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Dated: June 25, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for nominations of members to serve on the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Board, in addition to nominations already received.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before July 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Ms. Carrie Hines, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-963-6556.

Additional information regarding the Board, including its charter and current membership list may be found on its electronic Home page at <http://www.mep.nist.gov/index-nist.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carrie Hines, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800; telephone 301-975-3360, fax 301-963-6556; or via e-mail at carrie.hines@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board will advise the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of MEP programs, plans, and policies.

The Board will consist of nine individuals appointed by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the advisement of the Director of MEP. Membership on the Board shall be balanced to represent the views and needs of customers, providers, and

others involved in industrial extension throughout the United States.

The Board will function solely as an advisory body, in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act: 5 U.S.C. App. 2 and General Services Administration Rule: 41 CFR subpart 101-6.10.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062603A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Region Sea Scallop Exemption Requirements

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 September 2, 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 Peter Christopher, 978-281-9288, or at Peter.Christopher@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Sea scallop fishermen wishing to fish in exemption areas are subject to certain vessel monitoring system (VMS) and communications requirements. The information requirements are: (1) VMS purchase and installation, (2)

documentation and verification of VMS installation, (3) automated position reports from the VMS twice per hour, (4) daily reporting of catch and related information, (5) notification of intent to participate in the fishery 15 days prior to the opening of the exemption area, and (6) notification at least 5 days prior to leaving on a fishing trip to allow for observer assignment.

II. Method of Collection

Verification of VMS installation is made by submission of a paper document. Other reporting is done electronically via the VMS unit's e-mail messaging system.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0416.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 267.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour for VMS installation; 5 minutes for a VMS documentation/verification requirement; 5 seconds for an automated VMS position report; 10 minutes for daily transmittal of catch and related information; and 2 minutes for a notification of intent to participate in the fishery or a notification before leaving on a fishing trip.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,950.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$195,000.

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: June 25, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062603B]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Information for Share Transfer in the 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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 2, 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 Robert Sadler, 727-570-5326, or Robert.Sadler@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The individual transferable quota system in the wreckfish fishery is based on percentage shares. Persons holding shares may sell or otherwise transfer them to others, but information about the proposed transfer must first be provided to NOAA. The information is needed to manage the quota system, and information about the sales price is used in economic analyses.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0262.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 1.

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: June 25, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to

ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and date: The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, July 16, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held both days at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute time period set aside on Wednesday, July 16 for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by July 3, 2003, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after July 3, 2003, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters to be considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Updates on the Climate Change Science Plan, Interagency Climate Programs and the Earth Observing Summit, (2) Fiscal Year 2006 Program Priorities, (3) the NOAA Research Council, (4) the National Centers for Environmental Prediction, (5) the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, (6) the NOAA Education Council, (7) Cooperative Science Centers at Minority Serving Institutions, (8) the SAB Review Panel Report on the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, and (9) public statements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, e-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the