DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Identification of Northeast Regional Ocean Council Information Network Using Social Network Analysis

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 April 30, 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 collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Chris Ellis, (843) 740–1195; Chris.Ellis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Northeast Regional Ocean Council (NROC) is a State and Federal partnership with the goal of engaging in regional protection and balanced use of ocean and coastal resources. NROC’s coordinated approach reaches across State boundaries to find and implement solutions to the region’s most pressing ocean and coastal issues. NROC’s membership includes New England coastal State agencies and Federal agencies.

The work of the Council focuses primarily on coastal hazards resilience and ocean energy planning and management. NROC’s members come from varied expertise and work on these issues in many capacities. A social network analysis will serve to identify the network of people working on NROC’s key issues, both within and outside of the organization. NROC members will be queried regarding their communications on NROC issues and value derived from membership. The resulting information can be used to evaluate the efficiency of the network, where gaps may exist, and additional partnerships that would benefit the Council’s work.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents will be surveyed electronically. Submission results will be online.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11 hours, 25 minutes.

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

Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Coastal Sharks Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of non-compliance referral.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that on February 4, 2010, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) found the State of New Jersey out of compliance with the Commission’s Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP) for Coastal Sharks. Subsequently, the Commission referred the matter to NMFS, under delegation of authority from the Secretary of Commerce, for federal non-compliance review under the provisions of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (Atlantic Coastal Act). The Atlantic Coastal Act mandates that NMFS must review the Commission’s non-compliance referral and make specific findings within 30 days after receiving the referral. If NMFS determines that New Jersey failed to carry out its responsibilities under the Coastal Sharks ISFMP, and if the measures it failed to implement are necessary for conservation, then, according to the Atlantic Coastal Act, NMFS must declare a moratorium on fishing for coastal sharks in New Jersey waters.

DATES: NMFS intends to make a determination on this matter by March 10, 2010, and will publish its findings in the Federal Register immediately thereafter.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Alan Risenhoover, Director,
Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13362, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Mark the outside of the envelope “Comments on Coastal Shark Non-Compliance.” Comments may also be sent via fax to (301) 713–0596.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hooker, Fishery Management Specialist, NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713–2334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coastal Shark ISFMP includes management measures for several species of Atlantic sharks. The implementation of these regulations is necessary to rebuild depleted shark stocks, ensure sustainable harvest of others, and provide protection for sharks in state nursing and pupping grounds. The Commission’s Technical Committee has identified Delaware Bay as one of the most important nursing grounds for depleted sandbar sharks on the Atlantic Coast. Included in the 22 commercial and recreational regulations in the FMP is a seasonal closure from Virginia north through New Jersey to protect pupping sandbar sharks. On February 4, 2010, the Commission found the State of New Jersey out of compliance for not fully and effectively implementing and enforcing the Coastal Shark ISFMP. The Commission subsequently referred its non-compliance finding to NMFS.

Federal response to a Commission non-compliance referral is governed by the Atlantic Coastal Act. Under the Atlantic Coastal Act, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) must make two findings within 30 days after receiving the non-compliance referral. First, the Secretary must determine whether the state in question (in this case, New Jersey) has failed to carry out its responsibilities under the ISFMP. Second, the Secretary must determine whether the measures that the State has failed to implement or enforce are necessary for the conservation of the fishery in question. If the Secretary of Commerce makes affirmative findings on both criteria, then the Secretary must implement a moratorium on fishing in the fishery in question (in this case coastal sharks) within the waters of the non-complying state (in this case, New Jersey). Further, the moratorium must become effective within six months of the date of the Secretary’s non-compliance determination. To the extent that the allegedly offending state later implements the involved measure, the Atlantic Coastal Act allows the state to petition the Commission that it has come back into compliance, and if the Commission concurs, the Commission will notify the Secretary and, if the Secretary concurs, the moratorium will be withdrawn. The Secretary has delegated Atlantic Coastal Act authorities to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at NMFS. NMFS has notified the State of New Jersey, the Commission, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the New England Fishery Management Council, in separate letters, of its receipt of the Commission’s non-compliance referral. In the letters, NMFS solicits comments from the Commission and Councils to the extent either entity is interested in providing such comments. NMFS also indicates to the State of New Jersey that the State is entitled to meet with and present its comments directly to NMFS if the State so desires.

NMFS intends to make its non-compliance determination on or about March 10, 2010, which is 30 days after receipt of the Commission’s non-compliance referral. NMFS will announce its determination by Federal Register notice immediately thereafter. To the extent that NMFS makes an affirmative non-compliance finding, NMFS will announce the effective date of the moratorium in that Federal Register notice.


James P. Burgess, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
[A–570–822]


AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Effective Date: March 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandon Farlander or David Layton, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–0182 and (202) 482–0371, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background
On November 9, 2009, the Department of Commerce (“Department”) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain helical spring lock washers (“lock washers”) from the People’s Republic of China, covering the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. See Certain Helical Spring Lock Washers from the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 74 FR 57653 (November 9, 2009). The final results of this administrative review were originally due no later than March 9, 2010. As explained in the memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from February 5, through February 12, 2010. Thus, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by seven days. The revised deadline for the final results of this review is currently March 16, 2010. See Memorandum to the Record from Ronald Lorentzen, DAS for Import Administration, regarding “Tolling of Administrative Deadlines As a Result of the Government Closure During the Recent Snowstorm,” dated February 12, 2010.

Extension of Time Limit for Final Results
Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“Act”), requires that the Department issue the final results of an administrative review within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within that time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the deadline for the final results to a maximum of 180 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. In the instant review, the Department requires additional time to address the issues raised by interested parties regarding surrogate values for factors of production and to analyze additional surrogate value information filed by both the petitioner and respondent. In their case briefs and rebuttal briefs both parties have raised concerns about the selection of a surrogate value for steel wire rod, the key input for the production of lock washers. In addition, parties have presented arguments backed up by the timely filed surrogate value information regarding the selection of surrogate values for...