

should be directed to Taylor Debevec (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by May 11, 2016.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*

Dated: April 18, 2016.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program

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 June 20, 2016.

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 Reid Lichwell, (978) 281-
9112 or Reid.Lichwell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a
current information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service
(NMFS) Greater Atlantic Region
manages the golden tilefish fishery of
the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of
the Northeastern United States, through
the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan
(FMP). The Mid-Atlantic Fishery
Management Council prepared the FMP
pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens
Fishery Conservation and Management
Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The
regulations implementing the FMP are
specified at 50 CFR part 648 subpart N.

The recordkeeping and reporting
requirements at § 648.294 form the basis
for this collection of information. NMFS
requests information from tilefish
individual fishing quota (IFQ) permit
holders in order to process applications
to ensure that IFQ allocation holders are
provided a statement of their annual
catch quota, and for enforcement
purposes, to ensure vessels are not
exceeding an individual quota
allocation. In conjunction with the
application, NMFS also collects IFQ
share accumulation information to
ensure that an IFQ allocation holder
does not acquire an excessive share of
the total limited access privileges, as
required by section 303A(d)(5)(C) of the
Magnuson-Stevens Act.

NMFS requests transfer application
information to process and track
requests from allocation holders to
transfer quota allocation (permanent
and temporary) to another entity. NMFS
also collects information for cost
recovery purposes as required under the
Magnuson-Stevens Act to collect fees to
recover the costs directly related to
management, data collection and
analysis, and enforcement of IFQ
programs. Lastly, NMFS collects
landings information to ensure that the
amounts of tilefish landed and ex-vessel
prices are properly recorded for quota
monitoring purposes and the calculation
of IFQ fees, respectively. Having this
information results in an increasingly
more efficient and accurate database for
management and monitoring of fisheries
of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ.

II. Method of Collection

The IFQ Allocation permit
application, IFQ holder cap form, and
the IFQ transfer form are all paper
applications. These applications can be
filled out online, but must be printed
and signed to complete. The IFQ cost
recovery process is entirely online at
www.pay.gov and the IFQ reporting
requirements are completed through a
phone call to NMFS interactive voice
response phone line.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0590.

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:
12.

Estimated Time per Response: IFQ
Allocation Permit Application, 30
minutes; IFQ Holder Cap Form, 5
minutes; IFQ Transfer Form, 5 minutes;

IFQ Cost Recovery, 2 hours; IFQ
Reporting Requirements, 2 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:** 42.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public:** \$45.

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: April 18, 2016.

Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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