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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Submission of Conservation Efforts To Make Listings Unnecessary Under the Endangered Species Act

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 10, 2008.

**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 Marta Nammack, (301) 713-1401 or [marta.nammack@noaa.gov](mailto:marta.nammack@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Services) announced a Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions. (68 FR 15100; March 28, 2003). This final policy lists criteria that NMFS will use to evaluate conservation efforts by states and other non-Federal entities. A conservation agreement/plan and procedures for monitoring the agreement/plan's effectiveness is developed by the respondent, based on the respondent's understanding of how best to meet these criteria, and thus to assure the Services that: (1) The conservation effort will be implemented; and (2) the conservation

effort will be effective. The Services take these efforts into account when making decisions on whether to list a species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The accepted plans are followed with annual reports.

##### II. Method of Collection

NMFS does not require, but will accept, plans and reports electronically. NMFS has not developed a form to be used for submission of plans or reports. In the past, NMFS has made plans and annual reports from states available through the Internet and plans to continue this practice.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0466.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; and State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2,500 hours to complete each agreement or plan that has the intention of making listing unnecessary; 320 hours to conduct monitoring for successful agreements; and 80 hours to prepare a report for successful agreements.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,300.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$150.

##### 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

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#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 11

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

**ACTION:** Supplemental Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS); request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On December 19, 2005, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council), in cooperation with NMFS, announced its intent to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for Amendment 11 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Fishery Management Plan (FMP)(Amendment 11). Since then, the Council and NMFS have determined that the Amendment 11 document is an independent action and therefore will be handled as an EIS, rather than SEIS. The Council has chosen to consider management measures in this action in addition to limited access in the Atlantic mackerel (mackerel) fishery, including: The implementation of annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) for Atlantic mackerel and butterfish required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA); an update of the description and identification of essential fish habitat (EFH) for all life stages of mackerel, *Loligo* squid (*Loligo*), *Illex* squid (*Illex*), and butterfish (including gear impacts on *Loligo* egg EFH); and possible limitations on at-sea processing of mackerel. For purposes of scoping, this supplemental NOI seeks comments on only the above listed new measures that may be included in Amendment 11. Additional scoping will take place via solicitation of public comment at Council meetings and related Council committee meetings as Amendment 11 is considered and developed.

**DATES:** Public comments on the supplemental NOI for Amendment 11 must be received on or before 5 p.m., local time, September 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the supplementary notice of intent for Amendment 11 may be sent by any of the following methods:

- E-mail to the following address: [MSBAmdment11@noaa.gov](mailto:MSBAmdment11@noaa.gov);