

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 082202D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Progress Reports**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 October 28, 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 and instructions should be directed to Robin Bruckner, NOAA Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway (F/HC3), Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (301-713-0174 or by e-mail at Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) provides financial assistance on a competitive basis to implement grass-roots, community-based habitat restoration activities through individual projects or restoration partnerships. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC), within the NOAA Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation, intends to institute specific reporting requirements for habitat restoration projects funded through the CRP. Recipients of NOAA CRP funds will be required to submit specific information on habitat restoration projects such as site details (project location information, including geographic coordinates), restoration techniques used, species benefitted, volunteer involvement, and other

variables. This information collection is necessary to track the rapidly increasing number of habitat restoration projects being implemented around the country with CRP funds. This information will be used to populate a database of NOAA-funded habitat restoration projects, respond to Department of Commerce, NOAA, Congressional and Constituent inquiries, and ensure accountability for federal funds expended under the CRP. Successful applicants are required by the NOAA Grants Management Division to submit periodic performance reports and a final report for each award; this collection will stipulate the information to be provided in these reports.

II. Method of Collection

Progress reports will be submitted in two parts consisting of a reporting form for project details, and in narrative style according to a format provided by the RC. The form and format outline will be sent to recipients in hard copy as part of their award package and will also be available on the Restoration Center's home page. Electronic submission of forms and progress report narratives will be encouraged but not required.

III. Data*OMB Number:* None.*Form Number:* None.*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions; State, Local and Tribal Governments; and business or other for-profits organizations (limited to those organizations that have received NOAA CRP funds for habitat restoration).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time Per Response: Five hours (average) per report. Two semiannual reports and one final report are required for each grant covering an 18-month award period, however information collected and submitted for a single report need not be collected again for subsequent reports. Preparation time for producing one comprehensive report (Progress Report Narrative and completed Project Data Form) encompassing 18 months of work is 15 hours total.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 750.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,205.

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, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 082202E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Socio-economic Assessment of Marine Protected Areas Management Preferences**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)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dr. Juan Agar, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Fisheries

Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149, (305-361-4218).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service proposes to conduct a survey to collect socio-economic data to strengthen the management, protection, and conservation of existing and proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the U.S. Caribbean (Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands). MPAs are any area of the marine environment that has been reserved by Federal, State, territorial, tribal, or local laws or regulations to provide lasting protection for part or all of the natural and cultural resources therein. The survey intends to collect demographic, cultural and economic information from communities that are dependent on the estuarine and marine resources for their livelihood. The proposed data collection is necessary to develop science-based criteria and protocols to identify and evaluate the economic impacts of management decisions. The information will be used to protect the sustainable use of estuarine and marine ecosystems for present and future generations. The information collected will also be used to satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 13158, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, National Marine Sanctuaries Act, National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statutes.

II. Method of Collection

The socio-economic information will be collected via personal interviews and mail surveys.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 700.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 700.

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, 2002.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082302B]

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 (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 9-12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Lakeside New Orleans, 3838 North Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002; telephone: 504-836-5253.

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 11

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Receive public testimony on the Secretarial Reef Fish Amendment 2 and the Regulatory Amendment for status determination criteria and king mackerel total allowable catch (TAC).

1 p.m.—2:30 p.m.—Receive the report of the Vessel Monitoring Committee.

2:30 p.m.—3 p.m.—Receive the report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

3 p.m.—4 p.m.—Receive the report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

4 p.m.—4:30 p.m.—Receive the report of the Budget Committee.

4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m.—(Closed Session) Appoint persons to Scientific and Statistical Committees.

September 12

8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.—Receive the report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

10 a.m.—10:15 a.m.—Receive the Gulf Safety Committee Report.

10:15 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:30 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

10:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Other Business

11:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.—Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

September 9, 2002

8 a.m.—9 a.m.—Orientation Session for New Members.

9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Convene the Vessel Monitoring Committee to hear a NMFS presentation on the vessel monitoring system (VMS) program.

1 p.m.—2 p.m.—Convene the Budget Committee to review the CY 2003 budget.

2 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to hear reports on sargassum as essential fish habitat (EFH), methylmercury, and the NOAA-GOM-GIS project. They will also hear a legal opinion on prey species as it will be used in the EFH environmental impact statement (EIS), and discuss the classification of artificial reefs and oil structures as EFH.

September 10

8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review and make recommendations on a regulatory amendment for king mackerel TAC and status determination criteria. They will also hear a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (SAFMC) action on the Dolphin/Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

1 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review and make recommendations for final action on the Secretarial Reef Fish Amendment 2 for Greater Amberjack. They will also review an options paper for Reef Fish Amendment 18 and hear a presentation on the SAW/SARC