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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; Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery; South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Fishery

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

ACTION: Request for designation; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) has proposed to remove Nassau grouper from the fishery management unit in the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (Reef Fish FMP). Subsequently, in a September 16, 2011, letter to NMFS, the GMFMC has requested that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) designate the SAFMC as the responsible council to manage Nassau grouper throughout the South Atlantic region and the Gulf of Mexico under the FMP for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Snapper-Grouper FMP). The intent of this notice is to solicit public comments concerning this proposed designation.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on November 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the application by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Steve.Branstetter@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "NASSAU".

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Steve Branstetter, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to any of the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Branstetter, 727-824-5305; e-mail: Steve.Branstetter@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GMFMC has submitted a Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability

Measures Amendment for the GMFMC's Red Drum, Reef Fish, Shrimp, and Coral and Coral Reefs Fishery Management Plans (Generic ACL Amendment) for purposes of review by the Secretary under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). A Notice of Availability for the Generic ACL Amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2011 (76 FR 59373). As part of this amendment, the GMFMC has selected to remove Nassau grouper from the Reef Fish FMP. This proposed action is based on an October 20, 2010, letter from the SAFMC informing the GMFMC of its willingness to accept responsibility for managing Nassau grouper throughout South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Federal waters. The SAFMC currently manages Nassau grouper in its area of jurisdiction through the Snapper-Grouper FMP.

In accordance with section 304(f) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, on September 16, 2011, the GMFMC formally requested that the Secretary designate the SAFMC as the responsible Council for continued management of the species in Federal waters of the South Atlantic region and to manage the species in the Federal waters of the Gulf.

Currently, the harvest of Nassau grouper is prohibited in Federal waters by regulations implemented through the GMFMC's Reef Fish FMP and the SAFMC's Snapper-Grouper FMP. Additionally, the harvest of Nassau grouper in Florida state waters is prohibited by the applicable Florida regulations. With the approval and implementation of the GMFMC's Generic ACL Amendment, which proposes to remove Nassau grouper from the Reef Fish FMP, all harvesting restrictions for Nassau grouper in Federal waters of the Gulf would be removed. If the SAFMC is designated as the responsible council for the management of Nassau grouper in the Gulf, the SAFMC is expected to extend the prohibition on harvest in the Gulf. Any action to remove the current prohibitions in the Gulf could have a delayed effective date, so that it was implemented simultaneously with SAFMC action to extend the prohibition.

NMFS requests public comment on the GMFMC's request to designate the SAMFC as the responsible council for managing Nassau grouper in both the Gulf and South Atlantic. Public comments will be reviewed and considered prior to NMFS' decision on this request.

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

Dated: October 13, 2011.

Steven Thur,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No: 111003608-1608-01]

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Draft Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that OAR's draft Strategic Plan (FY12-18) is available for public review and comment. The draft incorporates OAR's mission and vision, and characterizes its goals and objectives over the next six years. These goals and objectives will provide guidance and strategic direction for program and laboratory planning.

DATES: Public comments are due by 5 p.m., EST, November 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Public comments must be submitted to OAR.Plan@noaa.gov.

The draft document can be found electronically at: <http://www.oar.noaa.gov/aboutus/strategic.html>. Those without computer access can call 301-734-1048 to request a copy of the draft strategic plan and instructions for returning written comments by U.S. Postal Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The NOAA Strategic Planning Team at OAR.Plan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) completed its Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP) in December of 2010. The NGSP outlines NOAA's long-term goals and objectives. The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, one of five Line Offices within NOAA, has developed its strategic plan in line with the NGSP to ensure the success of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The strategic plan describes OAR's long-term goals along with specific objectives that will be pursued over the

next five years. Each objective will be pursued and evaluated against outcome-oriented performance measures to determine level of progress. The plan emphasizes OAR core competencies and encourages the pursuit of pre-eminent research and science integrity. Ultimately, this plan provides the framework that OAR will use to deliver significant benefits to society while working to advance NOAA's mission of science, service, and stewardship.

Dated: October 12, 2011.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (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. Sec. 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 its proposed renewal of the Disaster Response Cooperative Agreement (DRCA) application. The DRCA enables CNCS supported national service organizations to engage members and participants in disaster response efforts to federally declared disasters and to be eligible to be reimbursed for expenses occurred while engaged in such efforts. This document describes eligibility criteria, the nature of disaster deployments, the Corporation's expectations for performance upon selection, and the application process. This agreement is the legal instrument

by which organizations can be reimbursed by the Corporation for expenses incurred by the response, when it occurs under authority of a Mission Assignment from FEMA or another agency. Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by December 19, 2011.

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

- (1) *By mail sent to:* Corporation for National and Community Service, Disaster Services, Attention Kelly DeGraff, Senior Advisor, Disaster Services, Room 960, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525.
- (2) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 8100 at the mail address given in paragraph (1) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- (3) Electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kelly DeGraff (202) 606-6817, or by e-mail at kdegraff@cns.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments that:

- 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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are expected to respond, including 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).

Background

The information collected will be used to help CNCS more effectively

utilize its deployable resources to meet the needs of disaster affected communities. A better understanding of the participating programs will allow CNCS to match the capabilities of the programs to the needs of the communities and will allow better asset mapping and resource typing. Additionally, the information collected will allow CNCS to conduct better outreach to interested programs by providing them with more information about CNCS disaster procedures, reimbursement requirements, reimbursable expenses covered by the agreement, and support services offered.

Current Action

The Corporation seeks to renew and revise the current information collection. The revisions are intended to streamline the application process and ensure interested programs meet the appropriate programmatic and fiscal requirements to successfully execute mission-assigned activities. Additionally, the collected information will help CNCS best match the capabilities of the programs to the needs of the communities requesting assistance.

The information collection will otherwise be used in the same manner as the existing application. The Corporation also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The current application is due to expire on March 31, 2012.

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Disaster Response Cooperative Agreements.

OMB Number: 3045-0133.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Current grantees and Corporation-supported programs.

Total Respondents: 100.

Frequency: Frequency.

Average Time per Response: Averages two hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 200.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

Kelly DeGraff,

Senior Advisor, Disaster Services Unit.

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