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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Louisa Koch, Director, NOAA Office of Education, (202) 482-2563 or Louisa.Koch@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA supplies the nation with information, products and services that are essential public goods used in public and private sectors, science institutions and households around the world. Because NOAA's information, products and services are important to both the nation as a whole and to the daily lives of U.S. citizens, NOAA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) has identified a need for more effective two-way communication between its programs and the customers and clients it serves. This survey instrument will be used by NOAA's Office of Education and the Gulf of Mexico Regional Collaboration Team to obtain information used to assess NOAA's accessibility, responsiveness and respect for partners. These parameters are three of the seven parameters included in the Kellogg Engagement Test, which the SAB recommended NOAA use for assessing engagement with constituents. One objective of the survey is to collect responses to provide NOAA with information and feedback from its constituents that will lead to greater emphasis placed on the needs of NOAA partners, techniques to improve NOAA's products and services, and general improvement in the accessibility and responsiveness of NOAA to constituents. A longer term objective is for this survey to become a standard NOAA tool accessing engagement with constituents.

II. Method of Collection

Primarily, respondents will be asked to complete the survey online through the web-based survey tool "Survey Monkey" (<http://www.surveymonkey.com>). Alternatively, a print version of the survey will be made available upon request, which can be returned by mail or facsimile.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions; Federal, State or local

government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$50 in record keeping/reporting costs.

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: March 4, 2010.

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; Amendment 80 Economic Data Report for the Catcher/Processor Non-AFA Trawl Sector

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

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 May 10, 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 Patsy A. Bearden, at (907) 586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area primarily allocates several Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area non-pollock trawl groundfish fisheries among fishing sectors, and facilitates the formation of harvesting cooperatives in the catcher/processor sector of the non-American Fisheries Act (non-AFA) Trawl Catcher/processor Cooperative Program (Program). The Program established a limited access privilege program for the non-AFA trawl catcher/processor sector.

The Amendment 80 economic data report (EDR) collects cost, revenue, ownership, and employment data on an annual basis and provides information unavailable through other means to review the Program. The purpose of the EDR is to understand the economic effects of the Amendment 80 program on vessels or entities regulated by the Program, and to inform future management actions. Data collected through the EDR is mandatory for all Amendment 80 quota share (QS) holders.

II. Method of Collection

EDR forms are available in fillable PDF format through the Internet on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) was designated by NMFS to be the Data Collection Agent for the Amendment 80 EDR Program. PSMFC mails EDR announcements and filing instructions to Amendment 80 QS permit holders by April 1 of each year. Methods of submittal include mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0564.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
28.

Estimated Time Per Response:
Amendment 80 EDR, 40 hours;
Verification of Data, 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,204.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$42 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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(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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Region Amendment 80 Permits and Reports

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

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 May 10, 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).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Amendment 80 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI FMP), primarily allocates BSAI non-pollock trawl groundfish fisheries among fishing sectors and facilitates the formation of harvesting cooperatives in the head-and-gut trawl catcher/processor sector. Sector allocations and associated cooperatives allow participants to focus less on harvest rate maximization and more on optimizing their harvest. This, in turn, allows a reduction in unwanted incidental catch, improved retention, improved utilization, and improved economic health of the head-and-gut trawl catcher/processor sector. Amendment 80 established a limited access privilege program for the non-American Fisheries Act (non-AFA) trawl catcher/processor sector.

The Amendment 80 permits and reports collection provides participants with a management system that allows for improved efficiency by providing an environment in which, revenues can be increased and operating costs can be reduced. Depending on the magnitude of these potential efficiency gains and the costs of bycatch reduction, increases in efficiency could be used to cover the costs of bycatch reduction measures or provide additional benefits to participants.

Licenses and vessels used to qualify for the Amendment 80 Program (either to be included in the non-AFA trawl catcher/processor sector or to be used in Amendment 80 cooperative formation) are restricted from being used outside of the Amendment 80 sector, except that any eligible vessel authorized to fish pollock under the AFA would still be authorized to fish under this statute.

The fishery participants that join a cooperative receive an exclusive harvest privilege not subject to harvest by other vessel operators; may consolidate fishing operations on a specific vessel or subset of vessels, thereby reducing monitoring and enforcement and other

operational costs; and harvest fish in a more economically efficient and less wasteful manner.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include e-mail of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0565.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
44.

Estimated Time per Response:

Application for Amendment 80 cooperative and cooperative quota permit, application for Amendment 80 quota share, application for Amendment 80 limited access fishery, application to transfer Amendment 80 quota share and application to transfer Amendment 80 cooperative quota, 2 hours; Amendment 80 cooperative catch report, 30 minutes; annual Amendment 80 cooperative report and appeals, 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 896.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,732 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: March 4, 2010.

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