

programs, with a particular emphasis on the topics identified in the section on Matters to Be Considered.

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2021, and Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** This will be a virtual meeting. Information about how to participate will be posted to the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, [david.mckinnie@noaa.gov](mailto:david.mckinnie@noaa.gov) or (206) 526-6950.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs, and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

*Matters to be Considered:* The OEAB will discuss the following topics: (1) Ocean exploration in the context of administration priorities, (2) Annual review of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research competitive grants program, (3) Office of Ocean Exploration and Research updates, and (4) other matters as described in the agenda. The agenda and other meeting materials will be made available on the OEAB website at <https://oeab.noaa.gov/>.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to the public with a 15-minute public comment period on the second day of the meeting, Thursday, April 8, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EDT (please check the final agenda on the OEAB website to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Participation

information will be on the meeting agenda on the OEAB website.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by April 2, 2021, to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after April 2, 2021, will be distributed to the OEAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

*Special Accommodations:* Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer by April 2, 2021.

Dated: February 3, 2021.

**David Holst,**

*Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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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 will hold a one-day meeting via webinar of its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The webinar will convene on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., EST. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Please visit the Gulf Council website [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) for meeting materials and webinar registration information.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Matt Freeman, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; [matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:matt.freeman@gulfcouncil.org); telephone: (813) 348-1630. The

Council's website, [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and other materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, though agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.**

Meeting will begin with adoption of agenda; approval of minutes from the November 16, 2020 webinar; and, a review of scope of work with its members. The AP will receive an update on Council actions in response to motions from the November 2020 Shrimp AP meeting and on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Shrimp Working Groups; review 2019 Gulf Shrimp Fishery Effort and Landings; review 2019 Royal Red Index; and, receive information on the Biological Review of Texas Closure. The AP will receive an update on Effort Data Collection; Status of 3G cellular Electronic Logbooks (cELBs); Pilot Program using P-Sea WindPlot; Alternative Options for Consideration; and Background—Council letter regarding the P-Sea WindPlot pilot program.

The AP will discuss Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the Gulf of Mexico, Background—Council letter requesting establishment of fishery stakeholder advisory panel; Recommendations for Conducting a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Stock Assessment; and, Research Projects to Improve Bycatch Estimates in the Shrimp Industry.

The AP will receive public testimony and discuss Other Business: Timeline for Shrimp AP Recruitment. —Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the AP meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: February 18, 2021.

**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

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; U.S. Caribbean Commercial Fishermen Census

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 26, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0716 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dr. Juan J. Agar, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, 305-361-4218, [Juan.Agar@noaa.gov](mailto:Juan.Agar@noaa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Abstract

This is a request for extension of an existing information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to conduct a census of small-scale fishermen operating in the United States (U.S.) Caribbean. This data collection applies to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The proposed socio-economic study will collect information on demographics, capital investment in fishing gear and vessels, fishing and marketing practices, economic performance, and miscellaneous attitudinal questions. The data gathered will be used for the development of amendments to fishery management plans, which require descriptions of the human and economic environment and socio-economic analyses of regulatory proposals. The information collected will also be used to strengthen fishery management decision-making and satisfy various legal mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; MSA), Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Endangered Species Act (ESA), and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other pertinent statutes.

### II. Method of Collection

In-person, voluntary surveys will be used to collect the above-described information.

### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0716.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 750 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

### 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

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; 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 data scoping webinar for SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8: Fishery Independent Index Development Under Changing Survey Design.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 for Fishery Independent Index Development will consist of a series of webinars and an in-person workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Procedural Workshop 8 data scoping webinar will be held March 17, 2021, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:**