

invite other NMFS offices to provide updates on their activities relevant to HMS fisheries.

Additional information on the meeting and a copy of the draft agenda will be posted prior to the meeting at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/advisory_panels/hms_ap/meetings/ap_meetings.html.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Peter Cooper at (301) 427-8503 at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 27, 2016.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016, and end at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Astor Crowne Plaza hotel, located at 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA; telephone: (504) 962-0500.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Gregory, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, August 15, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Gulf Council will begin with updates and presentations from administrative and management committees. The Administrative/Budget Committee will discuss the Final 2014 No-cost Extension Expenditures; review the Revised Budgets for 2017-2019; review and approve the Updated Regional Operating Agreement with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); hold a discussion regarding Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members also being State Designees; discuss Council Committee Assignments; and review Administrative Handbook revisions. The Data Collection Management Committee will receive a presentation on National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) For-Hire Pilot Program; review modifications to the Generic Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements, cost analysis of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program and Atlantic States' Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Meeting Summary. The Joint Coral/Habitat Protection Management Committees will review a draft of the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) review; receive a summary of the Joint *Shrimp* Advisory Panel (AP)/Coral SSC/AP meeting; review a letter regarding the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and hold a discussion on fishing regulations for the Flower Garden National Marine Sanctuary.

There will be a CLOSED SESSION to discuss appointments for the Ad Hoc Private Recreational Advisory Panel from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The *Reef Fish* Management Committee will review draft Amendment 36A—Commercial Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Modifications; Headboat Collaborative Project; draft Amendment 46—Modify Gray *Triggerfish* Rebuilding Plan; draft Amendment 42—*Reef Fish* Recreational Management for Headboat Survey Vessels; and, draft Amendment 41—*Red Snapper* Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels.

Wednesday, August 17, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The *Reef Fish* Management Committee will review an options paper for Amendment 44—Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST) for *Reef Fish* Stocks; discuss the carryover of

unharvested *Red Snapper* allocations; and receive a summary on the Standing and Special *Reef Fish* SSC Report. The *Mackerel* Management Committee will review an options paper for Coastal Migratory *Pelagics* (CMP) Amendment 29—Allocation Sharing and Accountability Measures for Gulf King *Mackerel*.

The Full Council will convene mid-morning (approximately 11:15 a.m.) with Call to Order, Announcements, presentation of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and Introductions. Induction of Council Members; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes; and review of Exempt Fishing Permit (EFPs) Applications, if any. After lunch (12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.), the Council will receive a summary from the Artificial Reef Summit; Joint Law Enforcement Presentation; and NMFS-SERO Landing Summaries. The Council will receive public testimony from 2:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Agenda Testimony item: Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement; and, hold an open public testimony period regarding any other fishery issues or concern. Anyone wishing to speak during public comment should sign in at the registration station located at the entrance to the meeting room.

Thursday, August 18, 2016; 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Council will receive committee reports from the Administrative/Budget, Data Collection, Joint Coral/Habitat Protection, and Mackerel Management Committees. After lunch (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.), the Council will receive a committee report from the *Reef Fish* Management Committee; and, vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications, if any. The Council will receive updates from supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and, the Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items; and, hold an election for Chair and Vice Chair.

Meeting Adjourns

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue. The latest version will be posted on the Council's file server, which can be accessed by going to the Council's Web site at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org> and clicking on FTP Server under Quick Links. For meeting materials, select the "Briefing Books/Briefing Book 2016-08"

folder on Gulf Council file server. The username and password are both "gulfguest." The meetings will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, at <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 28, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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: Socioeconomics of Ocean Recreation Operations in the Monterey Bay, Greater Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries

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 October 3, 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 Dr. Danielle Schwarzmann 240-533-0705 danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection to benefit natural resource managers in Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS), Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS) and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS). The National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) proposes to collect information from wildlife watching operations to ascertain the market value of marine wildlife via the ocean recreational industry in the region that serves passengers aboard their vessels that take people out for non-consumptive recreation in and around the three sanctuaries.

Up-to-date socioeconomic data is needed to support the conservation and management goals of GFNMS, CBNMS and MBNMS to strengthen and improve conservation of marine wildlife, including whales, pinnipeds, sea otters, and seabirds within the jurisdiction of the sanctuary and to satisfy legal mandates under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*), Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321), Executive Order 12866 (EO 12866), and other pertinent statutes.

GFNMS, CBNMS and MBNMS have identified a lack of baseline socioeconomic information on ocean recreation businesses. The information is not available to assess the possible economic benefits of marine wildlife protection to the local economy, or the potential impact on ocean recreation businesses. The type of data targeted for this collection; that is, information on costs and earnings from the marine wildlife watching industry, are only currently available for recreational and commercial fishing. Thus, current economic information on the importance of marine wildlife to the local tourism industry is required. We already have approval for the survey of for hire operations in MBNMS under OMB Control No. 0648-0726. The

primary focus for this survey will be to gather data on the non-consumptive, market value of marine wildlife. Specifically, researchers will collect data to determine the contribution of marine wildlife watching operations to the economy in the regions.

A second component of the proposed research is the survey of passengers of the for hire operations. The primary focus of this survey is to obtain demographic profiles of users, spending on wildlife viewing trips to estimate the economic impact/contribution to the local economy and the non-market economic value of the use and how those values change with changes in user and natural resource attributes. This information will be required for all three sanctuaries.

II. Method of Collection

For the for hire operations, a research team goes into the business to fill-out forms using records provided by the businesses and answers to questions in a face-to-face interview.

For passengers aboard the operations vessels, respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-XXXX.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: For profit organizations; individuals or households.

For-Hire Operation Survey:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 2.5 hours per survey

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 75 hours.

Passenger Survey:

Estimated Number of Respondents Survey: 3,000.

Total Annual Burden Hours All Surveys: 2,120 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: Other than burden hours there will be no cost to the public.

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)