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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment request.

The Department of Commerce 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 (NOAA).

Title: American Fisheries Act: Pollock Fishery Vessel Monitoring System.

Form Numbers(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 3,600.

Number of Respondents: 150.

Average Hours Per Response: 6 hours to install a vessel monitoring system, 4 hours for annual maintenance of the system, and 5 seconds per automated position transmission.

Needs and Uses: Participants in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands pollock fishery would be required to purchase a vessel monitoring system that automatically transmits location data every 20 minutes during a fishing trip. The vessel owner would be responsible for installation and data transmission charges. The position information is necessary for NMFS to enforce regulations regarding fishing in the Stellar sea lion conservation area.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Position reports every 20 minutes, installation once.

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 Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Clayton@doc.gov).

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

notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 8, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings of the Special Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on January 3, 2001, and a meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on January 4, 2001.

DATES: The Standing and Special Shrimp SSC will meet beginning at 2:00 p.m. on January 3, 2001. The Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will meet beginning at 9:00 a.m. on January 4, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Chateau LeMoyne, 301 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-581-1303.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standing and Special Shrimp SSC will meet to review a revision to Draft Amendment 11 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan which clarifies that sanctions for fishing violations can be exercised against both a shrimp vessel registration and a shrimp vessel permit.

The Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will meet to review a report of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel and to recommend total allowable catches (TACs) for red grouper and greater amberjack. The SSC will also make recommendations on a proposed red

snapper recovery plan that calls for converting from a constant catch to a constant fishing mortality rate strategy beginning in 2004, and thereafter a review and adjustment of TAC at five-year intervals. Dr. Bob Shipp, University of South Alabama, will make a presentation to the SSC on historical perspectives of the red snapper stock. In addition, the SSC will review an early draft of options being considered for including in a new Reef Fish plan amendment. These options deal with a longline limited entry system, moving the longline boundary line, phasing out the use of longlines, the use of cut-up reef fish for bait, an electronic vessel monitoring system for longline and fish trap vessels, the use of powerheads when spearfishing, requiring operator permits for commercial and charter/headboat operators, a commercial grouper fishery endorsement, grouper closed seasons, prohibiting the import of undersized red snapper, eliminating dormant reef fish permits, and changes to the species listed in the reef fish management unit and deep-water grouper aggregation. Additional options may be added or deleted as this options paper is developed into Reef Fish Amendment 18.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 27, 2000.

Dated: December 12, 2000.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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