

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 08/11/2017

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Rod Turk
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 06/16/2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201706-0648-004

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Vessel Monitoring System Requirements for the Pacific Islands Fisheries

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0441

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: 08/31/2020

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	85	170	0
New	85	170	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

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

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fishery			50 CFR 665.19

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.

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

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
VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS)
REQUIREMENT FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS FISHERIES
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0441**

INTRODUCTION

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

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson-Stevens Act) established regional fishery management councils, such as the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery ecosystem plans (FEP) for fisheries in the United States (U.S.) Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) implements these plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), via Federal regulations. The NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) and U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) enforces these regulations, in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. The FEPs ensure the long-term productivity and optimum yield of the resources for the benefit of the U.S.

The Council has management jurisdiction over fisheries in the Pacific Ocean in the EEZ around American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, and certain other remote U.S. Pacific island possessions¹. The Council prepared, and the Secretary approved and implemented through regulations, FEPs for pelagic fisheries and archipelagic (island-based) fisheries in the western Pacific. The regulations include, but are not limited to, permit requirements, gear restrictions, temporal and spatial closures, harvest guidelines, reporting requirements, and protected species mitigation measures.

Regulations at [50 CFR Part 665](#), implementing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Pelagics FEP) and the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Marianas Archipelago (Marianas FEP) require 1) all vessels registered for use with Hawaii longline limited access permits, 2) all large vessels (greater than 50 ft in overall length) registered for use with American Samoa longline limited access permits, and 3) all medium and large vessels (40 ft or greater in overall length) registered to Northern Mariana Islands bottomfish permits, to maintain and operate VMS on their vessels, after they have been advised by NOAA OLE of a requirement to carry such units. NOAA OLE provides the units and installs them for the permit holders. NOAA OLE arranges installation at times when the vessel is in port between trips to ensure minimal disruption of other activities by the vessel.

¹ Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Wake and Palmyra Islands, Johnston Atoll and Kingman Reef.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

On a broad level, the VMS vessel location reports facilitate enforcement of prohibited or restricted fishing areas around American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands, and Pacific Remote Island Areas, including Marine National Monuments closed to commercial fishing. The reports provide NOAA OLE and USCG with near-real-time vessel location information. NMFS uses the VMS reports to verify the accuracy of vessel position information reported by the vessel operator in the daily fishing logbooks required by the regulations. This is important in determining or verifying locations of catch by species and time as well as locations in which there were interactions with protected species, such as endangered and threatened sea turtles. The information determines whether NMFS needs to change management rules to protect sensitive species or to address fishery interaction problems, and supports NMFS's evaluation of the impacts of potential changes.

OLE contacts vessel owners if they are newly permitted and required to have a VMS. OLE also contacts them if a VMS is not operating correctly. Owners generally contact OLE by phoning the local OLE office (OLE contact info is posted on [this website](#)) if a VMS unit needs attention.

Authorized users (NOAA OLE, USCG, NMFS and others) use the information collected internally per [NMFS Policy Directive PD 06-101](#), June 17, 2006, VMS Data Access and Dissemination Policy, and [NOAA Administrative Order NAO 0216-0100](#), Protection of Confidential Fisheries Statistics. The information is not disseminated to the public except in non-confidential or aggregate form in summary and analytical reports. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. Prior to dissemination, the information is 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.

The VMS is an automated, satellite-based system that assists NOAA OLE and the USCG in monitoring compliance with applicable federal regulations in a reliable and cost-effective manner. Electronic VMS shipboard equipment installed permanently on board a vessel provides information about the vessel's position. The shipboard VMS unit transmits the information to the monitoring agency's fishery monitoring center, where the identity and location of the vessels are shown on a map display, comparing vessel positions with features of interest, such as closed area boundaries.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

There are no similar comparable programs to collect real-time vessel location information. Requiring vessel operators to make at-sea reports of vessel locations is much more costly and difficult, and would impose a direct reporting burden on the vessel operator. The VMS unit is passive and automatic, requiring no reporting burden on the vessel operator.

