

benefit the United States poultry industry. COLOM-PEQ shall accept proposals for the funding of projects approved by resolution of the Board of Directors of USAPEEC.

2. Fifty percent (50%) shall be distributed to fund direct market development or market competitiveness improvement projects to benefit the Sector Representative Association ("sector gremial representativo") for poultry in the Republic of Colombia in accordance with Article 2.6 of the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Decree No. 0728 of April 13, 2012.

O. Arbitration of Disputes. Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the TRQ System or the breach thereof, including inter alia, a Member's qualification for distribution, interpretation of documents, or of the distribution itself, shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

P. Confidential Information. The Administrator shall maintain as confidential all export documentation or other business sensitive information submitted in connection with application for COLOM-PEQ membership, bidding in the open tender process, or requests for distribution of proceeds, where such documents or information has been marked "Confidential" by the person making the submission. The Administrator shall disclose such information only to another neutral third party or authorized government official of authorized government official of the United States or of the Republic of Colombia and only as necessary to ensure the effective operation of the TRQ System or where required by law (including appropriate disclosure in connection with the arbitration of a dispute).

Q. Annual Reports. COLOM-PEQ shall publish an annual report including a statement of its operating expenses and data on the distribution of proceeds, as reflected in the audited financial statement of the COLOMPEQ TRQ System.

Dated: June 15, 2012.

Joseph E. Flynn,

Director, Office of Competition and Economic Analysis.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Understanding Recreational Angler Attitudes and Preferences for Saltwater Fishing

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 August 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kristy Wallmo, 301-427-8190 or kristy.wallmo@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new collection of information.

The objective of the survey will be to understand the range of attitudes, preferences, and concerns that recreational anglers hold towards saltwater fishing.

The National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Science and Technology will conduct this survey to improve our understanding of anglers' expectations and how they may change with fish stock recovery. As more stocks recover, the survey is well-timed to inform fisheries management on anglers' satisfaction with current management and the types of goals and objectives that should be pursued (e.g., in developing guidelines). Results of the survey will be used to inform fisheries management and planning and establish a baseline for outreach and education.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be conducted using two modes: mail and Internet.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individual recreational fishing permit holders.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/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: June 15, 2012,

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare an environmental impact statement; request 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 (NEPA). An EIS may be necessary to provide analytical support for the fishing year 2013–2015 catch allowances and management measures for the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Analysis may also be necessary to evaluate alternatives for mitigating FMP interactions with threatened and endangered distinct population segments of Atlantic sturgeon. This notice is to alert the interested public of the potential development of a Draft EIS, and to outline opportunity for public participation in that process.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., e.s.t., on July 23, 2012.

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

- *Email:* 2013.groundfish.actionNOI@noaa.gov.

- *Mail or hand delivery:* Mr. Paul Howard, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water St., Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mark the outside of the envelope “2013.groundfish.actionNOI”; or

- *Fax:* (978) 465–3116.

Additional information may be obtained from the Council office at the previously provided address, by request to the Council by telephone (978) 465–0492, or via the Internet at <http://www.nefmc.org>. Comments may be provided at upcoming Council meetings. Meeting times and locations are listed on the Council’s Web site: <http://www.nefmc.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Howard, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water St., Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, (telephone 978–465–0492).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council, working through its public participatory committee and meeting processes, anticipates development of actions that may be analyzed through an EIS, or analyzed through an Environmental Assessment (EA), dependent on addressing applicable criteria in Council of Environmental Quality regulations and guidance for implementing NEPA. The action may include the following measures:

1. Establishment of catch limits and management measures for certain stocks

and species for the 2013, 2014, and possibly the 2015 fishing years, and;

2. Development of measures to minimize take and/or adverse impacts on threatened and endangered distinct population segments (DPS) of Atlantic sturgeon that interact with the NE multispecies fisheries.

These potential measures are described in further detail, as follows:

Catch Limits and Management Measures

The development of fishing year 2013, 2014, and possibly 2015 catch allowances and management measures has been initiated by the Council. It is expected that the action will likely be taken through an FMP framework adjustment process; however, it is possible an amendment to the FMP may be utilized, dependent on the final scope and scale of the action relative to the authority provided by the FMP for framework adjustment. The action is expected to be further developed throughout 2012. The Council recommendations are designed to be submitted to NMFS for review, approval, rulemaking and implementation in time for NMFS to implement the action by the start of the 2013 fishing year (May 1, 2013). The Council will provide advanced notice of development and decisionmaking meetings where the 2013–15 catch allowance and management measures will be discussed.

The Council may take action including, but not limited to, establishment of annual catch allowances for the commercial and recreational NE multispecies fisheries along with commercial and recreational fishery regulatory changes designed to ensure catch does not exceed the established allowances being concurrently implemented by the action. These catch and fishing measures are anticipated for the following groundfish species either throughout all northeastern U.S. waters, in U.S. waters subject to the U.S./Canada Resources Sharing Understanding, or as specified in broad stock areas, as indicated by parenthesis: Atlantic cod (George’s Bank (GB) and Gulf of Maine (GOM) stocks); haddock (GB and GOM stocks); yellowtail flounder (Cape Cod/GOM, GB, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) Bight stocks); American plaice; witch flounder; Acadian redfish; white hake; windowpane flounder (GOM/GB and SNE/MA stocks); ocean pout; Atlantic wolffish; and Atlantic halibut.

