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Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802, telephone number 907-586-7008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Telephone number 907-586-7008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to implement a vessel monitoring system (VMS) for participants in the American Fisheries Act pollock fishery in the Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands. Participants would be required to purchase and install a NMFS-approved VMS unit on their vessels. The unit would automatically transmit the vessel's position in real time to the NMFS, Office of Law Enforcement in Juneau Alaska.

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents would comply with requirements to be set forth in 50 CFR part 679. No specific forms would be required.

Respondents would be required to ensure that the unit transmits vessel position as specified in the regulations.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 150.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 seconds.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,700.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$54,000.

**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: September 14, 2000.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Title:** Northeast Region Sea Scallop Exemption Requirements.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0648-0416.

**Type of Request:** Regular submission.

**Burden Hours:** 2,950.

**Number of Respondents:** 267.

**Average Hours Per Response:** 1 hour for installation of a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), 5 minutes for verification of installation of a VMS unit, 2 minutes for a notification of intent to participate in an exemption program or to leave on a fishing trip, 10 minutes for a daily catch report, and 5 seconds for an automated position report from a VMS.

**Needs and Uses:** On June 13, 2000, NOAA obtained emergency clearance for information requirements associated with the New England Fishery Management Council's Framework 13 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan and Framework 34 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. NOAA is seeking renewal of OMB approval for these requirements.

Participants in the Sea Scallop Exemption Program or similar exemption programs are subject to information requirements that include: installation of a VMS unit, submission of proof of such installation, notifications of intent to fish in an exemption area, notification at least 5

days before actually leaving on such a fishing trip, daily VMS reporting of catch, and automated position reports from the VMS.

**Affected Public:** Business and other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

**Frequency:** On occasion, monthly, daily, and hourly.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202)

395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Availability of Seats for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant primary and alternate seats for its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Diving Upper Keys and Diving Lower Keys, Recreational Fisheryperson, Citizen at Large Upper Keys and Citizen at Large Middle Keys, Conservation and Environment, Boating Industry, and Commercial Fishing—Shell/Scale. Alternates represent members of the Council at meetings for which the members cannot be present. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in