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III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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) 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 approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081701B]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 10-13, 2001. For specific dates and times of the meetings see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the W New Orleans Hotel, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

September 12

1 p.m.—Convene.

1:15 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Receive public testimony on Draft Shrimp Amendment 10/Environmental Assessment (EA).

September 13

8:30 a.m.—12 noon—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

1:30 p.m.—2 p.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

2 p.m.—2:15 p.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

2:15 p.m.—2:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Budget Committee.

2:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the Personnel Committee.

2:45 p.m.—3 p.m.—Receive a report of the Closed Council Session.

3 p.m.—3:15 p.m.—Receive a report of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Advisory Committee.

3:15 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

3:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the NMFS National Environmental Policy Act/Sustainable Fisheries Act Workshop.

3:45 p.m.—4 p.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

4 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

4:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Other Business.

4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.—Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

September 10

10 a.m.—11 a.m.—Orientation Session for New Members.

11 a.m.—12 noon—CLOSED SESSION—Full Council to review litigation affecting fishery management plan amendments.

1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 18 and a draft supplemental environmental impact statement and to make their recommendations to the Council. The full Council will consider those recommendations on Thursday morning. Final action on Reef Fish Amendment 18 will be taken at the December 10-14, 2001 Council meeting in Biloxi, MS.

September 11

8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.—Continue the meeting of the Reef Fish Management Committee, if necessary.

11 a.m.—12 noon—Convene the Budget Committee to discuss the CY 2001 budget.

1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review Draft Amendment 10/EA to develop their recommendations to the full Council for final action. The full Council will consider those recommendations on Thursday afternoon. The Shrimp Committee will also hear a report on the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Foundation's Bycatch and Effort Monitoring Program.

4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Personnel Committee to consider revisions to the personnel section of the Administrative Handbook.

September 12

8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.—Convene a joint meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee and Law Enforcement Advisory Panel to receive progress reports on the Operations Plan and Cooperative Enforcement Agreements.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 31, 2001.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081701C]

Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of plan team meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Plan Team for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 20-21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Witherell, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 20th, and continue on Friday, September 21st. The Plan Team will address the following topics:

1. Preparation of the 2001 BSAI King and Tanner Crab Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document.
2. Review of BSAI King and Tanner Crab survey information and guideline harvest levels for 2001-02.

3. Review of biological seasons in the BSAI King and Tanner Crab FMP.

4. Review of pending Alaska Board of Fisheries and Council proposals pertaining to or affecting BSAI king and Tanner crab fisheries or stocks.

5. Progress on Eastern Bering Sea snow crab harvest strategy development.

6. Update on king and Tanner crab research pertinent to BSAI stocks.

7. Discussion of crab essential fish habitat.

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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 21, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 010126025-1025-01]

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Notice of Request for Comments on Development of a Plan To Remove the Patent and Trademark Classified Paper Files From the Public Search Facilities

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) requests public comment on issues associated with the development of a plan to remove the patent and trademark classified paper files from the USPTO's public search libraries and replace them with electronic records. These public

search facilities are currently located in Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia.

Interested members of the public are invited to present comments on the appropriate scope for and contents of this plan, including the topics outlined in the supplementary information section of this notice.

DATES: Comments will be accepted by the USPTO until September 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Those interested in presenting written comments on the topics presented in the supplementary information, or any related topics, may mail their comments to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, marked to the attention of Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer, or send them by facsimile transmission to (703) 308-7792.

Parties are encouraged to provide their comments in machine-readable format and send them over the Internet as electronic mail messages to *file-removal@uspto.gov*. Machine-readable submissions should be provided as unformatted text (e.g., ASCII or plain text), or as formatted text in one of the following file formats: Microsoft Word (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions) or WordPerfect (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions). Machine-readable submissions may be provided on a 3½-inch floppy disk formatted for use in either a Macintosh or MSDOS-based computer, mailed to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the attention of Ronald Hack, Acting Chief Information Officer.

All comments should include the following information:

- Name and affiliation of the individual responding;
- An indication of whether comments offered represent views of the respondent's organization or are the respondent's personal views; and
- If applicable, information on the respondent's organization, including the type of organization (e.g., business, trade group, university, non-profit organization).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- Ronald Hack by telephone at (703) 305-9095, by facsimile at (703) 308-7792, by electronic mail at *ronald.hack@uspto.gov*;
- Martha Sneed by telephone at (703) 308-5558, by facsimile at (703) 306-2654, by electronic mail at *martha.sneed@uspto.gov*; or