

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 28, 2005.

**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 Bob Dickinson, F/SF4, Room 13304, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2276, ext. 154).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

U.S. vessels that fish on the high seas (waters beyond the U.S. exclusive economic zone) are required to possess a permit issued under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act. Applicants must submit information to identify their vessels and intended fishing areas. The application information is used to process applications and to maintain a register of vessels authorized to fish on the high seas.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper forms must be mailed to NOAA.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0304.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 100.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$10,000.

**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 14, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011805E]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Habitat Oversight Committee; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's Habitat Oversight Committee will meet in February 2005. Recommendations from the Committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. Agenda topics can be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Wednesday, February 16, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; phone: (508) 747-4900.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; phone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Habitat Oversight Committee (Committee) will continue work on elements of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment 2 including, but not limited to: progress on improved gear descriptions; a strategy for the prioritization of habitat protection; the Habitat Evaluation Working Group; Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) candidate proposals (received to date); and the evaluation of non-fishing impacts on EFH. The Committee will be updated on

the planning for Marine Protected Area (MPA) education and outreach workshop(s) to assist the Council develop its MPA policy. Final preparation of a public comment letter on the Cape Wind Draft Environmental Impact Statement is also on the agenda. Other topics will be discussed at the Committee's discretion.

The Committee will meet jointly with the Habitat Plan Development Team and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Habitat Advisory Panel in the afternoon to continue work on a strategy for the prioritization of habitat protection.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, 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**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: January 19, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011405B]

**Endangered Species; File No. 1475**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of permit application addendum.

**SUMMARY:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), Florida Marine Research Institute (Richard E. Matheson, Principal Investigator), 1481 Market Circle, Unit 1, Port Charlotte, FL 33953, has submitted a request to modify their permit application (File No. 1475). The original application requested