

- Experience in executive level positions, such as CEO of U.S. companies;¹
- Experience doing business with or in Japan;
- Expertise in the topic to be considered by the Commission. In 2002, the topic will be "creating an environment for sustainable growth: Raising productivity and corporate revitalization;"
- Commitment to undertake any necessary preparatory work and to participate in any preparatory meetings and the Commission meeting itself;
- Commitment to assume the costs of travel, lodging and other personal expenses related to Commission participation;
- Contributions to membership diversity based on company size, type, and location; and
- Other considerations relevant to the Commission as described in the Annex to the U.S.-Japan Joint Statement by President Bush and Prime Minister Koizumi on June 30, 2001.

Submission Procedures and Requirements

To be considered for membership, please provide a personal resume and materials that would identify the following: (1) Name and title of the individual requesting consideration; (2) name and address of the company where the candidate is employed; (3) company's product or service line; (4) company size (market capitalization, annual revenues, number of employees); (5) company's experience in Japan (exports, sales, employees, years in Japan); (6) why candidate wishes to be considered for the Commission; and (7) the particular sector of the business community the candidate would represent.

Third parties, such as trade associations and government officials, may nominate or endorse potential candidates, but candidates must submit their own letters to be considered for Commission membership. Referrals from political organizations and any references to political contributions or other partisan political activities will

not be considered in the selection process.

Please send requests for consideration on company letterhead by fax or letter. See **ADDRESSES**. Requests sent by email will not be considered. Candidates chosen for membership will be notified in writing.

Dated: November 13, 2001.

Chiling Tong,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111401A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Data Collection for the Trap Fishery in the U.S. Caribbean

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jim Waters, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, NC 28516-9722, (252-728-8710).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to conduct a survey to collect socio-economic data from the Caribbean (Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands) trap fishery. The survey intends to collect revenue, cost

and other auxiliary economic information, e.g., vessel characteristics and capital investment, as well as socio-demographic information. The information collected is necessary to evaluate the economic impacts of potential gear regulations that are likely to be considered by the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. In addition, the information will be used to strengthen and improve fishery management decision-making, satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et. seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, and quantify achievement of performance measures in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans.

II. Method of Collection

The socio-economic information will be collected via personal interview with a stratified random sample of commercial trap fishermen, with strata defined as three distinct fishing areas within the U.S. Caribbean: Puerto Rico; St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI); and St. Thomas/St. John, USVI. One hundred interviews will be completed in total: sixty (60) interviews in Puerto Rico; twenty (20) interviews in St. Croix; and twenty (20) interviews in St. Thomas/St. John.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

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

¹ A U.S. company is defined in the Procedures and Rules for Industry Sector Advisory Committees as a firm incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated U.S. firm with its principal places of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. company if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities. If the member is to represent an entity or corporation with 10 percent or greater non-U.S. ownership, the nominee must demonstrate at the time of nomination that this ownership interest does not constitute control and will not adversely affect his or her ability to serve on the Commission.

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: November 9, 2001.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111301A]

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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on December 4, 2001, and will conclude by 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hobby Airport Hilton, 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77061; telephone 713-645-3000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida, 33619; telephone 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At this meeting, the AP will discuss the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service terracing project in Galveston Bay; the Jumbilee Cove habitat restoration project; the Galveston Bay Foundation terracing project in Galveston Bay; the use of oil dispersants on a shallow water oil spill of opportunity; and review the Council's Freshwater Inflow Policy. The AP will also receive an update on the Essential Fish Habitat Environmental Impact Statement.

The Texas Habitat AP is part of a three-unit Habitat Protection AP of the

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the APs is to assist the Council in addressing issues related to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and other habitat and ecological relationships supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. APs serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting habitat. The APs may also provide advice to the Council on EFH, as well as policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. This meeting is 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 November 27, 2001.

Dated: November 15, 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. 111301D]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of its Advisory Panel Selection Committee, Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee,

Information & Education Committee, Habitat Committee, Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Controlled Access Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee and a joint meeting of the Snapper Grouper Committee, Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). Public comment periods will be held during some of the meetings. There will also be a full Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held in December 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Blockade Runner Beach Resort, 275 Waynick Drive, Wrightsville Beach, NC; telephone: (1-800) 541-1161 or (910) 256-2251.

Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: 843-571-4366; fax: 843-769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting: December 3, 2001, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.*

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will meet in a closed session to review membership applications and develop recommendations.

2. *Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee Meeting: December 3, 2001, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.*

The Scientific and Statistical Selection Committee will meet in a closed session to review candidates for appointment to the SSC and develop recommendations.

3. *Information & Education Committee Meeting: December 3, 2001, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.*

The Information & Education Committee will meet to review current materials, projects and activities, develop goals and objectives, and identify needs related to public outreach.

4. *Habitat Committee Meeting: December 4, 2001, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.*

The Habitat Committee will meet to review the status of the Sargassum Fishery Management Plan (FMP),