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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XV151]

Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 67 Assessment Webinar II for Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 67 stock assessment process for Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper will consist of a series of data and assessment webinars.

DATES: The SEDAR 67 Assessment Webinar II will be held January 23, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Eastern Time.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: Julie.neer@afsmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) a series of assessment webinars, and (3) A Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The assessment webinars produce a report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The product of the Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO’s; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the Assessment Webinar are as follows:

1. Using datasets and initial assessment analysis recommended from the data webinars, panelists will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions.

2. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

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

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Gulf of Mexico Electronic Logbook.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0543.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 1,410.

Average Hours per Response: 3.

Burden Hours: 4,230.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the commercial shrimp fishery in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) under the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf.

The electronic logbook (ELB) regulations for the Gulf shrimp fishery may be found at 50 CFR 622.51(a)(2). These regulations require vessel owners or operators issued a Federal commercial permit for Gulf shrimp to participate in the NMFS-sponsored ELB reporting program. There are approximately 1,410 valid or renewable Federal permits to commercially harvest shrimp from Federal waters in the Gulf. Reporting through a vessel’s ELB, such owners or operators must provide information regarding the size and number of shrimp trawls deployed, the
type of bycatch reduction device, and
turtle excluder device used for each trip.
The ELB unit automatically collects
fishing effort data and transmits those
data via a cellular phone connection
activated when the vessel is within non-
roaming cellular range. Compliance
with the ELB reporting requirements is
required to renew the Gulf shrimp
permit.

Monitoring shrimp vessels is
challenging for NMFS when they operate
together with many other
fishing vessels of differing sizes, gears
types, and fishing capabilities.
Monitoring is made even more
challenging by seasonal variability in
shrimp abundance and price and the
broad geographic distribution of the
fleet. ELBs provide a precise means of
estimating the amount of shrimp fishing
effort. Using ELBs to estimate fishing
effort serves an important role to help
estimate bycatch in the Gulf shrimp
fleet.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion when fishing.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

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may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow
the instructions to view Department of
Commerce collections currently under
review by OMB.

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recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will
submit to the Office of Management and
Budget (OMB) for clearance the
following proposal for collection of
information under the provisions of the
Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.
Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
Title: Green Sturgeon ESA 4(d) rule
take exceptions and exemptions.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0613.

Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular.
Number of Respondents: 45.
Average Hours per Response:
Scientific research or monitoring
exception, Habitat restoration exception,
State research program report, and
Research applications: 40 hours each;
Scientific research or monitoring
exception report, Habitat restoration
exception report, and Research reports:
5 hours each; Emergency fish rescue
report, and Fishery Management and
Evaluation Plan report: 20 hours each;
Fishery Management and Evaluation
Plan and Tribal Plan: 160 hours each.
Burden Hours: 1,510.

Needs and Uses: The Southern
Distinct Population Segment of North
American green sturgeon (Acipenser
medirostris; hereafter, “Southern DPS”) was
listed as a threatened species in April 2006. Protective regulations under
section 4(d) of the Endangered Species
Act (ESA) were promulgated for the
species on June 2, 2010 (75 FR 30714)
(the final ESA 4(d) Rule). To comply
with the ESA and the protective
regulations, entities must obtain take
authorization before they engage in
activities that involve take of Southern
DPS fish, unless the activity is covered
by an exception or exemption. “Take” is
defined as to harass, harm, pursue,
hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture
or collect, or to attempt to engage in any
such conduct. Certain activities
described in the “exceptions” provision
of 50 CFR 223.210(b) are not subject to
the take prohibitions if they adhere to
specific criteria and reporting
requirements. Under the “exemption”
provision of 50 CFR 223.210(c), the take
prohibitions do not apply to scientific
research, scientific monitoring, and
fisheries activities conducted under an
approved 4(d) program or plan.
Similarly, take prohibitions do not
apply to tribal resource management
activities conducted under a Tribal Plan
for which the requisite determinations
described in 50 CFR 223.102(c)(3) have
been made.

To ensure that activities qualify under
exceptions to or exemptions from the
take prohibitions, local, state, and
federal agencies, non-governmental
organizations, academic researchers,
and private organizations are asked to
submit detailed information regarding their
activity on a schedule to be
determined by National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff. This
information is used by NMFS to (1)
track the number of Southern DPS fish
taken as a result of each action; (2)
understand and evaluate the cumulative
effects of each action on the Southern
DPS; and (3) determine whether
additional protections are needed for
the species, or whether additional
exceptions may be warranted. NMFS
designed the criteria to ensure that
actions meeting the criteria would
adequately limit impacts on threatened
Southern DPS fish, such that additional
protections in the form of a federal take
prohibition would not be necessary and
advisable.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit
institutions; State, Local, or Tribal
government; Federal government;
business or other for-profit
organizations.

Frequency: Written notification
describing research, monitoring, habitat
restoration, or emergency fish rescue
and salvage activities, on occasion;
development of fisheries management
and evaluation plans, state 4(d) research
programs, or tribal fishery management
plans, on occasion; fisheries
management and evaluation plan
reports, biannually; all other reports,
annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to
obtain or retain benefits.

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may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Law School Clinic Certification
Program

ACTION: Notice of renewal of information
collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and
Trademark Office (USPTO), as required
by the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995, invites comments on the
extension of an existing information
collection: 0651–0081 (Law School
Clinic Program).

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before February 24,
2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by any of the following methods: