given to the needs and views of manufacturers, the public, and State and local governments. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal of these FIPS must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal of these FIPS should be sent to: Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 17 FIPS, Mail Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov.

Information about the FIPS is available on the NIST web pages: http://csrc.nist.gov/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975–2833, MS 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 or via e-mail at shirley.radack@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Public Law 104–113, to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, there no longer is a need for FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards.

The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series:

FIPS 8–6, Metropolitan Areas (Including MSAs, CMSAs, PMSAs, and NECMAs)
FIPS 9–1, Congressional Districts of the U.S.
FIPS 31, Guidelines for Automatic Data Processing Physical Security and Risk Management
FIPS 48, Guidelines on Evaluation of Techniques for Automated Personal Identification
FIPS 55–3, Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas
FIPS 66, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes
FIPS 73, Guidelines for Security of Computer Applications
FIPS 83, Guideline on User Authentication Techniques for Computer Network Access Control
FIPS 87, Guidelines for ADP Contingency Planning
FIPS 92, Guideline for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes
FIPS 95–2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations
FIPS 102, Guideline for Computer Security Certification and Accreditation
FIPS 112, Password Usage
FIPS 127–2, Database Language SQL (ANSI X3.135–1992)
FIPS 159, Detail Specification for 62.5-um Core Diameter/125-um Cladding Diameter Class 1A Multimode, Graded-index Optical Waveguide Fibers
FIPS 171, Key Management Using ANSI X9.17
FIPS 173–1, Spatial Data Transfer Standard.

The FIPS are being proposed for withdrawal because they are obsolete, or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, current federal data standards, or current good practices for computer security. Withdrawal of these FIPS does not lessen agency responsibilities to use current voluntary industry standards and available good practices in their acquisition and management activities. The Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Division E of Public Law 104–106) and Executive Order 13011 emphasize agency management of information technology and Government-wide interoperability support activities to improve productivity, security, interoperability, and coordination of Government resources.

Withdrawal means that these FIPS would no longer be part of a subscription service that is provided by the National Technical Information Service. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods, and will keep references to the withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS Web pages.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–106), the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100–235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A–130.

Classification: Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined not to be significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022603A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Mandatory Vessel Owner Economic Data Collection

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Michael Travis, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2439, (727) 570–5335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA proposes to collect census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery (Exclusive Economic Zone only) to conduct early economic analyses that will improve fishery management decision-making in that fishery; satisfy NOAA’s legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Operating Plans. Used in conjunction with landings and price data already being collected in this fishery as part of the dealer reporting program, and economic data to be collected under a voluntary program (implementation of which is expected later this year), this data will be used to properly describe the fishery and its operations. The collected information will also help to assess how fishermen will be impacted by and respond to any regulation likely to be considered by fishery managers. In addition, this data will be used to determine how fishing communities will be impacted by proposed fishing regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The vessel and gear characterization form will be mailed to all vessel owners who either currently have or who apply for Gulf of Mexico federal shrimp permits. Vessel owners will be asked for information about the nature and extent of their operations in the Gulf shrimp fishery, as well as the types of electronic equipment and gear they use to conduct this fishery. Submission of a completed vessel and gear characterization form would be mandatory.

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: 5,250.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,750.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0. (Costs exclude valuation of respondents’ time.)

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.


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