

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 05/15/2014

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 04/14/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201402-0648-013

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Voluntary Release Reports

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0628

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: 05/31/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	9,246	771	0
New	13	1	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-9,233	-770	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini  
Acting Deputy Administrator,  
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

## List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Catch/release data form	NA	Shortfin Mako Shark Catch/Release Data Web page	

# 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 <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> 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  
ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES VOLUNTARY RELEASE REPORTS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0628**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

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

This request is for extension of an existing information collection.

Under the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (MSFCMA, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) promotes conservation and management measures that implement scientific research programs including the tagging and releasing of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS; Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish, and sharks). As a part of this effort and to achieve other requirements of the MSFCMA, the final rule for Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (75 FR 30484; June 1, 2010) included measures to promote the live release of shortfin mako sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) in domestic recreational and commercial fisheries.

In order to address these requirements, NMFS created a Web page that contains an interactive mapping tool, which is populated with volunteered information from the public regarding the release of HMS. Information is used to raise awareness for releasing HMS and HMS tagging programs by driving internet traffic to a NMFS Website, and is not used as representative results. Data collected is displayed by NMFS on an interactive Web map on a NMFS Webpage. This Web map provides an incentive for fishermen to release HMS (e.g., personal recognition), and the Webpage contains information or links to information promoting NMFS scientific research, tagging programs, and conservation measures, as described in MSFCMA and Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.

**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.**

Information is used by NMFS to populate an interactive Web map that contains data regarding locations of HMS releases, information about the individual animals released (e.g., size, gender), and the name of the individual who submitted the data. The form contains the following information as applicable:

Species name  
Date caught and released  
Location (latitude and longitude)  
Appropriate length measurement, e.g., total length, curved fork length (estimated or measured)  
Gender (male, female, or unknown)  
Fisherman's name  
Fisherman's email address (will not be posted to Webpage)

Image of HMS released

Was the fish tagged (yes or no)

Tag Number (if yes for tagged)

The general public has access to view the Web map, and can view the data used to create the data points on the map. This information is available online: therefore, the data are publically accessible 24 hours a day, as long as the NMFS Web site is available. The Web map is used for informational purposes only, as the data represented in the map have been voluntarily submitted and are not representative of all of HMS releases. The goal of creating a Web map based on volunteered geographic information and public participation is to drive internet traffic to a Web site that contains information regarding NMFS scientific research, tagging programs, and conservation measures, as described in MSFCMA and Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP.

The data collected, while not representative results, are considered original data. NOAA will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to 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.**

Collection of information would primarily be internet-based, and the majority of submissions are anticipated to come through a Web site submission form:

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/shortfinmako/Map/index.htm>

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

All data submissions received are processed by a NMFS staff member for quality control/quality assessment purposes before being posted to the Web map. Duplicate submissions are not added to the interactive Web map.

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

The collection is voluntary; therefore, small businesses or small entities can minimize this burden by choosing not to submit information regarding HMS releases.

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

It is necessary to continue this collection because the MSFMCA promotes scientific research and tagging programs and management measures in Amendment 3 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP include a commitment to promote the live release of shortfin mako sharks. Therefore,

these policy activities would be hindered if this collection is not conducted or conducted less frequently. The interactive HMS release Web map, which has been initially populated with voluntarily submitted shortfin mako shark release information, is designed as the focal point driving internet traffic to information promoting releasing HMS and HMS tagging programs on the NMFS Website, and is dependent on this collection. Limiting the collection would reduce the number of individuals exposed to this information, and could hinder efforts to promote conservation and management of shortfin mako sharks and other HMS.

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

Not Applicable.

**8. Provide information on the PRA 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 October 31, 2013 (78 FR 65291) solicited public comments. No comments were received on the notice.

NMFS consulted, in the form of a discussion with members of the Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel and other members of the public at the public Panel meeting, on the burden estimate associated with this collection, and respondents concurred that estimates were an accurate representation of reporting burden.

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

No payments or gifts are to be offered as part of this information collection.

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

Information submissions are not considered to be confidential. On the Web site, it states “The information on this form, except for email address, will be publicly available on the NMFS website and Google Earth.

**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.**

No information of a sensitive nature is requested in this collection of information.

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

The estimated time of burden for this collection on an annual basis is 1 hour. This estimate comes from the average number of annual HMS release reports from 2011 through 2013 multiplied by the estimated time it would take to fill out the electronic submission form. From 2011-2013, 38 shortfin mako shark live release reports were submitted to NMFS using this reporting form, which is an average of 13 submissions annually. The estimated burden time for this submission is five minutes, therefore, the annual burden hour estimate is 1 hour ((13 responses \* 5 minutes) / 60 minutes = 1 response hour).

