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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 16, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012103C]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Region Multispecies Party/Charterboat Closed Area Exemption Program

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Thomas Warren at 978-281-9250, or to [Thomas.Warren@noaa.gov](mailto:Thomas.Warren@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Northeast multispecies party and charter vessels must obtain a letter of authorization from NOAA in order to fish for multispecies in certain areas of the Gulf of Maine closed to commercial fishing (Nantucket Lightship Area

Closure, Rolling Closures, Cashes Ledge Area Closure, and Western Gulf of Maine Area Closure). Because party or charter vessels may hold commercial fishing permits, the authorization program allows NOAA to enforce closed area requirements and ensure that fish harvested under recreational rules are not sold by party and charter vessels.

##### II. Method of Collection

Requests are made by telephone or in person.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0412.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 528.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18.

*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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012103D]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Paperwork Submissions Under the Coastal Zone Management Act Federal Consistency Requirements

**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, Public Law 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 and instructions should be directed to David Kaiser, 301-713-3098, ext. 144 or at [David.Kaiser@noaa.gov](mailto:David.Kaiser@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

A number of paperwork submissions are required by the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1456, and by NOAA to provide a reasonable, efficient and predictable means of complying with the CZMA requirements. The requirements are detailed in 15 CFR Part 930. The information will be used by coastal States with Federally-approved Coastal Zone Management Programs to determine if Federal agency activities, Federal license or permit activities, and Federal assistance activities that affect a State's coastal zone are consistent with the States' programs.

##### II. Method of Collection

Paper submissions are made following regulatory guidance. No forms are used.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0411.