

public hearings and all other agenda items. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Thursday, December 5, 2019, 8 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

1. The Committee will receive updates from NOAA Fisheries on commercial and recreational catches for species under ACLs and the status of amendments under formal Secretarial review.

2. The Committee will receive a report from the SSC on issues relative to the management of snapper grouper species and a report from the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

3. The Committee will receive an overview of Snapper Grouper Abbreviated Framework Amendment 3 addressing management of blue line tilefish and consider final approval for Secretarial review.

5. The Committee will receive an update on the Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) for red snapper that includes 2019 data.

6. The Committee will review Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 33 addressing season modifications for red snapper and consider final approval.

7. The Committee will review draft Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 31 addressing recreational accountability measures and provide guidance.

8. The Committee will receive a summary of outreach efforts for best fishing practices and take action as needed.

9. The Committee will receive a report from the System Management Plan Workgroup and an overview of input received from the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel regarding proposed changes to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Personnel Committee, Thursday, December 5, 2019, 1:30 p.m. Until 3:30 p.m. (Closed Session)

1. The Committee will address the Executive Director's review and Council comments on documents, procedures, etc. and guidance for 2020.

Council Session: Thursday, December 5, 2019, 3:30 p.m. Until 5:30 p.m. and Friday, December 6, 2019, 8 a.m. Until 1 p.m.

The Full Council will begin with the Call to Order, adoption of the agenda, and approval of minutes.

The Council will receive a presentation on proposed changes to the

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Staff will provide a summary of input received from the Council's advisory panels regarding the proposed changes and provide the Council with an overview of required actions.

The Council will receive staff reports including the Executive Director's Report and updates on the MyFishCount recreational reporting pilot program.

Updates will be provided by NOAA Fisheries including a report on the status of commercial and recreational catches versus ACLs for species not covered during an earlier committee meeting, data-related reports (for-hire amendment and bycatch), protected resources, and a presentation on the status of the of the Commercial Electronic Logbook Program. The Council will discuss and take action as necessary.

The Council will review any Exempted Fishing Permits received as necessary and review proposed changes to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and take action as appropriate.

The Council will receive reports from the following committees: Snapper Grouper; Mackerel Cobia; Dolphin Wahoo; Shrimp; SEDAR, Advisory Panel Selection; Citizen Science; Executive Finance; and Personnel. The Council will take action as appropriate.

The Council will receive agency and liaison reports; and discuss other business and upcoming meetings and take action as necessary.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

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 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: November 6, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southeast Region Gulf of Mexico Mandatory Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Survey

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by January 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Adam Bailey, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 263 13th Ave. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, telephone: 727-824-8305, email: adam.bailey@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for the renewal of a current information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

(Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans (FMPs) for any fishery in Federal waters under its jurisdiction. NMFS and the Council manage the commercial shrimp fishery in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) under the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf.

Owners or operators of vessels applying for or renewing a commercial vessel permit for the Gulf shrimp fishery must complete an annual Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form. NMFS provides the form to each permit holder in January each year, and the form is due to NMFS prior to the submission of a permit application for renewal or transfer. Compliance with this reporting requirement is required for permit issuance and renewal. The regulations for the Gulf Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Form may be found at 50 CFR 622.51(a)(3).

Through this form, NMFS collects census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf shrimp fishery to conduct analyses that will improve management decision-making in this fishery. In addition, these analyses ensure that national goals, objectives, and requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Order 12866 are met; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS' Operating Plans. This information is vital in assessing the economic, social, and environmental effects of fishery management decisions and regulations on individual shrimp fishing enterprises, fishing communities, and the nation as a whole.

There have been minor adjustments to responses and burden. As of August 29, 2019, there are approximately 1,410 vessels with valid or renewable permits in the Gulf shrimp fishery. The slightly fewer number of vessels has resulted in adjusted estimates of total burden hours and costs as noted below in Section III.

II. Method of Collection

NMFS mails a paper copy of the form to respondents and also provides a pre-paid business reply envelope for permit applicants to submit the form. Permit applicants must complete and mail the form back to NMFS before a permit expires and before NMFS will issue or transfer a permit.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0542.
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: 1,410.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 470.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping or reporting costs.

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.

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Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; South Pacific Tuna Act

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before January 13, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or via the internet at PRAComments@doc.gov). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Rini Ghosh, (808) 725-5033 or rini.ghosh@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects vessel license, vessel registration, catch, and unloading information from operators of U.S. purse seine vessels fishing under the provisions of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty). The Treaty provides access for U.S. purse seine vessels to fish in the exclusive economic zones (EEZs) of Pacific Island Parties to the Treaty (PIPs). The PIPs include Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. This collection of information is required to meet U.S. obligations under the Treaty.

The South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973-973r) and U.S. implementing regulations (50 CFR part 300, subpart D) authorize the collection of information from U.S. purse seine vessels fishing in the EEZs of PIPs under the Treaty. Vessel operators must submit annual vessel license and registration (including registration of vessel monitoring system (VMS) units) applications and periodic written reports of catch and unloading of fish from licensed vessels. They are also required to ensure the continued operation of VMS units on board licensed vessels, which is expected to require periodic maintenance of the units. The information collected is submitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) through the U.S.