

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 022805A]

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Tilefish Fishery; Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council announces its intention to hold scoping meetings to seek public comment on issues to be addressed when developing Amendment 1 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended. The purpose of these scoping meetings is to solicit input on management issues to be included in Amendment 1.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday March 22, 2005, at 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Two scoping meetings will be held in March. Dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Monday, March 21, 2005, at 7 p.m. — The Southampton Inn, 91 Hill Street, Southampton, NY 11968 (telephone 631-283-6500).

2. Tuesday, March 22, 2005, at 7 p.m. — Clarion Hotel and Convention Center-Atlantic City West, 6821 Black Horse Pike, Atlantic City, EHT, NJ 08234 (telephone 800-782-9237 or 609-272-0200).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street Suite 2115, Dover, DE 19904 (telephone 302-674-2331).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It is anticipated that the following issues will be discussed at these meetings: (1) The possible implementation of an individual fishing quota system; (2) consideration of possible new methods to collect landings information for the commercial fishery; (3) recreational management measures; (4) a required minimum hook size and/or hook configuration in the commercial tilefish fishery; and (5) methods to allow new entrants into the commercial fishery as the stock recovers.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo at the Mid-Atlantic Council, telephone (302) 674-2331, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 022505C]

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Gulf Rationalization Community Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Scallop Plan Team will meet at the Clarion Suites, in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** March 3, 2005, 9 am – 5 pm, Glacier Room.

**ADDRESSES:** Clarion Suites, 325 W 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Stram, Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review and revise Plan Team terms of reference, review the status of Statewide Scallop stocks. Compile Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation report. Discuss research needs, review revised Fishery Management Plan, observer program, update on Council action with respect to approval of Amendment 10, discussion of Fishermen's Cooperative Marketing Act, scallop cooperative and scallop fishery.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

[Docket No.: 050225045-5045-01]

**Privacy Act of 1974: System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new Privacy Act System of Records: COMMERCE/NOAA System-16; Crab Economic Data Report for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) off the coast of Alaska.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the Department's proposal for a new system of records under the Privacy Act. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, is creating a new system of records for the mandatory collection of crab economic data. Eight versions of a form, specific to the four types of crab activity and one specific for historical information that occurred prior to the Crab Rationalization Program and one for annual information to be submitted annually, entitled, "Crab Economic Data Report (EDR)," will be used to collect information on costs of fishing and processing, revenues for harvesters and processors, and employment information required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Information obtained through the EDR would be accessible by the independent Data Collection Agent (DCA) under cooperative agreement with NMFS, Alaska Region, to distribute forms, receive forms, review, and verify information in the crab economic surveys (*see* SYSTEM LOCATION). Each vessel owner or lessee and each plant owner or lessee that participated in the specified crab fisheries since 1996 will be required to submit a EDR to the DCA by mail, FAX, or electronic file.

**DATES:** To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 2005. Unless comments are received, the new system of records

will become effective as proposed on the date of publication of a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK, 99802, Attn: Lori Durall, or delivered to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK, 99802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS, Alaska Region, is creating a new system of records for two purposes: The first is to evaluate the economic effects of the Crab Rationalization Program, specifically the effects on the harvesting and processing sectors, to determine the economic efficiency and distributional effects of the Program. The second is to provide information to the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to assist in anti-trust analysis of the Program. All vessel owners or lessees and plant owners or lessees who participated in the specified crab fisheries since 1996 will be required to submit the appropriate EDR (specific to the type of activity and whether historical or annual) to the NOAA-approved DCA. The owner will identify lessee on the EDR (name and other contact information). If the vessel or plant owner or lessee did not conduct crab activity for a given year, he or she would send in only the certification page from the EDR for that year declaring no activity for that year.

The system is designed as follows: (1) Participants will be required to submit a historical EDR and an annual EDR to the NOAA-approved DCA; (2) The DCA will provide the EDR information without individual identifiers to NMFS Alaska Region, State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council; (3) Upon request, the DCA will provide the EDR information with individual identifiers to NOAA Office for Enforcement and the U.S. Coast Guard, and (4) Upon request, DCA will provide the EDR information with individual identifiers to the DOJ and FTC to assist in anti-trust analysis of the Program.

**COMMERCE/NOAA-16**

**SYSTEM NAME:**

Crab Economic Data Report (EDR) for BSAI off the coast of Alaska.

**SYSTEM CLASSIFICATION:**

None.

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, 612 West Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska, 99802.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Owners or lessees of vessels that harvest or process crab beginning with year 1996, including all future data, and owners or lessees of plants that process crab beginning with 1996, including all future data. Crew members. Captains (operators) of vessels.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

System includes records for historical, annual, and current EDRs including financial information, crab harvest activity and cost, crab product and cost information, labor cost information for crew, and crab sales information. Each report includes the following: the name, title, telephone number, FAX number, and e-mail address of the person completing the EDR; name and address of the owner or lessee of the plant or vessel; Federal fisheries permit number; Federal processor permit number; Alaska vessel registration number; crew license number and city of residence, assigned internal individual identifier.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Section 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1853.

**PURPOSE(S):**

This information will permit: The evaluation of the economic effects of the Crab Rationalization Program (Program), specifically the harvesting and processing sectors; the determination of the economic efficiency and distributional effects of the Program; and distribution of information to the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to assist in anti-trust analysis of the Program.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS OF AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

These records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed as a routine use as stated below. The Department will, when so authorized, make the determination as to the relevancy of a record prior to its decision to disclose a document.