The Council anticipates using this action to address requirements of the

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and its national standards. Specifically, the Council intends to establish Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) based on Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) advice from its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) for commercial and recreational fisheries that catch these species. ACLs are designed to ensure stocks do not become overfished, are not subject to overfishing, and, where required, rebuild to target biomass levels. In addition, the Council anticipates taking action to end overfishing for stocks currently subject to overfishing: GOM and GB cod; GOM haddock; Cape Cod/GOM yellowtail flounder; GOM/GB windowpane flounder; and witch flounder. Ending overfishing may require reduction in catch allowances from currently established levels, changes in management measures, or both.

The Council intends to provide analysis of the positive and negative environmental impacts resulting from various alternatives under consideration for the previously mentioned species and objectives. The interested public is encouraged to participate in the development process and provide input on alternatives designed to achieve the previously described objectives. The Council will begin the catch and management measures specification process by soliciting comments during an initial scoping period, as proscribed in this notice. However, if the ongoing analysis indicates a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) statement can be supported, the Council may provide notice in the **Federal Register** indicating it is not necessary to prepare an EIS and will instead develop an EA to provide the necessary NEPA analysis. It is expected that a new stock assessment for GOM cod will be completed and available for 2013–15 catch and management measures development process. The scientifically controversial components of the most recent assessment, conducted in December 2012, are planned to be addressed by this new assessment. The status of scientific controversy involving the available stock assessment information for GOM cod is expected to be a consideration in whether a FONSI can be supported. The Council will keep the public apprised of the ongoing NEPA analysis development as the catch and management measures process moves forward.

Atlantic Sturgeon Related Measures

NMFS published a final rule (77 FR 5880; February 6, 2012) to list Atlantic

sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) as threatened in the Gulf of Maine DPS and as endangered in the New York Bight, Chesapeake Bay, Carolina, and South Atlantic DPSs. Atlantic sturgeon within these DPSs are known to interact with the NE multispecies fisheries.

Following the publication of the final listing rule, NMFS has initiated formal consultation under Section 7 of the ESA for the NE Multispecies FMP and is developing a comprehensive Biological Opinion to ascertain the level of impact the fishery may have on these three Atlantic sturgeon DPSs. As part of the Section 7 consultation, NMFS will determine if the NE multispecies fishery jeopardizes the continued existence of any or all of the DPSs, or if the level of interaction may adversely impact but does not jeopardize survival of the species in any or all of the DPSs. These determinations will result in the requirement to develop and implement measures required by the ESA: Either Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPAs) to avert survival jeopardy, or Reasonable and Prudent Measures (RPMs) to mitigate adverse impact on the DPSs.

The Council anticipates that some level of action will be necessary to develop and implement either RPAs or RPMs following completion of NMFS's Section 7 consultation process. In anticipation of this action, the Council is soliciting public comment on the types of measures that may mitigate the take and interaction of Atlantic sturgeon by the NE multispecies fishery, as well as the positive and negative environmental effects analysis necessary to evaluate these alternatives. The Council may elect to develop Atlantic sturgeon-related measures in conjunction with 2013–2015 catch and management measures in an EIS. However, if a FONSI can be substantiated, the action needed to implement Atlantic sturgeon mitigation measures may be analyzed in an EA. The Council will keep the public apprised of the level of NEPA analysis being conducted in conjunction with Atlantic sturgeon-related measures, as development of the overall action occurs.

The timing for development and completion of Atlantic sturgeon-related mitigation measures is currently uncertain. Completion of the Section 7 consultation is necessary to determine the magnitude of impact the NE multispecies fishery has on the continued survival of Atlantic sturgeon from these DPSs. The consultation is planned to be completed by September 2012; the associated Biological Opinion

will result in development of an Incidental Take Statement that will recommend RPAs or RPMs. These may include a process to develop and put in place mitigation measures by a time certain. The Council anticipates continued dialog with NMFS and the interested public regarding what requirements must be satisfied while consultation is ongoing and after consultation has been completed.

Public Comment

In addition to soliciting comment on this notice, the public will have the opportunity to comment on the measures and alternatives being considered by the Council through public meetings and public comment periods required by NEPA, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Council's process for developing ACLs, Atlantic sturgeon-related mitigation measures and NEPA-required analyses, in this case presumably one or more EISs, if necessary, will involve development work and meetings of the Groundfish Plan Development Team, Groundfish Committee, the SSC, the Recreational and Commercial fishery Advisory Panels, and the full Council. Information regarding the schedule for meetings, including agendas and meeting-related documents, involving these groups can be found on the Council's Web site: <http://www.nefmc.org/> or obtained by calling the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

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

Dated: June 15, 2012.

Carrie Selberg,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Renewal of the Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has determined to renew the charter of its Technology Advisory Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Scott, Committee Management Officer, at 202-418-5139. Written comments should be submitted to David A. Stawick, Secretary, Commodity Futures

Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. Electronic comments may be submitted to dstawick@cftc.gov.

Comments may also be submitted by any of the following methods:

The agency's Web site, at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method and identity that it is for the renewal of the Technology Advisory Committee.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to www.cftc.gov. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") has determined to renew its Technology Advisory Committee ("TAC"). The Commission has determined that renewing the advisory committee is in the public interest in connection with the duties imposed on the Commission by the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1-26, as amended. The TAC will operate for two years from the date of renewal unless, before the expiration of that time period, its charter is renewed in accordance with section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, or the Chairman of the Commission, with the concurrence of the other Commissioners, shall direct that the advisory committee terminate on an earlier date.

The purpose of the TAC is to conduct public meetings, to submit reports and recommendations to the Commission, and to otherwise assist the Commission in identifying and understanding how new developments in technology are being applied and utilized in the industry, and their impact on the operation of the markets. The committee will allow the Commission to be an active participant in market innovation, explore the appropriate investment in technology, and advise the Commission on the need for strategies to implement rules and regulations to support the

¹ See 17 CFR 145.9.