**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).**

There is no cost burden to the respondents, because there are a variety of zero cost means (i.e., Web submission form, smartphone applications) to submit the information.

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

The HMS internet mapping Web site is maintained by NMFS staff, with each submission taking approximately 30 minutes to process. At an hourly staff rate of approximately \$40 per hour, the annualized cost to the Federal government would be estimated at \$260.

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

Adjustments:

The burden hours associated with this submission form have been adjusted according to the average number of submissions that have been received by NMFS on an annual basis from 2011 – 2013. Previously, burden hours were estimated using recreational fishing survey data because this was a new collection: 9,246 responses and 771 hours. This new estimate should be a better representation of estimated burden hours to the general public based on results from 2011-2013.

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

All of the submissions received by NMFS have been submitted electronically through an online submission form. Once the information is received, NMFS staff reviews it for quality control purposes and then posts the information online via the interactive Web map.

**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.**

Not Applicable.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

Not Applicable.

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ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES VOLUNTARY RELEASE REPORTS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0628**

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

**1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.**

The estimated annual responses are 13, based on annual average number of submissions from 2011 through 2013. The potential respondent universe is 2,336 based on the average annual number of trips that released shortfin mako sharks from 2011 through 2013 according to recreational data from the Large Pelagics Survey. The average number of shortfin mako shark recreational live releases according to the Large Pelagics Survey Data averaged 3,891 sharks per year. Therefore, the response rate is estimated to be 0.3 percent (13 annual reports / 3,891 annual releases). Actual number of responses from 2011-2013 are listed below.

Affected Public	Number of Responses, 2011-2013
Individuals or Households	21
Business or other For-profit	13
Not-for-profit Institutions	0
Federal Government	4
State, Local, or Tribal Government	0
Total	38

**2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

Data is submitted voluntarily through an electronic submission form, and is not representative of all possible results; therefore, a statistical methodology is not needed. A NMFS employee reviews each data submission for quality control purposes to avoid posting duplicate entries or submissions with possible errors. The collection is entirely voluntary, thus the public can choose to reduce the reporting burden by deciding not to participate in this collection.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.**

This collection is voluntary and any data collected would not be representative of all possible results, therefore, there is no method developed to deal with nonresponse. The method used to maximize response rates is an interactive HMS release Web map that the general public can populate through submission of data using an online form. Respondents also receive a certificate of appreciation that highlights all of their reported shortfin mako shark live releases. All data received is reviewed by a NMFS employee to determine if the data are accurate and reliable before being posted on the Web map. All data that are determined to be not accurate and/or reliable would not be used to populate the Web map.

**4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

No tests were conducted for this collection.

**5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.**

No consultation was done on the statistical design of this collection, because the data collected would not be used as a representation of all possible results. The contact information for the collection and analysis of the information in this collection is as follows:

NMFS Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Division (SF1)  
1315 East West Highway (SSMC 3)  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
POC: Peter Cooper  
Phone: 301-427-8503  
Email: peter.cooper@noaa.gov



# NOAA Fisheries Office of Sustainable Fisheries Atlantic Highly Migratory Species



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## Live Shortfin Mako Releases

Click on the points to learn more about shortfin mako shark catch and release locations. Submit your shortfin mako shark information below and become a part of the map.

Map Satellite

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### Shortfin Mako Shark Catch and Release Reporting Form

Thank you for releasing a shortfin mako shark. Please support our efforts by submitting the details of your catch below, and put your mako on the map. The information on this form, except for email address, will be publicly available on the NMFS website and Google Earth.

**Shortfin Mako Shark Catch and Release Data Form**

**Catch/Release Date:** (mm/dd/yyyy)



Latitude:  °  '  " N Longitude:  °  '  " W Longitude

Was shark tagged?:  No  Yes

Tag Number:

Fork Length:  Ft  In

Measurement Is:  Actual  Estimate

Shark's Gender:  Male  Female  Unknown

Angler's Name:

Angler's Email:

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**Click here to learn more about the Release Mako App for smartphone reporting**

You can obtain tags by contacting the [Apex Predators Program](#) at the NOAA Fisheries Narragansett Laboratory.

