

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), 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.*). NMFS collects information via vessel logbooks to monitor the U.S. catch of Atlantic swordfish, sharks, and bluefin tuna in relation to the quotas, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations. The information supplied through vessel logbooks also provides the catch and effort data necessary to assess the status of highly migratory species and to evaluate bycatch in each fishery. Stock assessments are conducted and presented to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) periodically and provide, in part, the basis for ICCAT management recommendations which become binding on member nations. Supplementary information on fishing costs and earnings has been collected via this vessel logbook program on a voluntary basis. This economic information enables NMFS to assess the economic impacts of regulatory programs on small businesses and fishing communities. Given the need for more representative data and more complete analyses, NMFS proposes to make the cost/earnings summary a mandatory requirement of this program.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel owners who are issued a vessel permit in the swordfish or shark fisheries are required to complete vessel logbooks for all trips targeting Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). In addition, selected tuna vessels (10 percent of permitted fleet) will be required to complete logbooks. Under this revised collection, the cost/earnings summary of the logbook would be required for selected vessels for all trips targeting HMS.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0371.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-191.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations (fishing vessel owners).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,840.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes for cost/earnings summaries attached to logbook reports, 12 minutes

for logbook catch reports, 2 minutes for negative logbook catch reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,383.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures required).

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: November 29, 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. 120301D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Vessel-Marking Requirements in Antarctic Waters

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 4, 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 Robin Tuttle, F/ST3, Room 12643, SSMC-3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2282, ext. 199).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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U.S. vessels participating in Antarctic fisheries must display the vessel's official identification number or international radio call sign in three locations on the vessel. The requirement aids in the enforcement of fishery regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The information is displayed in three locations on the vessel.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0368.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$90.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Technology Opportunities Program

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of grant applications.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issues this Notice describing the conditions under which applications will be received by the Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) and how NTIA will select applications for funding, subject to the availability of Fiscal Year 2002 funds.

The Bush Administration believes that new technologies and the deployment of high-speed networks are crucial to promoting America's economic growth and our nation's social well-being. The TOP program can play an important role in extending those priorities to underserved communities, through matching grants to state, local, and tribal governments and non-profit entities that demonstrate innovative uses of digital network technologies. TOP projects address specific challenges and realize opportunities for change in such areas as lifelong learning, community and economic development, government and public services, safety, health, culture, and the arts.

DATES: Complete applications for the Fiscal Year 2002 TOP grant program must be mailed or hand-carried to the address indicated below and received by NTIA no later than 8:00 P.M. EST, March 21, 2002. NTIA anticipates the processing and selection of applications for funding will require 6 months. NTIA expects to announce FY 2002 awards prior to September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Completed applications must be mailed, shipped, or sent overnight express to:

Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
HCHB, Room 4092
Washington, DC 20230
or hand-delivered to:

Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
HCHB, Room 1874

1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Room 1874 is located at entrance #10 on 15th Street NW, between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

Materials needed to complete an application can be obtained electronically via TOP's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top> or by contacting the TOP office at 202-482-2048.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen J. Downs, Director of the Technology Opportunities Program.
Telephone: 202-482-2048; fax: 202-501-5136; e-mail: top@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: NTIA issues this Notice subject to the appropriations made available under continuing resolution (Public Law 107-70). NTIA anticipates making grant awards provided that funding for TOP is continued beyond December 7, 2001, the expiration date of the current continuing resolution.

Eligible Organizations

All non-profit entities (including, but not limited to, faith-based organizations, national organizations and associations, non-profit community-based organizations, non-profit health care providers, schools, libraries, museums, colleges, universities, public safety providers) and state, local, and tribal governments are eligible to apply.

Although individuals and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply, they are encouraged to participate as project partners.

Funding Availability

Issuance of grants is subject to the availability of FY 2002 funds. Based on the status of relevant appropriations legislation, NTIA expects to have approximately \$12.5 million available for new grants. Further notice will be made in the **Federal Register** and the TOP web site of the final status of funding for this program at the appropriate time.

Based on past experience, NTIA expects this year's grant round to be very competitive. In Fiscal Year 2001, NTIA received over 660 applications collectively requesting more than \$367 million in federal funds. From these applications, the Department of Commerce announced 74 awards totaling \$42.8 million in federal funds.

Award Amount

An applicant may request up to a total of \$750,000 in funds from NTIA. TOP expects the federal amounts awarded to range from \$200,000 to \$750,000, with an average of approximately \$500,000. The amount awarded covers the duration of the project.

Matching Funds Requirements

Grant recipients under this program will be required to provide matching funds toward the total project cost. Applicants must document their capacity to provide matching funds. Matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions. NTIA will provide up to 50 percent of the total project cost, unless the applicant can document extraordinary circumstances warranting a grant of up to 75 percent. Grant funds under this program are usually released in direct proportion to local matching funds utilized and documented as having been expended.

Generally, federal funds may not be used as matching funds, except as provided by federal statute. If you plan to use funds from a federal agency as matching funds, you should contact the federal agency that administers the funds in question and obtain documentation from that agency's Office of General Counsel to support the use of federal funds for matching purposes.

Completeness of Application

TOP will initially review all applications to determine whether all required elements are present and clearly identifiable. The required elements are listed and described in the Guidelines for Preparing Applications' Fiscal Year 2002. Details on how to access the Guidelines for Preparing Applications' Fiscal Year 2002, are available in the section "Other Information" in this Notice. Each of the required elements must be present and clearly identified. Failure to do so may result in rejection of the application. For details on how to obtain materials needed to complete an application, see "Addresses" in this Notice.

Application Deadline

As noted above, complete applications for the Fiscal Year 2002 TOP grant program must be received by NTIA no later than 8 P.M. EST, March 21, 2002. A postmark date is not sufficient. Applications which have been provided to a delivery service on or before March 20, 2002, with "delivery guaranteed" before 8:00 P.M. on March 21, 2002, will be accepted for review if the applicant can document that the application was provided to the delivery service with delivery to the