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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: October 19, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries

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 December 27, 2004.

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 Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NMFS seeks to renew a collection of information for the continued management of the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for fixed-gear Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska as well as the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ) halibut fishery. The IFQ program allocates annual total catch limits for the halibut and sablefish fisheries among individual fishermen. The CDQ halibut program allocates annual total catch limits for the halibut fishery among individual CDQ fishermen. Fishermen are assigned Quota Shares (QS) for the fisheries, and then annually receive an IFQ and/or CDQ. Applications and reporting are required to manage and track the program.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted to respond to requirements set forth in a regulation. Paper applications and reports, electronic reports, and telephone calls are required from participants, and methods of submittal include Internet and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0272.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions and business or other for-profits organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,742.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for Application for IFQ/CDQ Landing Card; 30 minutes for Application for IFQ/CDQ Registered Buyer Permit; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Individuals; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Existing Corporations or Partnerships; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Dissolved Corporations or Partnerships; 4 hours for Letter of Appeal; 30 minutes for QS/IFQ Beneficiary Designation Form; 2 hours for QS Holder: Identification of Ownership Interest; 30 minutes for Annual Updates on the Status of Corporations and Partnerships QS; 2 hours for Application for QS/IFQ Transfer Eligibility Certificate; 2 hours for Application for Transfer of QS/IFQ (includes sweep-up); 30 minutes for Application for Replacement of Certificates, Permits, or Cards; 30 minutes for Request for Automated Transaction Terminal; 6 minutes for IFQ

Administrative Waiver; 12 minutes for Prior Notice of IFQ Landing; 12 minutes for electronic IFQ/CDQ Landing Report; 18 minutes for manual IFQ/CDQ Landing Report; 15 minutes for Departure Report; 12 minutes for Transshipment Authorization; 6 minutes for Dockside Sales Receipt; 200 hours for Application to Become a Community Quota Entity (CQE); 40 hours for CQE Annual Report; 30 minutes for Approval of Transfer from Governing Body; and 10 hours for Community Petition to Form Governing Body.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,012.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$82.

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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Tagging Report

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 December 27, 2004.

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 David Holts, Southwest Fishery Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271 or (phone 858-546-7186).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations's Southwest Fishery Science Center operates a billfish tagging program. Tagging supplies are provided to volunteers. When they catch and tag fish they submit a brief report on the fish tagged and the location of the tagging. The information is used in conjunction with tag returns to determine billfish migration patterns, mortality rates, and similar information useful in the management of the fishery.

II. Method of Collection

A postcard-size paper form is used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0009.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-162.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750 to 1200.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 63.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104G]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held November 7-10, 2004.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Sheraton South Padre Island, 310 Padre Boulevard, South Padre Island, TX 78597.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

8:30 a.m. Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Appointment of Committee Members.

9 a.m. - 9:10 a.m. - Receive public testimony on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any).

9:10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Receive the Law Enforcement Committee report.

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

Wednesday, November 10, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. - Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Committee report.

9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. - Receive the Mackerel Management Committee report.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Receive the Joint Artificial Reef/Reef Fish Management Committee report.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. - Receive the Data Collection Committee report.

9:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Receive the Administrative Policy Committee report.

10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Receive the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee report.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Receive Director's Reports.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Other Business.

Committee

Sunday, November 7, 2004

9 a.m. - 10 a.m. - The Mackerel Management Committee will review public hearing and Advisory Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) comments on Draft Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 15 which proposes a permanent limited access system on commercial mackerel vessel permits.

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - The Law Enforcement Committee will review and approve a 5-year Strategic Plan and an Operation Plan for 2005.

11 a.m. - 12 noon - The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Committees will review a Mississippi Fishing Banks Special Management Zone Request.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will consider the preferred alternatives for the structure of a Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program and review an Options Paper for Reef Fish Amendment 18A. The Committee will also review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 24 with public hearing and AP/SSC comments, which proposes a permanent limited access system on commercial mackerel vessel permits.