

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 04/23/2012

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 02/10/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201201-0648-010
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0428

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 04/30/2015

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	99	792	122
New	204	1,632	816
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	105	840	694
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)	NA	Commerical Operator's Annual Report	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
COMMERCIAL OPERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (COAR)
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0428**

This action requests extension of this existing information collection.

INTRODUCTION

Fishing for groundfish by United States (U.S.) vessels in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in waters off the coast of Alaska is authorized under the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#), 16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.* (Magnuson-Stevens Act) as amended in 2006. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council prepares and amends fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages groundfish according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area.

The first buyer of raw fish, persons who catch and process fish, and persons who catch and have fish processed by another business are required to file an annual report of their purchasing and processing activities. This report is called the State of Alaska Commercial Operators Annual Report (COAR) and is due by April 1 of the following year. NMFS also requires annual COAR reports from catcher/processors and motherships operating in the EEZ off Alaska.

The COAR reports contain data on seafood purchasing, production, and both ex-vessel and wholesale values of seafood products. The buying information from COAR is reported by species, area of purchase, condition of fisheries resources at the time of purchase, type of gear used in the harvest, pounds purchased, and ex-vessel value. The ex-vessel value in COAR includes any post-season adjustments or bonuses paid after the fish was purchased.

The production information from COAR is reported by species, area of processing, process type (frozen, canned, smoked, etc.), product type (fillets, surimi (fish puree), sections, etc.), net weight of the processed product, and the first wholesale value.

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Catcher/processors and motherships operating in the EEZ off the coast of Alaska represent a significant part of the total capacity of groundfish processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and account for a substantial part of the total landings each year. NMFS requires motherships and catcher/processors that are issued a Federal fisheries permit (FFP) to complete and submit the Alaska COAR on an annual basis.

These mothership and catcher/processor data, when added to the COAR information collected from shoreside processors and stationary floating processors required under State of Alaska requirements, yield a complete data base of equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors. It also provides a consistent time series according to which groundfish resources may be managed more efficiently. Use of the information generated by the COAR is coordinated between NMFS and the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

NMFS uses the COAR database in the annual NMFS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation documents for the groundfish fisheries of the BSAI and GOA, annual Federal publications on the value of U.S. commercial fisheries, and in periodic reports that describe the fisheries and that serve as reference documents to management agencies, the industry, and others.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The COAR is used to gather statewide fish and shellfish information describing Buying (ex-vessel) and Production (wholesale or retail) activities. Each mothership or catcher/processor is required to complete and submit one or more pages of the COAR to ADF&G for computer data entry, whether the processor operated or not. A certification page is available to indicate no receipt or production took place for that year; in this case, no other COAR pages are required. The COAR form can be downloaded from <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar>.

The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must annually complete and submit to ADF&G the appropriate Forms A through M and COAR certification page for each year in which the mothership or catcher/processor was issued an FFP.

The owner of a mothership must record and submit the appropriate COAR production forms for all production that occurred for each species during the applicable year:

- ◆ that were purchased from fishermen on the grounds and/or dockside, including both processed and unprocessed seafood
- ◆ that were then either processed on the mothership or exported out of the State of Alaska
- ◆ that were received from an associated buying station.

The motherships and catcher/processors must submit the COAR by the following April 1 to

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Division of Commercial Fisheries
Attn: Seafood Industry Coordinator
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
Telephone: 907-465-6131
Email: dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov

The COAR is available in fillable forms at
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar>
under Commercial Fish Reporting.

Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)

Certification page

If a processor **did not participate in fishing activity** in a calendar year, either inside or outside of the 3-mile zone, submit only the Certification Page. Enter processor code. A separate form must be completed for each ADF&G processor code.

