

Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to approve standards and guidelines for the cost effective security and privacy of sensitive information processed by federal computer systems.

Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined not to be significant for the purposes of E. O. 12866.

Dated: November 28, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,

Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120301A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Data Collection for the Atlantic Wreckfish Fishery

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
ACTION: Notice.

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 February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jim Waters, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516-9722, (252-7288710).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect to conduct a one-time census to collect economic, sociocultural, and demographic data

about commercial fishing for wreckfish (*Polyprion americanus*) along the U.S. south Atlantic coast. The wreckfish fishery has been managed with individual transferable quotas (ITQs) since 1992. Few shareholders currently fish for wreckfish, yet they have not sold or leased their shares. This project will address why shareholders chose not to participate in the wreckfish fishery, where and for what species they did fish, and why they did not sell or lease their unused quota to generate revenue even though they did not fish for wreckfish. Equally important is to determine if the process of developing an ITQ system contributed to the rapid increase in fishing effort in the early 1990s. The results of this inquiry could offer important lessons for economists, fishery managers and others researching the appropriateness of applying ITQ systems in other fisheries in the southeast.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected through personal interviews with approximately 50 past and current shareholders in the ITQ management system for the wreckfish fishery. Interviews will include open-ended questions so that respondents can put into their own words their thoughts, interpretations and experiences with the fishery and the ITQ management program. All interviews will be tape-recorded and transcribed. Results of the study will be made available both through publications and on a National Marine Fisheries Community Impacts web page. Participation in the study will be voluntary.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

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: November 29, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120301C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Logbooks

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
ACTION: Notice.

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 February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jill Stevenson at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Highly Migratory Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by email at jill.stevenson@noaa.gov phone at 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.*). NMFS collects information via vessel logbooks to monitor the U.S. catch of Atlantic swordfish, sharks, and bluefin tuna in relation to the quotas, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations. The information supplied through vessel logbooks also provides the catch and effort data necessary to assess the status of highly migratory species and to evaluate bycatch in each fishery. Stock assessments are conducted and presented to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (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 this 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 this program.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel owners who are issued a vessel permit in the swordfish or shark fisheries are required to complete vessel logbooks for all trips targeting Atlantic highly migratory species (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 for 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 organizations (fishing vessel owners).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,840.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes for cost/earnings summaries attached to logbook reports, 12 minutes

for logbook catch reports, 2 minutes for negative logbook catch reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,383.

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: November 29, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120301D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Vessel-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Waters

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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 February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental

Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robin Tuttle, F/ST3, Room 12643, SSMC-3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2282, ext. 199).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

U.S. vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must display the vessel's official identification number or international radio call sign in three locations on the vessel. The requirement aids in the enforcement of fishery regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The information is displayed in three locations on the vessel.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0368.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$90.

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.