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

Vessels in the Pacific Islands fisheries generally range in size from 20 feet to 100 feet. Those who participate in the fisheries are categorized as “small businesses” which are affected in a similar manner by the VMS requirement. In all cases, NOAA OLE notifies the vessel owner when the requirement would take effect and arranges appointments for installation and maintenance inspections with the vessel owner and operator to minimize time burden and business disruption by these activities. There is no reporting burden on vessel owners to arrange for VMS installation or to operate the units.

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

Without VMS, NOAA OLE and USCG would be tasked with monitoring closed areas via air and surface patrols. The annual cost of relying on traditional surveillance methods using air and surface patrols for time and area coverage is estimated at more than \$25 million. Comparatively, VMS provides 95 to 98 percent coverage at an estimated annual cost of \$300,000.

There is no reporting interval requirement for the vessel owner. The interval at which a vessel’s VMS unit reports is set by NOAA OLE and USCG.

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

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines except that the VMS reports more frequently than quarterly (multiple times per day). This more frequent interval is necessary to detect vessel activities in and out of areas closed to fishing, for enforcing regulations.

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.

NOAA published a Federal Register Notice describing this extension on January 11, 2017 (82 FR 3288). NOAA received no comments.

NMFS asked members of the fishing industry, other agencies, and Fishery Council staff to provide comments.

Comment 1: The commenter from a state agency said that he was not familiar with the VMS reporting, but read through the documents which clearly explained the purpose and requirements

of the VMS reporting system. He asked about whether NMFS prepares these documents for public consumption (referring to OMB 83i and the supporting statement). He had no other comments.

Response: We thanked him for the comments and responded that the documents are made available upon request to those reviewing the data collection.

Comment 2: The commenter from the fishing industry said that the VMS system is well accepted by the fleet, and not only provides verification of logbook data regarding location, but is a significant benefit for USCG search and rescue missions. Vessel owners also benefit by being able to locate their vessels.

Response: We thanked him for his comments.

Comment 3: A commenter from the USCG did not have any comments on the proposed collection.

Response: We thanked the commenter for responding.

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

We provided no payments or gifts.

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

NMFS designed the VMS program to ensure the security of all individual vessel location data, including analysis and storage. The system includes measures to minimize the risk of direct or inadvertent disclosure of fishing location information. Vessel operators consider these data proprietary, and NOAA OLE and USCG have taken steps to secure this information as “official use only” throughout the program design. Information submitted is confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA regulations, except under certain circumstances as outlined in the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Additional protections: Records are stored in computerized databases or CDs in locked rooms; paper records are stored in file folders in locked metal cabinets and/or locked rooms. Records are stored in buildings with doors that are locked during and after business hours. Visitors must register with security guards and must be accompanied by Federal personnel at all times. Records are organized and retrieved by NOAA internal identification number, name of entity, permit number, vessel name, or vessel identification number. Electronic records are protected by a user identification/password. The user identification/password is issued to individuals as authorized by authorized personnel.

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 questions are asked of a sensitive nature.

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

Under the Hawaii longline limited entry program, 143 (164 max) vessels are currently registered, 36 large vessels are registered in the American Samoa longline limited entry program, and 1 medium-large vessel is registered to a Northern Mariana Islands bottomfish permit. If all 164 Hawaii permits were registered, the total number of vessels requiring VMS would be **201**.

The estimated time per response is 4 hours to install a VMS unit, 2 hours to replace a VMS unit, and 1 hour, 30 minutes to maintain or repair a VMS unit.

The vessel owner or representative generally observes the initial installation, which involves a total of about 40 hours annually (estimated 10 vessels x 4 hours per vessel). The vessel owner or representative may also observe any replacement, estimated at 70 hours annually (35 vessels x 2 hours per vessel) or maintenance and repair at 60 hours annually (40 vessels x 1 hour, 30 minutes per vessel). Thus, the annual burden is 170 hours.

Annual Estimates:

10 vessels x 4 hours per vessel to install unit = 40 hours

35 vessels x 2 hours per year replacement = 70 hours

40 vessels x 1 hour, 30 minutes per year maintenance and repair = 60 hours

Total estimated burden hours = 170 hrs

Total estimated annual responses = 85

NOAA OLE Pacific Islands Division was consulted to develop these estimates.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

No direct or indirect costs are imposed on vessel operators by the VMS requirement. The unit and initial installation and maintenance costs for VMS are sustained by NOAA OLE. The actual position report airtime costs are paid by NOAA OLE.

