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All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/>. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-1043 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maya Solomon, Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Program Coordinator, Cooperative Forestry staff, (202) 205-1376 or Ted Beauvais, Assistant Director, Cooperative Forestry staff, (202) 205-1190.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.. The committee will discuss its 2012 plan of work, which is open to the public. A full agenda for this meeting may be found on the Forest Resource Coordinating Committee Web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/>). Anyone who would like to bring related matters to the attention of the committee may file written statements with the committee staff or after the meeting. A summary of the meeting will be posted at <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/within> 21 days of the meeting.

Dated: December 15, 2011.

James Hubbard,

Deputy Chief, State & Private Forestry.

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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: NOAA Satellite Ground Station Customer Questionnaire.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0227.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Number of Respondents: 100.
Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 17.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved collection.

NOAA asks people who operate ground receiving stations that receive data from NOAA satellites to complete a questionnaire about the types of data received, its use, the equipment involved, and similar subjects. The data obtained are used by NOAA for short-term operations and long-term planning. Collection of this data assists us in complying with the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the World Meteorological Organization: United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on area of common interest (2008).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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 6616, 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

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: December 16, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: National Marine Sanctuary Permits.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0141.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 634.

Average Hours per Response: General permit applications and reports, 1 hour, 30 minutes each; baitfish and lionfish permit applications and logs, 15 minutes each; special use permits and reports, 8 hours each; historical resource permits and reports, 13 hours each; Tortugas access requests and reports, 5 minutes each; permit amendments, 30 minutes; activity certification, 30 minutes; registering voluntary activities, 15 minutes; appeals, 24 hours.

Burden Hours: 1,703.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a current information collection. National Marine Sanctuary regulations at 15 CFR part 922 list specific activities that are prohibited in national marine sanctuaries. These regulations also state that otherwise prohibited activities are permissible if a permit is issued by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS). Persons desiring a permit must submit an application, and anyone obtaining a permit is generally required to submit one or more reports on the activity allowed under the permit.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 15 CFR part 922 form the basis for this collection of information. This information is required by the National Ocean Service's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries to protect and manage sanctuary resources as required by the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions, state, local and tribal government.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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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: Alaska Recreational Charter Vessel Guide and Owner Data Collection.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 643.

Average Hours Per Response: Complete survey, 90 minutes; follow-up/non-response survey, 6 minutes.

Burden Hours: 519.

Needs and Uses: Numerous management measures have recently been proposed or implemented that affect recreational charter boat fishing for Pacific halibut off Alaska. On January 5, 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a final rule establishing a limited entry permit system for charter vessels in the guided halibut sport fishery in International Pacific Halibut Commission Areas 2C (Southeast Alaska) and 3A (Central Gulf of Alaska) (75FR554). This permit system is intended to address concerns about the growth of fishing capacity in this fishery sector, which accounts for a substantial portion of the overall recreational halibut catch in Alaska. On March 16, 2011, a size limit on Pacific halibut caught while charter boat fishing for the 2011 fishing season was established (76FR14300). In addition, on July 22, 2011, a Halibut Catch Sharing Plan (76FR44156) was proposed that would alter the way Pacific halibut is allocated between the guided sport (*i.e.*, the charter sector) and the commercial halibut fishery.

To assess the effect of regulatory restrictions (currently in place or potential) on charter operator and owner behavior and welfare, it is necessary to obtain a better general understanding of the Alaska recreational charter boat

industry. Some information useful for this purpose is already collected from existing sources, such as charter vessel logbooks administered by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). However, information on vessel and crew characteristics, services offered to clients, spatial and temporal aspects of their operations and fishing behavior, and costs and earnings information are generally not available from these existing data sources and thus must be collected directly from the industry through voluntary survey efforts.

In order to address this information gap, NMFS' Alaska Fisheries Science Center proposes to conduct a survey of charter vessel owners to collect annual cost and earnings data that will supplement logbook data collected by ADF&G. The proposed data collection will provide basic economic information about the charter sector, including revenues produced from different products and services provided to clients, fixed and variable operating costs and locations of purchases. These data will support improved analysis and of the effects of fisheries regulations on the charter fishing industry, information that is increasingly needed by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and NMFS to deal with ongoing halibut resource issues and other fishery management issues involving the charter industry.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement; notice of public scoping meetings; requests for comments.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) announces its intention to prepare, in cooperation with NMFS, an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to assess potential effects on the human environment of alternative measures to address management and conservation measures for the Northeast (NE) multispecies fishery. This action is necessary to provide analytical support for an amendment to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) examining potential rules to reduce the likelihood that groundfish permit holders will acquire or control excessive shares of fishing privileges in the fishery and that over-consolidation will occur within the fleet.

This notice announces a public process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed, and for identifying the significant issues related to fleet diversity and the implementation of accumulation limits for this fishery. This notice is to alert the interested public of the scoping process, the development of the Draft EIS, and to provide for public participation in that process.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., EST, on March 1, 2012. Eleven public scoping meetings will be held during this comment period. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for dates, times, and locations.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- *Email to the following address:* Groundfish.Amendment18@noaa.gov;
- Mail or hand deliver to Mr. Paul Howard, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water St., Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mark the outside of the envelope "Groundfish Amendment 18 Scoping Comments"; or