

preparing business plans, making business decisions, developing economic models and forecasts, conducting economic research, and establishing benchmarks for their own sample surveys.

Affected Public: Businesses; Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: Every five years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: The economic census is required by law under Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 131 which mandates the taking of a census at 5-year intervals. Section 224 makes reporting mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.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.

Sheleen Dumas,

PRA Departmental Lead, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Reporting of Sea Turtle Entanglement in Fishing Gear or Marine Debris

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 May 9, 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 pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kate Sampson, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978) 282-8470 or kate.sampson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Sea turtles can become accidentally entangled in active or discarded fishing gear, marine debris, or other line in the marine environment. Entanglement has the potential to cause serious injury or mortality, which would negatively impact the recovery of endangered and threatened sea turtle populations. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) established the Sea Turtle Disentanglement Network (STDN) to respond to these entanglement events, in particular those involving the vertical line of fixed gear fisheries. The STDN's goals are to increase reporting, to reduce serious injury and mortality to sea turtles, and to collect information that can be used for mitigation of these threats. As there is limited observer coverage of fixed gear fisheries, the STDN data are invaluable to NMFS in understanding the threat of entanglement and working towards mitigation.

II. Method of Collection

Reports will be submitted on paper (faxed or mailed), by telephone, or electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0496.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 111.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 to 2.5 hours per case.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 165.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100 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: February 28, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF276

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Electronic Monitoring Workgroup (EMWG) will hold a public meeting on March 28 through March 29, 2017.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Harbor Room at The Best Western Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive, Kodiak, AK 99615. The meeting will be available by teleconference at: (907) 271-2896.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

Tuesday, March 28 through Wednesday, March 29, 2017

The agenda will include: (a) Update on 2017 pre-implementation and budget; (b) Review proposed rule for EM implementation (tentative); (c) Evaluation of 2016 EM program; (d) Planning for 2018 Observer/EM Annual deployment plan; (e) Update on EM/observer contract timing; (f) Research and development; (g) Other business and scheduling. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 7, 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-XF275

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a two and a half day meeting of its Standing, Reef Fish, Shrimp, and Socioeconomics Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will convene on Monday, March 27, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Gulf Council's Conference Room. *Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Atran, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; steven.atran@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Day 1—Monday, March 27, 2017; 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 10–11, 2017 SSC meeting
- III. Announcement of SSC representative at April 3–6 Council meeting in Birmingham, AL

Shrimp SSC Session

IV. Penaeid shrimp stock assessments

General Session

V. Updated Draft Stock Assessment Improvement Plan

VI. Stock assessment prioritization

Socioeconomic and Reef Fish SSC Session

- VII. Review of studies included in the 5-year Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Review
 - a. Fishing behavior through space, time and depth: With application to the Gulf of Mexico Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program
 - b. Efficiency of quota balancing mechanisms: With application to the Gulf of Mexico Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program
 - c. Effects of the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ on Gulf of Mexico fishing communities
 - d. Effects of the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ on the capacity and technical efficiency of the commercial Gulf of Mexico reef fish fleet
 - e. Effects of the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ on ex-vessel prices of Gulf of Mexico reef fish

Day 2 and 3, Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Reef Fish SSC Session

VIII. Greater amberjack update assessment

IX. SEDAR 49 Data-limited Species Assessment, Part 2

- a. Assessment results
- b. Data triage results and recommendation of candidate species for future data limited assessments
- c. SSC recommendations

X. TOR for MRIP Calibration Review and Review Workshop Volunteers

XI. TOR, Schedule, and Assessment Workshop Volunteers for SEDAR 52 (red snapper standard assessment)

XII. Review additional MSST alternatives for Amendment 44

XIII. ABC Control Rule White Paper

XIV. Update on National SSC VI meeting

Other Items

XV. Other Business

—Meeting Adjourns—

You may register for the SSC Meeting: Standing, Reef Fish, Mackerel, Shrimp and Socioeconomic on March 27–29, 2017 at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4006984690860344321>.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the FTP link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "SSC meeting-2017-03".

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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