Check YES or NO to indicate:

Did you operate using the above processor code this reporting year

Were fish tickets written using the above processor code this reporting year

Did you operate **only** in EEZ this reporting year

Company name and address, including street, city, state and zip code

Physical location of land-based plant

Vessel name

Contact name and title

e-mail address, telephone number, and company fax number

Alternate contact printed name, email address, and telephone number

Printed name, signature, and date signed

Buying (ex-vessel) forms A(1-3), C(1-2), E, G, I(1-2), and K

Species name and code

Area purchased

Gear code

Delivery code (form G only)

Total weight (to the nearest lb) purchased from fishermen

Total amount paid to fishermen

Average price per pound

Wholesale production forms B(1-6), D, F, H, J(1-2), and K

Canned production.

Complete an entry for each can size produced.

Area of processing

Process 51 (conventional canned) or

Process 52 (smoked, conventional canned)

Total value (\$)

Can size (in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce)

Number of cans per case

Number of cases

Production, non-canned.

Area of processing

Processed product (enter three codes)

Process prefix code

Product suffix code

Product code

Total net weight (in lb)

Total value (\$)
Average price per pound
Custom production forms L(1-2)
For another processor L(1)
(Do not include any of that production in this report)
Processor name
State processor code (if known),
Location of company or vessel name
By another processor L(2)
(use a separate page to list each processor)
Name of company
Processor code
Location or vessel name performing custom production
Custom fresh/frozen miscellaneous production
(wholesale/retail market and which are not frozen for canning later)
Species name and code
Area of processing
Processed product (use 3 codes)
Process prefix code
Process suffix code
Product code
Total net weight (lb)
Total wholesale value (\$)
Custom canned production
(Complete an entry for each can size produced:
Species name and code
Area of processing
Process 51 or 52
Total wholesale value
Can size (in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce)
Number of cans per case
Number of cases
Fish buying retro payments/post-season adjustments, form M
Species name and code
Area purchased
Gear code
Total pounds purchased from fishermen
Total amount paid to fishermen (base + adjustment)

COAR, Respondent	
Estimated number of responses	204
170 catcher/processors	
34 motherships	
Total annual responses	204
Frequency of response, annual	
Total annual time burden hours	1,632 hr
Estimated average response time = 8 hr	
Total personnel cost	\$40,800
Cost per hour = \$25	
Total miscellaneous cost	\$816
Postage 204 x \$2.50 = 510	
Copy 204 x 0.05 x 30pp = 306	

COAR, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	0
Total annual time burden	0
Total personnel cost	0
Total miscellaneous cost	0

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. The COAR is a document of ADF&G. ADF&G maintains control of publication and distribution of the form and maintenance of the data obtained from the form. See Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

ADF&G requires an original signature on the COAR. At this time, ADF&G does not have funding to provide for electronic submission of the COAR. *Although NMFS has attempted to procure grants or other funding for this purpose, so far funding is not available.* The form is available on the Internet in fillable format that can be printed and mailed. The applicant provides a completed COAR in printed form directly to ADF&G.

4. Describe your efforts to identify duplication.

No duplication exists with other information collections.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

NA: None of these respondents are small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

A Federal requirement for catcher/processors and motherships to submit the COAR is a method to obtain complete and equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors. The COAR data are fundamental to the agency's mandated obligations under [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 12866](#) and the Magnuson-Stevens Act, [American Fisheries Act](#), [Regulatory Flexibility Act](#), and National Standards 4, 5, 7, and 8 (MSA Section 301). The COAR database is used in the annual NMFS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation documents for the groundfish fisheries of the BSAI and GOA, annual Federal publications on the value of U.S. commercial fisheries, and in periodic reports that describe the fisheries and that serve as reference documents to management agencies, the industry, and others. Without the COAR data base, NMFS would be deficient in these very important data sectors.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The COAR is a State of Alaska form and thus does not have an OMB Control No. or expiration date on it.

8. Provide information on the Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on August 26, 2011 (76 FR 53412) solicited public comments. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift is provided under this program.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

The COAR form has no confidentiality statement. However, the information collected is confidential under Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. The information submitted in the COAR also is protected by Alaska State confidentiality statute [AS 16.05.815](#).

