

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**National Marine Sanctuaries—
Socioeconomic Impacts of Marine Reserves**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), 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 February 22, 2000.

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 Dr. Vernon R. Leeworthy, NOS/Special Projects Office, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 9th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (301-713-3000, ext. 138) or via Internet at Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The purpose of this information collection is to give users of National Marine Sanctuaries fair representation in the process of creating a marine reserve (no-take zone). This will be accomplished by collecting socioeconomic information and incorporating the information into a geographical information system (GIS) that will support socioeconomic impact analyses. Socioeconomic Impact Analyses attempt to show who might be impacted by a marine reserve (i.e., who benefits and who suffers potential costs). Impacts are measured not only on direct users that would be displaced but also the secondary impacts such as income and employment in the local

and regional economies and to consumer's through either higher prices for commercial fishing products or lower quantity and quality of recreational experiences. In FY 2000, NOAA plans to apply the information collection and analyses to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, which is revising its management plan and will propose the creation of a marine reserve.

One set of respondents would be commercial fishermen. Interviews would gather information on socioeconomic factors for developing profiles of the commercial fishermen such as age, sex, education level, household income, marital status, number of family members, race/ethnicity, percent of income derived from fishing, percent of income derived from study area, years of experience in fishing and years of fishing experience in the study area. Total catch, effort and revenue, by major species and by geographical areas, will also be compiled. Information on costs of operation and investment in the fisheries will also be obtained. Detailed maps will be used in working with fishermen to allocate their catch and effort geographically.

A second set of respondents would be Wholesale Processors. Personal interviews will be conducted with wholesale processors of commercial fishing catch to determine the disposition of catch (e.g. how much is exported out of the local area, how much is sold to local retail markets, and how much is sold to restaurant markets) and the price mark-ups at each market level.

The third set of respondents would be Recreational For-Hire Businesses. Personal interviews would be conducted with for-hire charter and party (head-boats) boat operations that take recreational fishermen, divers, and wildlife viewers to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. As with commercial fishing operations, maps will be used to allocate activity by geographic area. Information on number of passengers (normalized to person-days of activity), operating revenues, cost and profits will be obtained.

II. Method of Collection

Personal interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Business or other for-profit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 665

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,330
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0

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: December 10, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees in January, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Wednesday, January 5, and Friday, January 28, 2000. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.