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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Information for Share Transfer in the Wreckfish Fishery.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0262.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 4.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Burden Hours: 1.

Needs and Uses: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is requesting the extension of the wreckfish share transfer data collection program. 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 transfer form is printed on the back of the percentage shares certificate. With each transfer of ownership, the certificate will be reissued. The certificate identifies the seller, but the buyer's name, address, corporate (employer's) Federal tax identification number, and telephone number must be provided. The sale price is necessary for economic analysis. The signatures of buyer, seller, and witness will secure the transaction.

The information is needed for management of the quota system and for economic analyses. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act is the legislative

authority to collect data from the various sectors of the economy that harvest marine resources in the exclusive economic zone.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Framework Adjustment 4 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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 5, 2010.

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 Allison McHale, (978) 281-9103 or Allison.McHale@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under this stewardship role, the Secretary was given certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of these resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect data from users of the resource. Thus, as regional Fishery Management Councils develop specific Fishery Management Plans (FMP), the Secretary has promulgated rules for the issuance and use of a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and to obtain fishery-dependent data to monitor, evaluate, and enforce fishery regulations.

The Monkfish FMP contains a provision that enables limited access monkfish vessels fishing in the Northern Fishery Management Area (NFMA) to change their days-at-sea (DAS) declaration through their VMS from a Northeast (NE) multispecies Category A DAS to a monkfish DAS while at sea, i.e., before crossing the VMS demarcation line upon the vessel's return to port or leaving the NFMA. The information gathered from a vessel's declaration of a monkfish DAS in the NFMA enables NMFS to monitor the overall fishing effort, in the form of monkfish DAS usage, being directed on the monkfish resource within this management area, and is also used in ongoing analyses of the type of management actions needed to effectively manage monkfish stocks. This information is also used by NMFS to monitor DAS usage by limited access