

or other forms of information technology.

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Dated: April 20, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042400D]

Pelagic Longline Vessel Monitoring System Checklist; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) to implement the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). ICCAT adopted a recommendation that each member country institute, as a 3-year pilot program, a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) on certain vessels fishing for ICCAT-regulated species on the high seas outside the Exclusive Economic Zone of any coastal state. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has obtained Office of Management and Budget approval to collect automated VMS position reports from pelagic longline vessels as of September 1, 2000.

NMFS proposes to add an additional requirement for the submission of a certification and checklist regarding installation of the VMS equipment. These would have to be returned to NMFS prior to the effective date of the VMS regulation. Given that the VMS hardware and satellite communications services are provided by third-parties as approved by NMFS, there is a need for NMFS to collect information regarding the individual vessel's installation in order to ensure that automated position reports will be received.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents would submit a signed copy of the checklist, certifying that they followed the applicable procedures. They would also provide information on the equipment used and the service provider selected.

III. Data

KOMB Number: 0648-0372.

KForm Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit institutions, individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 298.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes (the burden for actual installation of the VMS equipment was included in previous clearance requests, so this response time is solely for completing the checklist form and submitting it).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100.

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: April 20, 2000.

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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 public meetings.

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

DATES: The meetings will be held May 15-19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Hotel New Orleans, 1500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; telephone: 504-522-4500.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Monday, May 15, 2000**

8 a.m.–9 a.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to discuss an internal policy issue related to conflict of interest.

9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to hear a research proposal by the Gulf Aquaculture Consortium and a report on proposed gas pipeline routes across the Gulf of Mexico.

10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee to review and approve for public hearings the Draft Amendment 7/Regulatory Amendment and make recommendations for the full Council to review on Thursday morning.

1 p.m.–5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to hear the Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel (SAP) report, the Socioeconomic Panel report, and recommendations of the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) and the Standing and Special Mackerel and Dolphin/Wahoo Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) regarding the Gulf group king mackerel total allowable catch (TAC) and proposed management options under the joint dolphin/wahoo fishery management plan. The Committee will develop recommendations for the full Council to review on Thursday morning.

Tuesday, May 16, 2000

8 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Convene the Joint Reef Fish and Mackerel Management Committees to review the revised Options Paper/Amendment for a Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium. The Committees will make recommendations for full Council review on Thursday morning.

10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon—Convene the Red Drum Management Committee to hear the Red Drum SAP report and AP and SSC recommendations regarding stock status.

1:30 p.m.–5 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review a draft license limitation options paper for the longline sector, hear a NMFS enforcement report on longline vessels, review the revised options paper for Amendment 18, discuss the legal ramifications of requiring imported fish to be consistent with federal size limits, and hear a report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's organic fish designation. The Committee's recommendations on these issues will be considered by the Council on Thursday afternoon.

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

8 a.m.–8:30 a.m.—Convene the Joint Marine Reserves and Reef Fish

Management Committees to approve the Public Hearing Draft Amendment for potentially establishing the Tortugas 2000 marine reserves.

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to hear a report on the distribution of Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program real-time data on shrimp catches, discuss whether an interim rule should be implemented to require shrimp vessel and/or operator permits, and hear a report by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on the condition of the shrimp stocks.

10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—Convene the Deep Water Crab Management Committee to discuss a possible gear conflict between golden crab and royal red shrimp fishermen, a trap enforcement issue, and a report on the contamination of crab tissue by heavy metals.

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Convene the Migratory Species Committee to hear a report regarding the proposed bluefin tuna harvest rules for the angling category.

2 p.m.—The Council will convene.

2:15 p.m.–5 p.m.—Receive public testimony on the Gulf group king mackerel (TAC) and other framework management measures.

Thursday, May 18, 2000

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Joint Reef Fish and Mackerel Management Committees.

10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.—Receive a report of the Red Drum Management Committee.

11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

11:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

11:45–12:00 noon—Receive a report of the Stone Crab Management Committee.

1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

3 p.m.–3:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Joint Marine Reserves and Reef Fish Management Committee.

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.—Receive a report of the Deep Water Crab Management Committee.

4 p.m.–4:15 p.m.—Receive a report of the Migratory Species Management Committee.

4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Foundation, Inc. Effort Workshop.

4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the NMFS Workshop on Report to Congress.

4:45 p.m.–5 p.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

5 p.m.–5:20 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

Friday, May 19, 2000

8:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.—Receive a presentation on the NMFS Fishery Stock Assessment Model.

11:45 a.m.–12:00 noon—Other Business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 actions to address such emergencies.

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**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 24, 2000.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION**Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold an informal conference followed by a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2, 2000. The hearing will be part of the Commission's regular business meeting. Both the conference session and business meeting are open to the public and will be held at the Commission offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

The conference among the commissioners and staff will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include status reports