

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 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). In addition, a voluntary survey under this OMB Control Number administered to collect economic information for three fishing seasons (2011–2013) from business owners in the charter fleet was administered between 2012 and 2014. It collected 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 for the three fishing seasons prior to implementation of the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan. These data were collected directly from the industry since they are not available from other existing data sources. A description of the previously-fielded survey and a summary of the results are available in a NOAA Technical Memorandum that can be accessed at <http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/Publications/AFSC-TM/NOAA-TM-AFSC-299.pdf>.

To evaluate changes in the charter sector associated with the Halibut Catch Sharing Plan, the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Alaska Fisheries Science Center proposes to continue the implementation of the survey of charter vessel owners to collect annual cost, earnings, and employment data that will supplement logbook data collected by ADF&G. The proposed data collection will provide another three years of basic economic information about the charter sector beyond the 2011 to 2013 data that was collected previously, 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 more completely understand ongoing halibut allocation issues and other fishery management issues involving the charter industry. The survey will have minor changes, including, possibly, a small set of questions about how charter vessels have been impacted by a new management program)

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: October 26, 2015.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XE275**

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Skate Advisory Panel & Committee Meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. **DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739–3000; fax: (401) 732–9309.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Agenda

The Skate Committee and Advisory Panel will review Plan Development Team work on alternatives under consideration and impacts of these alternatives in Framework Adjustment 3 and select preferred alternatives. They will also discuss other business as necessary.

## Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 26, 2015.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Fees for Reviews of the Rule Enforcement Programs of Designated Contract Markets and Registered Futures Associations

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of 2015 schedule of fees.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) charges fees to designated contract markets and registered futures associations to recover the costs incurred by the Commission in the operation of its program of oversight of self-regulatory organization rule enforcement programs, specifically National Futures Association, a registered futures association, and the designated contract markets. The calculation of the fee amounts charged for 2015 by this notice is based upon an average of actual program costs incurred during fiscal year (“FY”) 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

**DATES:** *Effective date:* Each self-regulatory organization is required to remit electronically the applicable fee on or before December 28, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Jean Buhler, Chief Financial Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; (202) 418–5089; Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. For information on electronic payment, contact Jennifer Fleming; (202) 418–5034; Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background Information

##### A. General

This notice relates to fees for the Commission’s review of the rule enforcement programs at the registered

futures associations<sup>1</sup> and designated contract markets (“DCM”), each of which is a self-regulatory organization (“SRO”) regulated by the Commission. The Commission recalculates the fees charged each year to cover the costs of operating this Commission program.<sup>2</sup> The fees are set each year based on direct program costs, plus an overhead factor. The Commission calculates actual costs, then calculates an alternate fee taking volume into account, and then charges the lower of the two.<sup>3</sup>

**B. Overhead Rate**

The fees charged by the Commission to the SROs are designed to recover program costs, including direct labor costs and overhead. The overhead rate is calculated by dividing total Commission-wide overhead direct program labor costs into the total amount of the Commission-wide overhead pool. For this purpose, direct program labor costs are the salary costs of personnel working in all Commission programs. Overhead costs generally consist of the following Commission-wide costs: Indirect personnel costs (leave and benefits), rent, communications, contract services, utilities, equipment, and supplies. This formula has resulted in the following overhead rates for the most recent three

years (rounded to the nearest whole percent): 161 percent for FY 2012, 181 percent for FY 2013, and 180 percent for FY 2014.

**C. Conduct of SRO Rule Enforcement Reviews**

Under the formula adopted by the Commission in 1993, the Commission calculates the fee to recover the costs of its rule enforcement reviews and examinations, based on the three-year average of the actual cost of performing such reviews and examinations at each SRO. The cost of operation of the Commission’s SRO oversight program varies from SRO to SRO, according to the size and complexity of each SRO’s program. The three-year averaging computation method is intended to smooth out year-to-year variations in cost. Timing of the Commission’s reviews and examinations may affect costs—a review or examination may span two fiscal years and reviews and examinations are not conducted at each SRO each year.

As noted above, adjustments to actual costs may be made to relieve the burden on an SRO with a disproportionately large share of program costs. The Commission’s formula provides for a reduction in the assessed fee if an SRO has a smaller percentage of United

States industry contract volume than its percentage of overall Commission oversight program costs. This adjustment reduces the costs so that, as a percentage of total Commission SRO oversight program costs, they are in line with the pro rata percentage for that SRO of United States industry-wide contract volume.

