaluations and research studies, and the expertise and insight of their members.

The meeting is open to the public, and a brief period is set aside during the closing session for public comment and questions. Those persons with extensive questions or statements must submit them in writing to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer, named above, at least three days before the meeting.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Census Bureau Committee Liaison Officer.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Kenneth Prewitt,

Director, Bureau of Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101299C]

Fishing Vessel Capital Construction Fund Deposit/Withdrawal Report

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of 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 December 14, 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 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles L. Cooper, Financial Services Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 301-713-2396.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Respondents will be commercial fishing industry individuals, partnerships, and corporations which entered into Capital Construction Fund agreements with the Secretary of Commerce allowing deferral of Federal taxation on fishing vessel income deposited into the fund for use in the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of fishing vessels. Deferred taxes are recaptured by reducing an agreement vessel's basis for depreciation by the amount withdrawn from the fund for its acquisition, construction, or reconstruction. The deposit/withdrawal information collected from agreement holders is required pursuant to 50 CFR 259.35 and P.L. 99-514 (The Tax Reform Act, 1986). The information collected is required to ensure that agreement holders are complying with fund deposit/withdrawal requirements established in program regulations and properly accounting for fund activity on their Federal income tax returns. The information collected must also be reported annually to the Secretary of Treasury in accordance with the Tax Reform Act, 1986.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected on the Capital Construction Fund Deposit/Withdrawal Report form, which agreement holders are required to submit at the end of their tax year.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0041

Form Number: NOAA Form 34-82

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Business and other for-profit (commercial fishermen, partnerships, and corporations)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,650

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,000

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: October 7, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101299B]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Vessel Logbooks

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of 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 December 14, 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 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

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. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information via vessel logbooks to monitor the U.S. catch of swordfish, sharks and bluefin tuna in relation to the quotas, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The information supplied through vessel logbooks also provides the catch and effort data necessary to assess the status of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) resources. Stock assessments are conducted and presented to ICCAT periodically and provide, in part, the basis for ICCAT management recommendations which become binding on member nations. Supplementary information on fishing costs and earnings has been collected via the HMS vessel logbook program on a voluntary basis. This economic information enables NMFS to assess the economic impacts of regulatory programs on small businesses and fishing communities. Given the need for more representative data and more complete analyses, NMFS proposes to make the cost/earnings summary a mandatory requirement of the HMS logbook program.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel operators who are issued a limited access permit in the swordfish

or shark fisheries are required to complete vessel logbooks for all trips targeting HMS. In addition, selected tuna vessels (10 percent of permitted fleet) will be required to complete logbooks. Under this revised collection, the cost/earnings summary of the logbook would be required for selected vessels after all trips targeting HMS.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0371

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-191

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Business or other for-profit (vessel operators)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,540

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes for cost/earnings summaries attached to logbook reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,946 (these would be the increase in burden above the 9,481 hours previously approved for this collection).

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.

Dated: October 7, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101299D]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Bluefin Tuna Dealer Reporting Package.

Agency Form Number: NOAA 88-144.
OMB Approval Number: 0648-0239.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 433 hours.

Number of Respondents: 500 (multiple responses).

Avg. Hours Per Response: Varies between 1 minute and 43 minutes depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of these requirements is to comply with U.S. obligations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA). The ATCA requires the Secretary of Commerce to promulgate regulations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. The information requirements serve three purposes: (1) provides stock assessment and research information, (2) monitors landings so the country quota will not be exceeded, and (3) verifies Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tuna export shipments in conjunction with the Bluefin Tunas Statistical Document program.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, bi-weekly, recordkeeping. Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David