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in the United States and is currently doing business in both India and the United States. Each candidate also must be a U.S. citizen or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States and be able to travel to India and locations in the United States to attend official Forum meetings as well as Section meetings on the U.S. side. In addition, the candidate may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section by eligible individuals will be based on the following criteria:

- Representation of either the health care sector or insurance industry sector.
- A demonstrated commitment by the individual's company to the Indian market either through exports or investment.
- A demonstrated strong interest in India and its economic development.
- The ability to offer a broad perspective and business experience to the discussions.
- The ability to address cross-cutting issues that affect the entire business community.
- The ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Forum will be active.

The evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section will be undertaken by a committee of staff from multiple U.S. Government agencies. Members will be selected on the basis of who best will carry out the objectives of the Forum as stated in the last paragraph of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** caption above. The U.S. Section of the Committee should also include members who represent a diversity of geographic locations. To the extent possible, Section members also should represent a cross-section of small, medium, and large firms.

U.S. Section members will receive no compensation for their participation in Forum-related activities. Individual members will be responsible for all travel and related expenses associated with their participation in the Forum, including attendance at Committee and Section meetings. It is anticipated that the next Forum meeting will be held approximately in the first half of 2014. The U.S. and Indian Sections should be prepared to work together ahead of that time to prepare recommendations to the U.S. and Indian governments. Only appointed members may participate in official Forum meetings; substitutes and alternates will not be designated. Appointed members will serve for the remainder of the current two-year term, scheduled to expire on August 31, 2014,

and will be eligible to apply for reappointment for a subsequent term. In the event of a vacancy after members of the U.S. Section are appointed, candidates not previously selected may be considered to fill the vacancy based on material submitted in response to this notice.

To be considered for membership in the U.S. Section, please submit the following information as instructed in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** captions above: Name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of company's headquarters; location of incorporation; size of the company; size of company's export trade, investment, and nature of operations or interest in India; and a brief statement of why the candidate should be considered, including information about the candidate's ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Forum will be active. All candidates will be notified of whether they have been selected.

Dated: October 25, 2013.

**Valerie A. Dees,**

*Director of the Office of South Asia.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Release Reports

**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 December 30, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Peter Cooper at (301) 427-8503 or [Peter.Cooper@noaa.gov](mailto:Peter.Cooper@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCA, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is to ensure that conservation and management measures promote, to the extent practicable, implementation of scientific research programs that include the tagging and releasing of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). The currently approved information collection allows the public to submit volunteered geographic and biological information relating to HMS releases in order to populate an interactive Web site mapping tool. This Web page attracts visitors who are interested in Atlantic HMS and contains information and links to promote HMS tagging programs that the general public can support or become involved with. All submissions are voluntary. Information is used to raise awareness for releasing Atlantic HMS and HMS tagging programs, and is not used as representative results.

##### II. Method of Collection

Respondents may submit information via electronic form, email, fax, or mail.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0628.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; and State, Local, or Tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 15.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.25 (1).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

##### 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: October 25, 2013.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XC949**

**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC) Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public informational scoping meetings on the Management of Bottomfish Fishery Resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Mariana Islands.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) will convene public informational scoping meetings in Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to solicit comments on the management of the bottomfish fishery within the EEZ of the Mariana Islands. The scoping meeting will, among other things, describe the existing federal management regime for bottomfish species, examine the current performance of the fishery and consider the need for potential regulatory changes.

**DATES:** Public informational scoping meetings will be held in CNMI on November 18, 2013 and in Guam November 19, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, times and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this issue may be sent to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific

Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Comments may be sent to the Council via facsimile (fax) at (808) 522-8226.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, WPFMC, (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Dates, Times, and Locations for Public Informational Scoping Meetings  
1. Saipan, CNMI—Monday, November 18, 2013, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College (NMC) Classroom D-1, and via video conference in Rota, CNMI at the NMC Video Teleconference (VTC) Room A2, and in Tinian, CNMI at the NMC VTC Room C.

2. Tumon, Guam—Tuesday, November 19, 2013, from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. at the Guam Hilton Hotel.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 28, 2013.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XC951**

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC); Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Groundfish Plan Teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held November 18–22, 2013. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m., November 18, and continue through Friday November 22, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center,

7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Observer Training Room 1055 (GOA Plan Team) and Traynor Room 2076 (BSAI Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo or Diana Stram, NPFMC; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Plan Teams will compile and review the annual Groundfish Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports, including the Economic Report, the Ecosystems Consideration Chapter, the stock assessments for BSAI and GOA groundfishes, and recommend final groundfish harvest specifications for 2014/15.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 28, 2013.

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