

(ONMS) collects, evaluates and assesses student data and information for the purpose of selecting successful scholarship candidates, generating internal NOAA reports and articles to demonstrate the success of its program. The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program is available to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography and maritime archaeology. The ONMS requires applicants to the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program to complete an application and to supply references (e.g., from academic professors and advisors) in support of the scholarship application. Scholarship recipients are required to conduct a pre- and post-evaluation of their studies through the scholarship program to gather information about the level of knowledge, skills and behavioral changes that take place with the students before and after their program participation. The evaluation results support ONMS performance measures.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 19, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; West Coast Region U.S. Pacific Highly Migratory Species Hook and Line Logbook

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 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 on or before December 26, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at pracomment@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Shannon Penna, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region (WCR) Long Beach Office, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 980-4238 or shannon.penna@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved collection.

Under the Fishery Management Plan for United States (U.S.) West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP) U.S. fishermen, participating in the Pacific Hook and Line fishery (also known as the albacore troll and pole-and-line fishery), are required to obtain a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit. Permit holders are required to complete and submit logbooks documenting their daily fishing activities, including catch and effort for each fishing trip. Logbook forms must be completed within 24 hours of the completion of each fishing day and submitted to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) within 30 days of the end of each trip. These data and associated analyses help the SWFSC provide fisheries information to researchers and the needed management advice to the U.S. in its negotiations with foreign fishing nations exploiting HMS.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic data submission or paper forms. Methods of submittal include secure electronic transmission, and mailing of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0223.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 88-197.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,700.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 6,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to

Public: \$3,332 in recordkeeping/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.

Dated: October 19, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF782

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet November 14-20, 2017. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Wednesday,

November 15, 2017 at 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST), reconvening at 8 a.m. each day through Monday, November 20, 2017. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., Wednesday, November 15 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA; telephone: (714) 540-7000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220. Instructions for attending the meeting via live stream broadcast are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Executive Director; telephone: 503-820-2280 or 866-806-7204 toll-free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, <http://www.pcouncil.org> for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The November 14–20, 2017 meeting of the Pacific Council will be streamed live on the internet. The broadcasts begin initially at 9 a.m. PST Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and continue at 8 a.m. daily through Monday, November 20, 2017. Broadcasts end daily at 6 p.m. PST or when business for the day is complete. Only the audio portion and presentations displayed on the screen at the Pacific Council meeting will be broadcast. The audio portion is listen-only; you will be unable to speak to the Pacific Council via the broadcast. To access the meeting online please use the following link: <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the November Webinar ID, 897-986-459, and your email address. You can attend the webinar online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, using the GoToMeeting application. It is recommended that you use a computer headset to listen to the meeting, but you may use your telephone for the audio-only portion of the meeting. The audio portion may be attended using a telephone by dialing the toll number 1-562-247-8422 (not a toll-free number), audio access code 862-846-290, and entering the audio pin shown after joining the webinar.

The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order. Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions requiring the

Council to transmit a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Additional detail on agenda items, Council action, advisory entity meeting times, and meeting rooms are described in Agenda Item A.4, Proposed Council Meeting Agenda, and will be in the advance November 2017 briefing materials and posted on the Pacific Council Web site at www.pcouncil.org no later than October 27, 2017.

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda

B. Open Comment Period

1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

C. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. 2018 Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) Notice of Intent
3. Methodology Review Preliminary Topic Selection

D. Salmon Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Methodology Review—Final Approval
3. Sacramento River Winter Chinook (SRWC) Control Rule, Final Recommendations
4. 2018 Preseason Management Schedule

E. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Final Annual Regulation Changes and 2A Catch Sharing Plan Changes

F. Groundfish Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Trawl Catch Share Review—Final Report Adoption and Preliminary Range of Alternatives for Follow-On Actions
3. Essential Fish Habitat—Rockfish Conservation Area Amendment, Informational Update
4. Final Stock Assessments and Rebuilding Analyses
5. Mid-Biennium Harvest Specifications Adjustments, Final Action
6. Biennial Harvest Specifications for 2019–2020
7. Endangered Species Act Consultations on Salmon and Seabirds
8. Preliminary Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Approval for 2019–2020
9. Biennial Management Measures for 2019–2020

10. Off-Year Science and Stock Assessment Methodology Review—Final Topic Selection

11. Electronic Monitoring—Final Pacific Halibut Discard Mortality Rates, Discards Species Lists, and Third-Party Review

12. Cost Recovery Update

G. Administrative Matters

1. Legislative Matters
2. Fiscal Matters
3. Approval of Council Meeting Record
4. Membership Appointments and Council Operating Procedures
5. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

H. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
2. Recommendations for International Management Activities
3. Proposed Deep-Set Buoy Gear Exempted Fishing Permits

I. Enforcement Matters

1. Tri-State Enforcement Report

Advisory Body Agendas

Advisory body agendas will include discussions of relevant issues that are on the Pacific Council agenda for this meeting, and may also include issues that may be relevant to future Council meetings. Proposed advisory body agendas for this meeting will be available on the Pacific Council Web site <http://www.pcouncil.org/council-operations/council-meetings/current-briefing-book/> no later than Friday, October 27, 2017.

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Ad Hoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring (GEM) Policy Advisory Committee and GEM Technical Advisory Committee Joint Meeting—8 a.m.

Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.

Legislative Committee—11 a.m.
Budget Committee—1 p.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—1 p.m.

Day 2—Wednesday, November 15, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—3 p.m.

Day 3—Thursday, November 16, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.

Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 4—Friday, November 17, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.

Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.

Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 5—Saturday, November 18, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 6—Sunday, November 19, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
 Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
 Enforcement Consultants—Ad Hoc

Day 7—Monday, November 20, 2017

California State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
 Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Pacific Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. 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 Pacific Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2280, ext. 411 at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 19, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF781

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn BWI Airport, 1516 Aero Drive, Linthicum, MD 21090; telephone: (410) 691-0500.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; Web site: www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet November 13-14 to develop recommendations for recreational management measures for the 2018 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. The Committee may also discuss ongoing options for improvements to the recreational management measures process and ongoing analyses related to recreational fishery issues for these three species.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site (www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 19, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Recreational Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 363 Maine Mall Road, South Portland, ME 04106-02360; phone: (207) 775-6161.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Recreational Advisory Panel will receive a report from GARFO's recreational management workshop. They plan to review and discuss recreational fishing data for fishing year 2016 and preliminary fishing year 2017. The Advisory Panel will discuss Framework Adjustment 57—Specifications and Management Measures, in particular, (1) An overview