1. In the event that a system of records maintained by the Department to carry out its functions indicates or is relevant to a violation or potential violation of law or contract, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute or contract, or rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or the necessity to protect an

interest of the Department, the relevant records in the system of records, including individual identifiers, may be referred to the appropriate agency, whether Federal, State, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigation or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute or contract, or rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or protecting the interest of the Department. That agency may disclose such records in the course of conducting its investigation.

2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate or administrative tribunal, including disclosures during the course of litigation, such as through discovery or to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.

3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed without individual identifiers to a contractor of the Department having need for the information in the performance of the contract, but not operating a system of records within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

5. A record in this system of records may be disclosed with individual identifiers to Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission when such records are requested by those agencies for anti-trust analyses or enforcement proceedings.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Computerized data base; electronic storage media; paper records in file folders in locked cabinets.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

May be retrieved by NMFS internal identification number, name of owner or lessee, vessel permit number, plant permit number, crew license number, vessel name, or plant name; however, records can be accessed by any file element or any combination thereof.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Buildings where the records are maintained employ security systems with locks and access limits. Only those that have the need to know, to carry out the official duties of their job, have access to the information. Computerized

data base is password protected and access is limited. Paper records are maintained in secured file cabinets in areas that are accessible only to authorized personnel of DCA. NMFS, Alaska Region, contractors, to whom access to this information is granted in accordance with this system of records routine uses provision, are instructed on the confidential nature of this information.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

All records shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration regulations (36 CFR subchapter B—Records Retention); Departmental directives and comprehensive records schedules.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, 612 West Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the System Manager. Written requests must be signed by the requesting individual.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Individuals seeking access to information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the System Manager.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Department's rules for accessing records, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations are published in 15 CFR part 4b or may be obtained from the System Manager.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information contained in the files is obtained from the individual EDRs.

**EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:**

None.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

**Brenda Dolan,**

*Department of Commerce, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[Docket No.: 040825246-4246-01]

**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new Privacy Act System of Records: COMMERCE/NOAA System-17, Permits and Registrations for Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the Coast of Alaska.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Department of Commerce's (Department's) proposal for a new system of records under the Privacy Act. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region is creating a new system of records for permits and non-permit registrations used in a variety of management programs for commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries. NMFS requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in the fisheries of the EEZ off the coast of Alaska. Applications for various types of permits and registrations would be used to collect information from individuals under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the North Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. Applications for the various types of permits and registrations are necessary to determine the identification of participants and to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants.

**DATES:** To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before April 4, 2005. Unless comments are received, the new system of records will become effective as proposed on the date of publication of a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802, Attn: Lori Durall, or delivered to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska, 99801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NMFS, Alaska Region is creating a new system of records for permits and non-permit registrations used in a variety of management programs for commercial, recreational, and subsistence fisheries. NMFS requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in the fisheries of the EEZ off the coast of Alaska and for halibut in all waters off Alaska. Applications for various types of permits and registrations would be used to collect information from individuals under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and/or the Halibut Act of 1982. Applications for the various types of permits and registrations are necessary to determine the identification of participants and to evaluate the qualifications of the

applicants. NMFS, Alaska Region issues permits or registrations for the programs listed below. Not all of the permit applications request the social security number (SSN). Where the SSN is requested, bracketed information indicates whether the response to the request is voluntary [SSN voluntary] or mandatory [SSN mandatory]. If mandatory, the authority for this type of collection is the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 7701.

- American Fisheries Act Permits (pollock): Catcher vessel [SSN voluntary], catcher/processor, mothership [SSN voluntary], inshore processor [SSN voluntary], inshore cooperative, inshore vessel contract fishing, and replacement vessel [SSN voluntary].
- Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program Halibut CDQ Permit (Pacific halibut), CDQ Landing Cardholder or Hired Master [SSN voluntary], Registered Buyer Permit [SSN voluntary].
- Exempted Fisheries Permit (NOAA-approved studies).
- Prohibited Species Donation Program Permit.
- Federal Fisheries Permit (groundfish catcher vessels, catcher/processors and motherships) [SSN voluntary].
- Federal Processor Permit (groundfish shoreside processors and stationary floating processors) [SSN voluntary].
- Halibut Subsistence Rural Resident Registration and Halibut Subsistence Alaska Native Tribal Registration (Pacific halibut).
  - Individual fishing quota (IFQ) halibut and sablefish permits (Pacific halibut and sablefish): Eligibility to receive quota share/individual fishing quota (QS/IFQ) [SSN mandatory], IFQ Hired Master [SSN voluntary], Registered Buyer Permit [SSN voluntary], Transfer eligibility certificate [SSN mandatory], QS/IFQ Transfer [SSN mandatory], QS/IFQ Transfer by Sweep-up [SSN mandatory].
  - License Limitation Program permit for groundfish, crab, or scallops [SSN voluntary].
  - Prohibited Species Donation Permit (Pacific halibut and salmon).
  - Crab IFQ of the Bearing Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) off the coast of Alaska permits: Crab Quota Share (QS) or Processor Quota Share (PQS) [SSN mandatory], Crab Individual Fishing/Individual Processing IFQ/IPQ Permit [SSN voluntary], Registered Crab Receiver Permit [SSN mandatory], Federal Crab Vessel Permit [SSN voluntary], Application to Become An Eligible Crab