

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

[I.D. 011907C]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS has decided not to proceed with issuing exempted fishing permits (EFPs) to collect data during Atlantic billfish tournaments to evaluate the impacts of J-style fishing hooks (J-hooks) and heavy tackle on Atlantic blue marlin. NMFS may consider potential strategies or mechanisms to mitigate impacts on tournaments in the future.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Dunn or Randy Blankinship, 727-824-5399; fax: 727-824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS). NMFS received EFP applications from five Atlantic billfish tournament operators on behalf of 15 tournaments requesting exemptions from requirements for anglers fishing from HMS permitted vessels and participating in Atlantic billfish tournaments to use non-offset circle hooks when using natural bait and natural bait/artificial lure combinations. The requests were received for tournaments that would operate in the U.S. Southeast Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.

NMFS has considered public comment received on the final Environmental Impact Statement for the final Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (October 2, 2006; 71 FR 58058); comment received during the October 3-4, 2006, Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel meeting (August 30, 2006; 71 FR 51577); and public comment received in response to a notice of intent to issue EFPs (November 27, 2006; 71 FR 68558). Comments received expressed concern over the difficulty of standardizing fishing gear type and use in a tournament setting.

Comments also expressed concern over the quality of data collected in a tournament setting and the data's scientific applicability given the fishing characteristics of tournaments (fast paced activity, focus on catching and retaining specific species and/or size classes, and varying tournament rules). Finally, comments were received that expressed a general lack of support for conducting research and/or data collection in tournaments for the reasons stated above. NMFS worked with billfish tournament constituents to address the concerns over study design and data collection; however, difficulty continued in resolving many of the concerns.

As a result, NMFS has determined that collection of data to evaluate the impacts of J-hooks and heavy tackle on Atlantic blue marlin during billfish tournaments in the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico would be problematic because of the varying conditions and methodologies discussed above that would likely occur within tournaments and between tournaments. NMFS will consider potential strategies and mechanisms other than EFPs to mitigate the impacts of specific hook requirements on Atlantic billfish tournaments and tournament participants in future rulemaking.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 29, 2007.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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

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Fisheries of the Northeast Region; Fisheries of the Southeast Region; Fisheries off West Coast States; and Fisheries in the Western Pacific

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

ACTION: Notification of determinations of overfishing, and a need to revise a rebuilding plan.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that overfishing is occurring in fisheries for northeast winter skate; Gulf of

Mexico (GOM) gag and gray triggerfish; and Eastern Pacific Ocean yellowfin tuna. NMFS has also determined that the rebuilding plan for GOM greater amberjack needs to be revised. NMFS notified the respective regional fishery management councils (Councils) responsible for these fisheries of its determinations by letter. The Councils are required to take action within one year following NMFS notification that overfishing is occurring or a stock is approaching overfishing, a stock is overfished or approaching an overfished condition, or existing remedial action taken to end overfishing or rebuild an overfished stock has not resulted in adequate progress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Millikin, telephone: (301) 713-2341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to sections 304(e)(2) and (e)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2) and (e)(7), and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.310(e)(2), NMFS sends written notification to fishery management councils when overfishing is occurring or a stock is approaching overfishing; a stock is overfished or approaching an overfished condition, or existing action taken to end previously identified overfishing or rebuilding a previously identified overfished stock or stock complex has not resulted in adequate progress. On October 11, 2006, the NMFS Southeast Regional Administrator sent a letter, notifying the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GOM Council) that overfishing is occurring in GOM gag and gray triggerfish. Pursuant to section 304(e)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NMFS also notified the GOM Council in the same letter that the rebuilding plan for GOM greater amberjack needs to be revised so that it can still rebuild to the stock's target biomass (B_{msy}) by the end of the time frame for that stock's rebuilding plan.

On October 17, 2006, the NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator sent a letter notifying the New England Fishery Management Council that overfishing is occurring in the winter skate fishery.

On October 25, 2006, the NMFS Southwest Regional Administrator sent a letter notifying the Pacific Fishery Management Council that overfishing is occurring on the Eastern Pacific Ocean stock of yellowfin tuna.

Copies of the notification letters sent to the fishery management councils for the aforementioned determinations are

available at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/statusoffisheries/SOSmain.htm>.

Within one year of a notification under Magnuson-Stevens Act sections 304(e)(2) or (e)(7), the respective Council must take remedial action in response to the notification, to end overfishing if overfishing is occurring; rebuild an overfished stock or stock complex to the abundance that can produce maximum sustainable yield within an appropriate time frame; prevent overfishing from occurring if a stock is approaching overfishing; and/or prevent a stock from becoming overfished if it is approaching an overfished condition (see implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.310(e)(3)). Such action must be submitted to NMFS within one year of notification and may be in the form of a new fishery management plan (FMP), an FMP amendment, or proposed regulations.

Dated: January 29, 2007.

James P. Burgess,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps*NCCC Service Project Application to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mr. Charles Davenport at (202) 606-7516. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by

any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2006. This comment period ended November 20, 2006. No comments were received.

Description: The Corporation is seeking to renew with minor revisions its AmeriCorps*NCCC Service Project Application, OMB Control Number 3045-0010. The Service Project Application is used to collect information from potential AmeriCorps*NCCC service project sponsors to assist with the development of service projects that will receive the support of AmeriCorps members.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps*NCCC Service Project Application Form.

OMB Number: 3045-0010.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Organizations seeking AmeriCorps*NCCC assistance.

Total Respondents: 700.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time Per Response: Seven hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 4,900 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: January 25, 2007.

Merlene Mazyck,

*Director, AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps.*

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of its Peer Reviewer Application (OMB Number 3045-0090). Copies of the forms can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by April 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Corporation by any of the following methods:

(1) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system to: Vielka.Garibaldi@cns.gov.

(2) By fax to 202-606-3477,

Attention: Vielka Garibaldi.

(3) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Grant Policy and Operations, 9th Floor, Attn: Vielka Garibaldi, Associate Director for Grant Review Operations, Room 9807; 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.