

access to these devices to authorized personnel on request and test alternate methods to a physical signature. Ideas that are currently under consideration include a digital signature component for validation, using a personal identification number (PIN) for each operator.

Vessel operators would also assist in the testing methods for transferring logbook data to observers, IPHC port samplers and other authorized personnel either directly from the electronic device or via electronic communications. This project aims to improve overall efficiency, provide access to necessary ELB data and enable an end-to-end testing of a fully electronic logbook data collection and submission framework.

Exemptions

Two exemptions are necessary to conduct this project. First, an exemption would be necessary from the requirement at § 679.5(f)(3) for printed copies of ELB logsheet and discard reports on board participating vessels.

The second exemption would be from § 679.5(f)(4)'s requirement for physical signatures on printed ELB logsheets and discard reports on board participating vessels. Physical signatures would be replaced by electronic signatures using PINs.

Permit Conditions, Review, and Effects

The applicant would be required to submit to NMFS a report of the EFP results six months after the close of the 2025 IFQ fishing season. The report would include the method(s) chosen for digital signature and a comparison among methods if applicable; interactions with observers, port samplers and an analysis of both benefits and challenges of transferring required data to them electronically; and an analysis of cost savings, efficiency and impact aboard participating vessels. Under the current regulations, observers and port samplers both collect physical hard copies of the logbooks. Since there would no longer be physical pages under this EFP, best methods for the vessel operator to provide that information electronically must be developed. The activities that would be conducted under this EFP are not expected to have a significant impact on the human environment, as detailed in the categorical exclusion for this action (see **ADDRESSES**).

In accordance with §§ 679.6 and 600.745, NMFS has determined that the application warrants further consideration and has forwarded the application to the Council to initiate consultation. The Council is scheduled

to consider the EFP application during its February 2024 meeting, which will be held in person in Seattle, WA with an option to participate virtually. The EFP application will also be provided to the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee for review at the February Council meeting. The applicant has been invited to speak in support of the application.

Public Comments

Interested persons may comment on the application during the February 2024 Council meeting during public testimony or the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**) until February 12, 2024 when the comment period ends. Information regarding the meeting is available at the Council's website at <http://www.npfmc.org>. Copies of the application and categorical exclusion are available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments may also be submitted directly to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) by the end of the comment period (see **DATES**).

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

Dated: January 17, 2024.

Everett Wayne Baxter,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD660]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils (Councils) will hold a public meeting of their joint Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., EDT. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be conducted in person with a virtual option available.

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Westin Arlington Gateway, 801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203; telephone: (703) 717-6200. Webinar registration details will be

posted to the calendar at www.mafmc.org prior to the meeting.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Councils' Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel will meet to review recent developments related to relevant fishery surveys, the Industry Based Multispecies Bottom Trawl Survey white paper, and Henry B. Bigelow bottom trawl survey contingency plan next steps. The Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel will also discuss topics related to survey redesign and mitigation, receive an update on the restrictor rope research manuscript and discuss potential expansion of that work, as well as brainstorm future research projects.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526-5251 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: January 18, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

[Docket No. CFPB-2024-0004]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for a new information collection titled "Auto Finance Data Project."

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before March 25, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* PRA_Comments@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB–2024–0004 in the subject line of the email.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment Intake, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the CFPB is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, PRA Officer, at (202) 435–7278 or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Auto Finance Data Project.

OMB Control Number: 3170–00XX.

Type of Review: New information collection.

Affected Public: Auto finance companies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,375.

Abstract: The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act charges the CFPB with monitoring for risks to consumers in the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services, including developments in markets for such products or services. The CFPB has previously researched and documented significant gaps in available auto finance data which culminated in the initial Auto Finance Data Pilot project launched in February 2023. The data collected as part of the Auto Finance Data Pilot project both confirmed the benefit of additional data collection to fully carry out the CFPB’s mission, to fulfill the CFPB’s mandate to monitor

the auto finance market for risks to consumers, and to inform the way the CFPB would propose to collect data in the future. The CFPB proposes to collect data in two separate processes.

The CFPB proposes to collect a set of data annually from lenders that originate greater than 20,000 auto loans in the previous calendar year. This data collection would mirror that which was collected in the Auto Finance Data Pilot. The CFPB also proposes to collect a set of data annually from lenders that originate greater than 500 loans and fewer than 20,000 loans in the previous calendar year. This data collection would annually collect information on the number of vehicles repossessed and the number of loan modifications.

Request for Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the CFPB, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the CFPB’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (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’s approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Anthony May,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

[CEQ–2023–0005]

Environmental Justice Scorecard

AGENCY: Council on Environmental Quality.

ACTION: Request for information; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On November 20, 2023, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published a request for information (RFI) to solicit feedback on Phase One of the Environmental Justice Scorecard, which will inform future versions of the Environmental Justice Scorecard. This notice extends the

deadline for receiving responses to this RFI by an additional 30 days, until February 22, 2024.

DATES: The comment period for the RFI published November 20, 2023, at 88 FR 80697, is extended. Comments should be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on February 22, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number CEQ–2023–0005, by any of the following methods:

- *Using the Federal eRulemaking Portal:* visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for submitting comments. For more information, see <https://www.regulations.gov/faq>.

- By fax to 202–456–6546.

- By mail to Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503 (must be received by February 22, 2024).

Instructions: Your submission must include “Council on Environmental Quality” and the docket number for this RFI, which is CEQ–2023–0005.

CEQ will publish public comments it receives in response to this notice, including personal information, without change on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Please do not submit any information you consider to be private information, privileged or confidential commercial or financial information, or other information the disclosure of which is restricted by law.

Response to this RFI is voluntary. Each responding entity (individual or organization) is requested to submit only one response. Please feel free to respond to as many of the questions as you choose, indicating the number of each question that you are addressing. We encourage you to include your name and contact information, but it is not required. If you are responding on behalf of an organization, we further encourage you to include the organization’s name, its type (e.g., academic, non-profit, professional society, community-based organization, industry, government, other), and your role in the organization. You may include references to academic literature or links to online material but please ensure all links are publicly available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kareem Ihmeidan, Staff Assistant for Environmental Justice, 202–395–5750, AbdelKareem.Ihmeidan@ceq.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 20, 2023, CEQ published an RFI in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 80697) to solicit feedback for CEQ and the Office of Management and Budget on Phase One of the Environmental