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Total estimated unique respondents: 204, increased from 99. Total estimated responses: 204 increased from 99. Total estimated burden: 1,632, increased from 792 hr. Total estimated personnel costs: \$40,800, increased from \$19,800.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

Total estimated miscellaneous costs: \$816, increased from \$122.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

There are no appreciable costs to NMFS. The COAR is submitted by respondents to ADF&G and data from the COAR are maintained and analyzed by ADF&G.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Adjustments are made in this collection, due in part to differences in numbers of participants, based on current permit counts. Also, the cost of copying was inadvertently omitted from previous analyses and is added here.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

Individual data from the COAR is confidential. Fishermen, researchers, economists, etc. request and receive ad hoc reports (non-confidential data) from COAR data for various reasons. NMFS economists use data from COAR as a source for a variety of tables that appear in an economic appendix to the annual Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Reports and also in regulatory analyses for groundfish fisheries such as Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements and Regulatory Impact Reviews.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

This is a State of Alaska form; the OMB number and expiration date will not be displayed.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

- Sen Yeong International Co., Ltd., or Sheh Hau International Trading Ltd.
- Shanghai Jian Pu Export & Import Co., Ltd.
- Shanghai Maoji Imp and Exp Co., Ltd.
- Sheng Jing Wood Products (Beijing) Co., Ltd., or Telstar Enterprises Ltd.
- Shenzhen Forest Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Shenzhen Jiafa High Grade Furniture Co., Ltd., or Golden Lion International Trading Ltd.
- Shenzhen New Fudu Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Shenzhen Wonderful Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Songgang Jasonwood Furniture Factory, or Jasonwood Industrial Co., Ltd. S.A.
- Starwood Industries Ltd.
- Strongson Furniture (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., or Strongson Furniture Co., Ltd., or Strongson (HK) Co.
- Sunforce Furniture (Hui-Yang) Co., Ltd., or Sun Fung Wooden Factory, or Sun Fung Co., or Shin Feng Furniture Co., Ltd., or Stupendous International Co., Ltd.
- Superwood Co., Ltd., or Lianjiang Zongyu Art Products Co., Ltd.
- Techniwood Industries Ltd., or Ningbo Furniture Industries Limited, or Ningbo Hengrun Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Tianjin Phu Shing Woodwork Enterprise Co., Ltd.
- Tube-Smith Enterprise (Zhangzhou) Co., Ltd., or Tube-Smith Enterprise (Haimen) Co., Ltd., or Billonworth Enterprises Ltd.
- U-Rich Furniture (Zhangzhou) Co., Ltd., or U-Rich Furniture Ltd.
- Woodworth Wooden Industries (Dong Guan) Co., Ltd.
- Xiamen Yongquan Sci-Tech Development Co., Ltd.
- Jiangsu XiangSheng Bedtime Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Yeh Brothers World Trade, Inc.
- Zhang Zhou Sanlong Wood Product Co., Ltd.
- Zhangjiagang Daye Hotel Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Zhangjiagang Zheng Yan Decoration Co., Ltd.
- Zhangzhou Guohui Industrial & Trade Co., Ltd.
- Zhongshan Fookyik Furniture Co., Ltd.
- Zhongshan Golden King Furniture Industrial Co., Ltd.
- Zhoushan For-Strong Wood Co., Ltd.

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, the Department will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits at the rates indicated above.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 516A(c)(1), 735(d), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 19, 2011.

Christian Marsh,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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 25, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, (907) 586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

The Alaska Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR) is a report that collects harvest and production information broken out by specific criteria such as gear type, area, delivery and product type, and pounds and value. The COAR is due by April 1 of the year following any buying or processing activity.

Any person or company who received a Fisheries Business License from the Alaska Department of Revenue and an Intent to Operate Permit by Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is required to annually submit the COAR to State of Alaska, ADF&G, under

Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), chapter 5 AAC 39.130. In addition, any person or company who receives an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) only permit from ADF&G annually must submit a COAR to ADF&G. Any owner of a catcher/processor or mothership with a Federal permit operating in the EEZ off Alaska is required to annually submit a COAR to ADF&G under 50 CFR part 679.5(p).

The COAR provides information on ex-vessel and first wholesale values for statewide fish and shellfish products. Containing information from shoreside processors, stationary floating processors, motherships, and catcher/processors, this data collection yields equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors and provides a consistent time series according to which groundfish resources may be managed more efficiently.

