

I. Abstract

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

This information collection describes special permits issued to participants in the Pacific halibut subsistence fishery in waters off the coast of Alaska and any appeals resulting from denials. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) designed the permits to work in conjunction with other halibut harvest assessment measures. Subsistence fishing for halibut has occurred for many years among the Alaska Native people and non-Native people. Special permits are initiated in response to the concerns of Native and community groups regarding increased restrictions in International Pacific Halibut Commission Area 2C and include Community Harvest Permits, Ceremonial Permits, and Educational Permits.

A Community Harvest Permit allows the community or Alaska Native tribe to appoint one or more individuals from its respective community or tribe to harvest subsistence halibut from a single vessel under reduced gear and harvest restrictions. Ceremonial and Educational Permits are available exclusively to Alaska Native tribes. Eligible Alaska Native tribes may appoint only one Ceremonial Permit Coordinator per tribe for Ceremonial Permits or one authorized Instructor per tribe for Educational Permits.

Except for enrolled students fishing under a valid Educational Permit, special permits require persons fishing under them to also possess a Subsistence Halibut Registration Certificate (SHARC) (see OMB Control No. 0648-0460) which identifies those persons who are currently eligible for subsistence halibut fishing. Each of the instruments is designed to minimize the reporting burden on subsistence halibut fishermen while retrieving essential information.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include online, email of electronic forms, mail, and facsimile transmission of paper forms. Educational Permits may not be applied for online.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0512.
Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households; state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33.

Estimated Time per Response: Permit applications, 10 minutes; Community harvest log, 30 minutes; Ceremonial or educational harvest log, 30 minutes; Appeal for permit denial, 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$21 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: January 17, 2014.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Visioning Project (Port Meetings).

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will

hold a series of public port meetings as part of the Council Visioning Project.

DATES: The meetings will be held from February through April 2014. Meeting dates will be posted on the SAFMC Web site, sent out via email distribution, and other Council related outreach publications (newsletter, news releases, social media platforms, postcards, etc.).

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meetings will be held in communities in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Meeting locations and addresses will be posted on the SAFMC Web site, sent out via email distribution, and other Council related outreach publications (newsletter, news releases, social media platforms, postcards, etc.).

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amber Von Harten, Fishery Outreach Specialist, SAFMC; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: amber.vonharten@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is developing a long-term vision and strategic plan for managing the snapper grouper fishery along with the process for engaging stakeholders in the project. The Council views this as a plan to work cooperatively with all stakeholders having fishery interests. The visioning and strategic planning project will evaluate and refine current goals, objectives and strategies for managing the snapper grouper fishery through informed public input via port meetings.

The items of discussion during the port meetings are as follows:

Participants will discuss ideas for future long-term management of the snapper grouper fishery.

Meetings will be hosted by fishermen and others with fishery interests and facilitated by Council staff. In addition, fishermen and others with fishery interests will assist with promoting the meetings in their communities. Members of the public are encouraged to view the SAFMC Web site for more details as they become available under the Visioning Project page at www.safmc.net.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 21, 2014.

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

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 10, 2014, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar registration and connection details are available at: <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/msb-framework-9>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the Advisory Panel on upcoming Council actions, primarily Framework 9 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. Framework 9 addresses concerns about slippage events on observed fishing trips. Slippage events occur when all or a portion of a haul is released before observers can document/sample the catch.

Although issues not contained in this notice may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 21, 2014.

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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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 through Thursday, February 13, 2014. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Double Tree by Hilton-Riverfront, 100 Middle St., New Bern, NC 28560; telephone: (252) 638-3585.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.—The Climate Change and Fishery Science Workshop will be held.

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

9 a.m.—The Council will convene.

9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.—The Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole.

11:45 a.m. until 12 p.m.—The Ricks E Savage Award will be presented.

1 p.m. until 2 p.m.—Meeting 1 for the Omnibus Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) Framework will be held.

2 p.m. until 3 p.m.—Meeting 1 for Framework 8 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Plan regarding Scup Gear Restricted Areas (GRAs) will be held.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m.—The Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Amendment will be discussed.

4 p.m. until 5 p.m.—A Data Portal Presentation will be held.

5 p.m. until 6 p.m.—The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a public hearing pertaining to Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 1.

Thursday, February 13, 2014

8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—Monkfish Framework 8 will be discussed.

9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, February 11—A Climate Change and Fishery Science Workshop will be held. The purpose of the workshop is to inform the Council about the state of climate science relative to prediction of climate change and the expected ecosystem impacts/changes which may occur over the next two decades. Workshop outcomes will help the Council in the development of an adaptive fishery management framework that will effectively deal with ecosystem responses related to climate change.

On Wednesday, February 12—The Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Slippage Framework (Framework Meeting 2—action to minimize slippage events on observed mackerel trips) and the Omnibus Observer Funding Amendment (review purpose, goals, and preliminary alternatives). The Ricks E Savage Award will be presented. Meeting 1 of the Omnibus ABC Framework (tier 2 assessment revision, multiyear issues, automatic incorporation of new reference points) will be discussed. Meeting 1 for Framework 8 to the Summer Flounders, Scup, and Black