The calculation is made as follows: The fee required to be paid to the Commission by each DCM is equal to the lesser of actual costs based on the three-year historical average of costs for that DCM or one-half of average costs incurred by the Commission for each DCM for the most recent three years, plus a pro rata share (based on average trading volume for the most recent three years) of the aggregate of average annual costs of all DCMs for the most recent three years. The formula for calculating the second factor is:  $0.5a + 0.5vt =$  current fee. In this formula, “a” equals the average annual costs, “v” equals the percentage of total volume across DCMs over the last three years, and “t” equals the average annual costs for all DCMs. NFA has no contracts traded; hence, its fee is based simply on costs for the most recent three fiscal years. This table summarizes the data used in the calculations of the resulting fee for each entity:

	Actual total costs			3-Year average actual costs	3-Year percent of volume	Volume adjusted costs	2015 Assessed fee
	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014				
CBOE Futures .....	\$29,278	\$235,567	\$—	\$88,282	0.98	\$50,853	\$50,853
Chicago Board of Trade .....	238,392	164,974	55,515	152,960	30.02	281,079	152,960
Chicago Mercantile Exchange .....	757,347	391,917	225,701	458,322	44.93	535,344	458,322
ELX Futures .....	34,593	134,267	.....	56,287	0.026	28,320	28,320
ICE Futures U.S. ....	221,813	360,223	81,176	221,071	8.56	168,880	168,880
Kansas City Board of Trade ..	34,335	559	.....	11,631	0.12	6,615	6,615
Minneapolis Grain Exchange .....	60,897	220,975	47,648	109,840	0.04	55,225	55,225
NADEX North American .....	11,293	101,252	980	37,842	0.033	19,147	19,147
New York Mercantile Exchange ..	7,411	135,316	225,672	122,800	14.69	161,480	122,800
NYSE LIFFE US .....	71,317	24,802	.....	32,039	0.34	18,354	18,354
One Chicago .....	55,755	128,599	31,196	71,850	0.241	37,568	37,568
Subtotal .....	1,522,431	1,898,451	667,888	1,362,924	100	1,362,865	1,119,044
National Futures Association .....	487,328	186,499	292,102	321,976	.....	.....	321,976
Total .....	2,009,759	2,084,950	959,990	1,684,900	.....	.....	1,441,020

An example of how the fee is calculated for one exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, is set forth here:

a. Actual three-year average costs equal \$152,960.

b. The alternative computation is:  $(.5) (\$152,960) + (.5) (.30) (\$1,347,041) = \$278,695$ .

c. The fee is the lesser of a or b; in this case \$152,960.

As noted above, the alternative calculation based on contracts traded is not applicable to NFA because it is not

a DCM and has no contracts traded. The Commission’s average annual cost for conducting oversight review of the NFA rule enforcement program during fiscal years 2012 through 2014 was \$321,976. The fee to be paid by the NFA for the current fiscal year is \$321,976.

<sup>1</sup> National Futures Association is the only registered futures association.

<sup>2</sup> See Section 237 of the Futures Trading Act of 1982, 7 U.S.C. 16a, and 31 U.S.C. 9701. For a broader discussion of the history of Commission fees, see 52 FR 46070, Dec. 4, 1987.

<sup>3</sup> 58 FR 42643, Aug. 11, 1993, and 17 CFR part 1, app. B.

**II. Schedule of Fees**

Fees for the Commission’s review of the rule enforcement programs at the

registered futures associations and DCMs regulated by the Commission are as follows:

	3-Year average actual cost	3-Year percent of volume	2015 Fee lesser of actual or calculated fee
CBOE Futures .....	\$88,282	0.98	\$50,853
Chicago Board of Trade .....	152,960	30.02	152,960
Chicago Mercantile Exchange .....	458,322	44.93	458,322
ELX Futures .....	56,287	0.03	28,320
ICE Futures U.S. ....	221,071	8.56	168,880
Kansas City Board of Trade .....	11,631	0.12	6,615
Minneapolis Grain Exchange .....	109,840	0.04	55,225
NADEX North American .....	37,842	0.03	19,147
New York Mercantile Exchange .....	122,800	14.69	122,800
NYSE LIFFE US .....	32,039	0.34	18,354
One Chicago .....	71,850	0.2412	37,568
Subtotal .....	1,362,924	100	1,119,044
National Futures Association .....	321,976	.....	321,976
Total .....	1,684,900	.....	1,441,020

**III. Payment Method**

The Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) requires deposits of fees owed to the government by electronic transfer of funds. See 31 U.S.C. 3720. For information about electronic payments, please contact Jennifer Fleming at (202) 418-5034 or [jfleming@cftc.gov](mailto:jfleming@cftc.gov), or see the CFTC Web site at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov), specifically, [www.cftc.gov/cftc/cftcelectronicpayments.htm](http://www.cftc.gov/cftc/cftcelectronicpayments.htm).

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 16a)

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**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
Secretary of the Commission.

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**BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

[Docket No. CFPB-2015-0046]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau) is requesting to renew the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) approval for an existing information collection titled, “Generic Information Collection Plan for Information on Compliance Costs and Other Effects of Regulations.”

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or

before December 28, 2015 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

*Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: [PRA@cfpb.gov](mailto:PRA@cfpb.gov). Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Generic Information Collection Plan for Information on Compliance Costs and Other Effects of Regulations.

*OMB Control Number:* 3170-0032.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,150.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,008.

*Abstract:* The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act requires or authorizes the Consumer Financial Projection Bureau to implement new consumer protections in certain sectors of financial markets, including the mortgage and remittance industries. The information collected is required in order to effectively incorporate information from financial services providers concerning compliance costs and other effects of regulations into potential rulemakings.

*Request for Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.