II. Method of Collection

The method of submittal is completion of a fillable file of the COAR online or completion of a paper form and mailed.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0428.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 166.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,328.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$415.

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: August 22, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA660

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a joint meeting of its Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels (AP); meetings of its Shrimp Committee; Spiny Lobster Committee; Law Enforcement Committee; Ecosystem-Based Management Committee; Executive/Finance Committees; King and Spanish Mackerel Committee; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Golden Crab Committee; Snapper Grouper Committee; and a meeting of the Full Council. The Council will take action as necessary. The Council will also hold an informal public question and answer session regarding agenda items and a public comment session. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held September 12-16, 2011. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston, SC 29403; telephone: (1-800) 968-3569 or (843) 723-3000; fax: (843) 723-0276. Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; e-mail: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP Meeting: September 12, 2011, 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp APs will receive reports on: The shrimp closure off of South Carolina; Economic Data Collection; Status of Bycatch in the Atlantic Shrimp Fishery (including rock and royal red shrimp); and Section 7 Consultation, as it pertains to turtles and sawfish. The joint APs will also review potential items for Shrimp Amendment 9 concerning fishery management measures for royal red, rock and pink shrimp, and develop recommendations for the Shrimp Committee.

2. Shrimp Committee Meeting: September 13, 2011, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Shrimp Committee will review recommendations from the joint Shrimp AP and develop actions and options for Shrimp Amendment 9.

3. Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting: September 13, 2011, 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The Spiny Lobster Committee will receive a report on actions necessary to meet the Biological Opinion relative to staghorn and elkhorn corals and will receive an overview of Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 addressing gear modifications and area restrictions relative to protected resources. The Committee will develop preferred alternatives and approve Amendment 11/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public hearings.

4. Law Enforcement Committee Meeting: September 13, 2011, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The Law Enforcement Committee will review the recommendations from the Law Enforcement AP for the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. The Committee will also discuss other issues as appropriate.

5. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee: September 13, 2011, 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The Ecosystem-Based Management Committee will receive a presentation on lionfish and review the status of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment (CEBA) 2/Environmental Assessment (EA). The Committee will provide direction to staff on management measures to be included in CEBA 3 and receive an update on ecosystem activities.

6. Executive/Finance Committees: September 14, 2011, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

The Executive/Finance Committees will receive a status report on the calendar year (CY) 2011 Council

expenditures and activities. The committees will review and discuss the development of CY2012 Council activities' schedule and budget.

7. King and Spanish Mackerel Committee: September 14, 2011, 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

The Mackerel Committee will review the status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under quota management as well as the status of Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, which establishes Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) and Accountability Measures (AMs) for king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia. The Committee will modify the amendment as necessary. Additionally, the Committee will develop terms of reference (TOR) and appointments for the SEDAR 28 stock assessment for Atlantic and Gulf Spanish mackerel and cobia. The Committee will receive a presentation on results of cobia bag and size limits and will provide direction to Council staff.

8. SEDAR Committee: September 14, 2011, 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon. (*Note:* Portion of the meeting will be CLOSED.)

The SEDAR Committee will receive an overview of SEDAR activities as well as an update on the SEDAR process and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) data program. The Committee will develop recommendations for the SEDAR Steering Committee and review the appointed observer comments as well as the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report for snapper grouper species. The Committee will also make the SEDAR 28 appointments (Closed Session).

9. Golden Crab Committee Meeting: September 14, 2011, 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The Golden Crab Committee will review the status of commercial catches versus quotas, review Golden Crab Amendment 6 addressing catch shares, provide direction to staff, and approve Amendment 6 for public hearings.

10. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: September 14, 2011, 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and September 15, 2011, 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

The Snapper Grouper Committee will receive a report on *Oculina* activities and review the status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for all species under quota management. The Committee will address any necessary actions as the result of these reports. The Committee will also receive an update on the status of Regulatory Amendment 11, which addresses options for ending overfishing of speckled hind and warsaw grouper.