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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Gabrielle Aberle, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office, is requesting renewal of the currently approved information collection for the Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR).

The COAR is a State of Alaska report that is required to be completed and submitted by direct marketers, catcher processors, catcher exporters, buyer exporters, shore-based processors, and floating processor permit holders pursuant to Alaska Administrative Code (5 AAC 39.130) and 50 CFR 679. Under 50 CFR 679.5(p), NMFS requires motherships and catcher processors that are issued a Federal fisheries permit to annually complete and submit the appropriate sections of the COAR.

The COAR is used to gather statewide fish and shellfish information describing buying (ex-vessel) and production (wholesale or retail) activities. The information collected in the COAR is used to determine the value of Alaska's fisheries resources and products. NMFS uses the COAR database in annual Federal publications on the value of U.S. commercial fisheries, in the annual NMFS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation reports for the groundfish fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and the Gulf of Alaska, and in periodic reports that describe the fisheries and that serve as reference documents to management agencies, the industry, and others.

The mothership and catcher processor data, when added to the COAR information collected from shoreside processors and stationary floating processors required under State of Alaska requirements, yield a complete database of equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors. The information also provides a consistent time series according to which groundfish resources may be managed more efficiently. Use of the information generated by the COAR is coordinated between NMFS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

The COAR must be submitted by April 1 to the ADF&G for the previous year's activity for all operations that are required to submit a COAR. NMFS

requires the owner of a mothership or catcher processor to annually complete and submit the appropriate forms of the COAR, whether the processor operated that year or not. If no receipt or production took place for that year, the owner submits only the COAR certification page.

The COAR requires submission of information on seafood purchasing, production, and both ex-vessel and wholesale values of seafood products. The buying information is reported by species, area of purchase, condition of fisheries resources at the time of purchase, type of gear used in the harvest, pounds purchased, and ex-vessel value. The ex-vessel value includes any post-season adjustments or bonuses paid after the fish was purchased. The production information is reported by species, area of processing, process type (e.g., frozen, canned, smoked), product type (e.g., fillets, surimi, sections), net weight of the processed product, and the first wholesale value.

II. Method of Collection

The COAR is available in fillable PDF, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel formats on the ADF&G Commercial Fish Reporting web page at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar> and may be emailed or printed and mailed to the ADF&G.

There is also a mechanism in eLandings (elandings.alaska.gov) that enables authorized users to generate a spreadsheet of data that includes their production information along with COAR reporting areas. This information can be used to verify production information that needs to be entered in the COAR, but is not a substitute for it. Instructions on how to generate COAR data from eLandings can be found on the same web page as the COAR form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0428.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 98.

Estimated Time per Response: Commercial Operator's Annual Report: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 784 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$392.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA751]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel to obtain feedback and recommendations on items related to

enforcement of fisheries regulations and proposed changes.

DATES: The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel will meet on February 1, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be held via webinar.

ADDRESSES:

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) meeting is open to the public and will be available via webinar as it occurs. Registration is required. Webinar registration information, a public comment form, and other meeting materials will be posted to the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/current-advisory-panel-meetings/> as it becomes available.

The meeting agenda includes updates on amendments under development and possible related changes to regulations, including modifications to the Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota Program, management of dolphin and wahoo along the Atlantic coast, and possibly allowing rock shrimp trawling along the eastern edge of the northern extension of the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern, an area where the fishery operated historically. The AP will also discuss enforcement issues relative to for-hire electronic reporting and best fishing practices requirements. Additionally, the AP will make recommendations on possible changes to how the AP is structured and discuss other topics of interest to the Council.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

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

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

Dated: January 6, 2021.

Key Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA785]

Endangered Species; File No. 21516

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

ACTION: Notice; Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) (No. 21516) to Virginia Electric and Power Company, D.B.A. Dominion Virginia Power (Dominion) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended, for the incidental take of Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) associated with the otherwise lawful operation of the Dominion Chesterfield Power Station (CPS) in Chesterfield, VA. The permit is issued for a duration of 5 years.

ADDRESSES: The incidental take permit, final Environmental Assessment (EA), and other related documents are available on the NMFS Office of Protected Resources website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-permit-virginia-electric-and-power-company-dba-dominion-virginia-power>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Crocker, (978) 282-8480 or email, Julie.Crocker@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines "take" to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances to take listed species when the takes are incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA provides for authorizing incidental take of listed species. The regulations for issuing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

Background

The power-generating units at CPS utilize a once-through cooling water system that withdraws water from the James River, Virginia, through cooling water intake structures (CWIS). The openings of all the intake pipes associated with the CWISs are constantly submerged and aligned flush with and parallel to the river's axis.

In 2015, two Atlantic sturgeon larvae belonging to the Chesapeake Bay distinct population segment (DPS) of Atlantic sturgeon were found in entrainment samples collected at CPS. These were the first known takes of Atlantic sturgeon larvae at CPS despite previous entrainment sampling. Dominion anticipates that takes will occur in the future because it is required to conduct additional entrainment sampling to complete the Clean Water Act (CWA) 316(b) studies for the facility, and Dominion will continue to operate CPS for power generation, which requires withdrawing water through the CWIS. Dominion, therefore, applied for an ITP in accordance with the requirements under Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA.

Dominion submitted a complete ITP application and habitat conservation plan (HCP) to us on April 10, 2017. We prepared a draft EA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and published notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the EA, the ITP application and HCP for public comment (82 FR 37849; August 14, 2017). We received 37 comments during the public comment period. Most of the comments requested that we not issue the permit to Dominion based on the need to protect sturgeon or until Dominion had submitted a better plan for minimizing and mitigating the impacts of the taking. In addition to these, Dominion provided comments in support of its application while Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), on behalf of the James Riverkeeper Association, provided a report from a sturgeon expert questioning several aspects of the ITP application, including the amount of take anticipated and Atlantic sturgeon spawning success in the James River.

Dominion revised sections of their ITP application and HCP and submitted those to us on October 16, 2019, in response to the comments received as well as in response to new information regarding dispersal of Atlantic sturgeon in the James River, the risk of impingement for adult Atlantic sturgeon at CPS, and the operation of the generating units at CPS. All other parts of the ITP application and HCP that Dominion submitted to us on April 10, 2017, were incorporated by reference. We considered this application complete and published notice in the **Federal Register** of the revised application and HCP, and the availability of the draft revised EA for public comment (85 FR 36563; June 17, 2020). The comment period ended on July 17, 2020. We received comments