

of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0314.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s); 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment; 16 hours for background documentation for nominees; and 1 hour for a request to reinstate state authority.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,607 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$700.

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: December 30, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey Form for Feedback for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2006.

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 Jeff Lorens, 801-524-4000 or Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The NOAA/National Weather Service Western Region and West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center conduct test to assess the effectiveness of their Tsunami Warning communications system. This survey is required to gather specific feedback immediately following testing, which is conducted annually in September. Post-test feedback will be requested from emergency managers, the media, law enforcement officials, local government agencies/officials, and the general public. This will be a web-based survey. The responses will be solicited for a limited period immediately following completion of this test, not to exceed two weeks. This web-based survey will allow for a rapid and efficient collection of information regarding the effectiveness of the Tsunami Warning System, particularly with respect to communications systems and related processes.

II. Method of Collection

Web-based survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government; and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

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: December 30, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Multispecies Days-At-Sea Leasing Program

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 7, 2006.

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 Moira C. Kelly, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (or Moira.Kelly@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

A proposed emergency rule for the NE Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) was published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2003 (68 FR 20096). The emergency rule was used to continue management measures specified in the Settlement Agreement Among Certain Parties (Settlement Agreement), which were implemented as ordered by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (Court) in a Remedial Order issued on May 23, 2002 (Order). The emergency rule included several management measures designed to reduce overfishing on species managed under the NE Multispecies FMP, including a Days-At-Sea (DAS) Leasing Program, and was published in order to continue the measures until the implementation of Amendment 13.

The final rule for Amendment 13 to the NE Multispecies FMP was published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 2004 (69 FR 22906). Amendment 13 was developed by the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) primarily to end overfishing on all groundfish stocks and to rebuild all groundfish stocks that are overfished. Amendment 13 included substantial reductions in the amount of effort available to target groundfish stocks. Therefore, Amendment 13 resulted in considerable reductions in the number of DAS for NE multispecies vessels.

The reduction in the DAS allocated to NE multispecies permit holders limited the ability of some vessels to participate in the fishery, resulting in a loss of revenue and/or the ability to operate at a profit. In order to mitigate some of the adverse economic impacts of the effort reductions, the DAS Leasing Program was established by the Council, among other provisions, in Amendment 13. The DAS Leasing Program enables vessels to increase their revenue by either leasing additional DAS from another vessel or using them to increase their participation in the fishery, or by leasing their allocated DAS that they may not use to another vessel.

II. Method of Collection

Applications will be submitted by mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0475.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,400.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 233.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,176.

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: December 30, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Second Referendum Procedures for a Potential Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Program

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

ACTION: Notice of referendum schedule.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this notice to announce information about the schedule for participating in a referendum to determine whether an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program

for the Gulf of Mexico commercial red snapper fishery should be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for review. The intended effect of the IFQ program would be to reduce overcapacity in the commercial red snapper fishery and end the current derby-type conditions that have resulted from increasingly restrictive regulation.

ADDRESSES: Copies of supporting documentation including the final rule implementing these procedures (69 FR 6921, February 12, 2004), which includes a regulatory impact review and a Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis, are available from NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Steele, telephone: 727-551-5784, fax: 727-824-5308, e-mail: phil.steele@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 407(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) is authorized to prepare and submit a plan amendment and regulations to implement an IFQ program for the commercial red snapper fishery, but only if certain conditions are met. First, the preparation of such a plan amendment and regulations must be approved in a referendum of certain fishery participants. Second, the submission of the plan amendment and regulations to the Secretary for review and approval or disapproval must be approved in a subsequent referendum. Both referendums must be conducted in accordance with section 407(c)(2). Section 407(c)(2) also specifies that:

Prior to each referendum, the Secretary, in consultation with the Council, shall: (A) identify and notify all such persons holding permits with red snapper endorsements and all such vessel captains; and (B) make available to all such persons and vessel captains information about the schedule, procedures, and eligibility requirements for the referendum and the proposed individual fishing quota program.

On February 12, 2004, NMFS issued the final rule (69 FR 6921) to provide information about the schedule, procedures, and eligibility requirements for participating in both referendums to determine whether an IFQ program should be prepared and, if so, whether it should be submitted to the Secretary for review. The intended effect of the final rule was to implement procedures for the referendums consistent with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

At the request of the Council, NMFS conducted the first referendum in early