

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas; Fall Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In preparation for the 2015 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT is announcing the convening of its fall meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 8–9, 2015. There will be an open session on Thursday, October 8, 2015, from 9 a.m. through approximately 12:30 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public and is expected to end by 1 p.m. on October 9. Interested members of the public may present their views during the public comment session on October 8, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments should be sent via email (Rachel.O'Malley@noaa.gov). Comments may also be sent via mail to Rachel O'Malley at NMFS, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, Room 10653, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel O'Malley, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, 301–427–8373.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet October 8–9, 2015, first in an open session to consider management-and research-related information on stock status of Atlantic highly migratory species and then in a closed session to discuss sensitive matters. The open session will be from 9 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. on October 8, 2015, including an opportunity for public comment beginning at approximately 12 p.m. Comments may also be submitted in writing for the Advisory Committee's consideration. Interested members of the public can submit comments by mail or email; use of email is encouraged. All written comments must be received by October 6, 2015 (see **ADDRESSES**).

NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately at the open session of the Advisory Committee meeting. At the beginning of the public comment session, an explanation of the ground rules will be provided (e.g., alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, speakers will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each speaker will have an equal amount of time to speak and speakers should not interrupt one another). The session will be structured so that all attending members of the public are able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the degree of controversy of the subject(s). Those not respecting the ground rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

After the open session, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic highly migratory species.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rachel O'Malley at (301) 427–8373 or Rachel.O'Malley@noaa.gov at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 9, 2015.

John Henderschedt,

Director, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; International Billfish Angler Survey**

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 November 13, 2015.

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 James Wraith, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, (858) 546 7087 or james.wraith@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The International Billfish Angler Survey began in 1969 and is an integral part of the Billfish Research Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The survey tracks recreational angler fishing catch and effort for billfish in the Pacific and Indian Oceans in support of the Pacific and Western Pacific Fishery Management Councils, authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The data are used by scientists and fishery managers to assist with assessing the status of billfish stocks. The survey is intended for anglers cooperating in the Billfish Program and is entirely voluntary. This survey is specific to recreational anglers fishing for Istiophorid and Xiphiid billfish in the Pacific and Indian Oceans; as such it provides the only estimates of catch per unit of effort for recreational billfish fishing in those areas.

II. Method of Collection

The paper form is sent to anglers with recent participation in the SWFSC Billfish Research Program and is also available for downloading on the SWFSC Billfish Program Web site. Completed forms are submitted by mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0020.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88–10.

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

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

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: September 8, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Public Alert—Registration Deficient List

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) is announcing a new program, the Registration Deficient List (“RED List”), that will post on the Commission’s Web site and distribute to the public certain factual information about foreign entities that are soliciting or accepting funds from U.S. residents and are acting in a manner that requires registration but are not appropriately registered with the CFTC.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 14, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “Registration Deficient List,” 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.
- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission,

Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

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

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from www.cftc.gov that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the rulemaking will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Glaser, Deputy Director, Division of Enforcement, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1151 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, phone: (202) 418-5358, email: rglaser@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CFTC today is announcing a new program, effective immediately, for informing the public about unregistered foreign entities engaged in the solicitation or acceptance of funds from U.S. residents at a retail level. These entities solicit and/or accept funds for investments in, among other things, foreign currency (“forex”) and binary options. Through this new program, the Registration Deficient List (“RED List”), the Commission will publish on its Web site the names of unregistered foreign entities that the Commission has reason to believe may be required to register with the CFTC but are not, in fact, registered. Publication does not represent final Commission disposition

or a final Commission order. By making this information publicly available, the Commission expects investors to make more informed decisions whether to trade with or through such an entity. The more U.S. investors trade with and through registered entities, the more likely that their funds have a better chance of being protected.

I. Background

The Commission often receives investigative leads relating to foreign entities that solicit and/or accept funds from U.S. residents at a retail level. For example, the CFTC’s Division of Enforcement (“Enforcement”) has investigated approximately 60 such cases in the past twenty-four months. These cases involve unregistered foreign entities that engage in, among other things, forex in a capacity similar to Retail Foreign Exchange Dealers, Introducing Brokers, Commodity Trading Advisors or Commodity Pool Operators and binary options.² Almost all, if not all, of these foreign entities are acting in a capacity that requires them to be registered with the Commission.

In many cases, there are obstacles to bringing an effective enforcement action against these types of entities. For example, the Commission spends considerable resources investigating these matters. Even if Enforcement is able to develop a legal case against one of these entities, international service of process is cumbersome, often takes a very long time to effectuate and is not always successful. Even if service of process is successful, many of these entities are judgment proof.

The Commission believes that a consumer protection approach has a better chance of success than continuing to spend resources on Enforcement investigations and litigations that have a limited chance of success. The proposed RED List would disseminate information about certain foreign entities into the marketplace so that U.S. residents would be able to make more informed choices about how they trade their money. This approach is used by other regulators, including the Securities and Exchange Commission.³

² The Commission uses forex and binary options merely as illustrative examples. Any entity that meets the criteria set forth below is a candidate for inclusion on the RED list.

³ There are approximately 47 countries that issue, or have issued, lists, warning letters, or public statements, including Belgium, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Canada (Ontario, British Columbia and the Quebec provincial regulators), Croatia, Denmark, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, Panama, Poland, Cyprus, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the U.S.

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (“IOSCO”) has established an

¹ 17 CFR 145.9 (2014).