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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region, manages the United States (U.S.)—Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty of 1981 (Treaty). Owners of vessels that fish from U.S. West Coast ports for albacore tuna will be required to notify the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region of their desire to be on the list of vessels provided to Canada each year indicating vessels eligible to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the jurisdiction of Canada. Additionally, vessel operators are required to report in advance their intention to fish in Canadian waters prior to crossing the maritime border as well as to mark their fishing vessels to facilitate enforcement of the effort limits under the Treaty. Vessel operators are also required to maintain and submit a logbook of all catch and fishing effort. The regulations implementing the reporting and vessel marking requirements under the Treaty are at 50 CFR part 300.172–300.176.

The estimated burden below includes hours to complete the logbook requirement, although it is assumed that most if not all of the respondents already complete the required logbook under the mandatory West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP), OMB Control No. 0648–0223. Duplicate reporting under the Treaty and HMS FMP is not required. Most years, there will be much less fishing (and thus less reporting) under the Treaty than the level on which the estimate is based.

II. Method of Collection

Requests to be placed on the vessel eligibility list may be made in writing via mail, fax, by email, by telephone, or through online registration if available. Communications to comply with ‘hail in’ and ‘hail out’ requirements are made via ship to shore radio or via telephone and are compiled in an electronic database by Canada Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Summaries of hail reports are provided to NMFS on a periodic basis. Vessel marking requirements entail painting the letter ‘U’ immediately after the U.S. Coast Guard documentation identification number already on the vessel. Logbooks are maintained in pre-printed paper format and submitted via mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0492.
Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes for the request to be placed on the eligible list per year, for required vessel markings and for logbook entries; 10 minutes for each set of two hail reports for border crossings per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 283.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,955 (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: January 10, 2014.

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; Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in Western Pacific Fisheries

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 March 17, 2014.

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 Walter Ikehara, (808) 944–2275 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

As part of fishery management plans developed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, owners of commercial fishing vessels in the Hawaii pelagic longline fishery, American Samoa pelagic longline fishery (only vessels longer than 50 feet), Northwestern Hawaiian Islands lobster fishery (currently inactive), and Northern Mariana Islands bottomfish fishery (only vessels longer than 40 feet) must allow the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to install vessel monitoring system (VMS) units on their vessels when directed to do so by NOAA enforcement personnel. VMS units automatically send periodic reports on the position of the vessel. NOAA uses the reports to monitor the vessel’s location and activities, primarily to enforce regulated fishing areas. NOAA pays for the units and messaging. There is no public burden for the automatic messaging; however, VMS installation and annual maintenance are considered public burden.

II. Method of Collection

Automatic electronic submission.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0441.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 209.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours for installation or replacement of a VMS unit; 2 hours for annual maintenance.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 478 (estimated 15 installations per year).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council. The meeting is open to the public, and participants may provide comments at the appropriate time during the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Opportunity for public comment will be provided at 4:30.

These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Polaris Suite of the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Moore, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-7270, Fax: 301-713-0404; email: elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustains healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (Council) has been formed to provide advice and recommendations to the Director regarding the relationship of the ONMS with the business community. Additional information on the Council can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html>.

Matters To Be Considered: This is the first meeting of the Council and as such will be devoted to introductory presentations and discussions about the National Marine Sanctuary System and the members of the Council. The agenda is subject to change. The agenda is available at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/welcome.html>.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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Daniel J. Basta,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will be held February 3 through February 11, 2014. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison Street, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, continuing through Tuesday, February 11, 2014. The Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 3 and continue through Wednesday, February 5, East Room. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4 and continue through Saturday, February 8, Northwest Room. The Observer Advisory Committee will meet February 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., South Room. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, February 4, at 8:30 a.m., Marion Room. The Enforcement Committee will meet February 4, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Marion Room. The Bering Sea Canyon Workshop will meet February 3, 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Northwest Room. The Community Fishing Associations Workshop will meet February 10, 1 p.m.-6 p.m., South Room. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Executive Director's Report (including review of Magnuson Stevens Act (MSA) legislation and review of Regional Operating agreement)