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

The estimated cost of the total program is \$950,000 per year. This includes \$760 in staff costs and \$190 for software and hardware.

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

No changes were made, except that the government cost was re-evaluated and updated.

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

No formal scientific publications based on these collections are planned at this time. NMFS and the Council will use the data for management reports and fishery management plan amendments and evaluations. However, subsequent use of the data collected over a series of years may include scientific papers and publications.

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.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

No statistical methods are employed.

provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1529(c)). All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. We provide this notice in order to allow the public, agencies, or other organizations to review and comment on these documents.

Next Steps

NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day public comment period and after NMFS has fully considered all relevant comments received. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 4, 2017.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

[FR Doc. 2017-00300 Filed 1-10-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements for the Ocean Salmon Fishery Off the Coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California

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 March 13, 2017.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Peggy Mundy, (206) 526-4323 or peggy.mundy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

Based on the management regime specified each year, designated regulatory areas in the commercial ocean salmon fishery off the coasts of Washington, Oregon, and California may be managed by numerical quotas. To accurately assess catches relative to quota attainment during the fishing season, catch data by regulatory area must be collected in a timely manner. Requirements to land salmon within specific time frames and in specific areas may be implemented in the preseason regulations to aid in timely and accurate catch accounting for a regulatory area. State landing systems normally gather the data at the time of landing. If unsafe weather conditions or mechanical problems prevent compliance with landing requirements, fishermen need an alternative to allow for a safe response. Fishermen would be exempt from landing requirements if the appropriate notifications are made to provide the name of the vessel, the port where delivery will be made, the approximate amount of salmon (by species) on board, and the estimated time of arrival.

II. Method of Collection

Notifications are made by at-sea radio or cellular phone transmissions.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0433.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10 hours.

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: January 5, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2017-00348 Filed 1-10-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in Western Pacific Fisheries

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 March 13, 2017.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 725-5175 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

As part of fishery management plans developed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, owners of commercial fishing vessels in the Hawaii pelagic longline fishery, American Samoa pelagic longline fishery (only vessels longer than 50 feet), Northwestern Hawaiian Islands lobster fishery (currently inactive), and Northern Mariana Islands bottomfish fishery (only vessels longer than 40 feet) must allow the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to install vessel monitoring system (VMS) units on their vessels when directed to do so by NOAA enforcement personnel. VMS units automatically send periodic reports on the position of the vessel. NOAA uses the reports to monitor the vessel's location and activities, primarily to enforce regulated fishing areas. NOAA pays for the units and messaging. There is no public burden for the automatic messaging; however, VMS installation and annual maintenance are considered public burden.

II. Method of Collection

Automatic electronic submission.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0441.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 209.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours for installation or replacement of a VMS unit; 2 hours for annual maintenance.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 478 (estimated 15 installations per year).

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: January 5, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

[FR Doc. 2017-00349 Filed 1-10-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF142

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC's) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting via webinar, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC's) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place over webinar with a telephone-only connection option. The webinar can be accessed at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/bsb-ap-2017/>. To access via telephone, dial 1-800-832-0736 and use room number 4472108.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; Web site: www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

Commission's Advisory Panel, will meet on Monday, February 6, 2017 via webinar (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to review and comment on the recently approved stock assessment information for black sea bass, as well as the reports and recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee regarding black sea bass fishery specifications for 2017-19 (*i.e.*, catch and landings limits for 2017-19, as well as recreational management measures for 2017). The Council and ASMFC will consider input from the AP at their joint meeting in February when reviewing these specifications.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site (www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 6, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

[FR Doc. 2017-00418 Filed 1-10-17; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF110

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) has submitted a Tribal Resource Management Plan (Tribal Plan) for NMFS to evaluate. It was presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on behalf of the Northwest Indian Tribes. The submission fulfills the Tribes' obligations under the protective regulations promulgated for Puget Sound (PS) Chinook salmon, Hood Canal summer-run (HCS) chum salmon, PS steelhead, and Southern (S) eulachon under the Endangered Species