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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Center for Neutron Research (NCNR), which is located at NIST in Gaithersburg, MD, intends to form collaborations, called PRTs, to develop and apply advanced cold and thermal neutron beam measurement capabilities at the NCNR to assist crucial and timely U.S. R&D on the structure and dynamics of advanced materials of technological relevance, such as polymers, nanomaterials, lightweight alloys, biomaterials, magnetic materials, and colloidal systems. The collaboration agreements will be based upon the statutory technology transfer authorities available to NIST, including the Federal Technology Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. § 3710a). Under these collaborations, new or existing NCNR neutron-scattering instrumentation, which are uniquely sensitive to the structure, behavior, and nanoscale properties of advanced materials, would be developed, upgraded, modified, and operated to permit the study of critical materials and devices under conditions that are directly relevant to their use and performance in technological applications. Organizations participating in a PRT would share the costs of developing and constructing neutron instrumentation and/or the operation. In return, PRT members would share access to a portion of the total time available on the capabilities developed and/or operated under the partnership. At the same time, at least 25% of the total available time would be made available to non-PRT U.S. organizations for non-proprietary research on a competitive, merit-based basis. The modes of PRT access could be tailored for either individual or joint research, and the subsequent data would be made available to the U.S. science and technology community through open publication in archived and peer-reviewed journals, or in publicly available reports. Proprietary research by both PRT and non-PRT organizations would require separate approval and the payment of established fees by the partnership organizations to assure full cost recovery to the Federal Government, including a commensurate share of the overhead operating expenses of the NCNR.

PRTs will be open to one or more U.S. companies, universities, and/or government agencies. It is anticipated that PRT agreements will be established for three-year periods, with renewal for three-year terms subject to the requirements and interests of the

collaborators and the NCNR. Letters of interest for PRTs will be evaluated by an internal panel of NCNR staff on the basis of rationality and technical merit. Specifically, the following criteria and assigned weights will be used to evaluate PRT letters submitted to NCNR:

(1) *Rationality.* The rationality, feasibility, and coherence of the proposer's approach, including the extent to which the proposed PRT would effectively develop and apply advanced cold and/or thermal neutron beam measurement capabilities at the NCNR to assist crucial and timely U.S. R&D on the structure and dynamics of advanced materials that enhance technology and manufacturing, and an appropriately-scaled level of effort. (0 to 65 points)

(2) *Technical Merit of Contribution.* The potential technical effectiveness of the proposed work, including the value it would contribute to neutron research, and the extent to which the proposed work supports the statutory mission of NIST (to promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life). (0 to 35 points)

Letters of interest scoring 80 points or higher as a result of the evaluation will be offered the opportunity to enter into a PRT using a CRADA or multiple CRADAs. NIST intends to form up to four PRTs and will announce on the NCNR Web site (www.ncnr.nist.gov) when any agreement has been executed. The NCNR Director will make one or more final PRT selections, taking into consideration the results of the reviewers' evaluations and relevance to the NCNR objectives described in this notice. Letters of interest should be submitted in accordance with the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice.

Dated: May 21, 2014.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director of Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Certificate of Eligibility

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 July 28, 2014.

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 Margo Schulze-Haugen, (301) 427–8503 or Margo.Schulze-Haugen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et. seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' (U.S.) obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et. seq.*). A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for Billfishes is required under 50 CFR part 635 to accompany all billfish, except for a billfish landed in a Pacific state and remaining in the state of landing. This documentation certifies that the accompanying billfish was not harvested from the applicable Atlantic Ocean management unit (described on the NOAA sample certificate), and identifies the vessel landing the billfish, the vessel's homeport, the port of offloading, and the date of offloading. The certificate must accompany the billfish to any dealer or processor who subsequently receives or possesses the billfish. A standard certificate format is not currently required to document the necessary information, provided it contains all of the information required. The extension of this collection is necessary to implement the Consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan, which contains an objective to reserve Atlantic billfish for the recreational fishery.

On October 5, 2012, the President signed Public Law 112–183 entitled the “Billfish Conservation Act of 2012,” which prohibits the sale of billfish (or products containing billfish), or the custody, control, or possession of billfish (or products containing billfish) for purposes of sale. The only exemptions to this prohibition include billfish landed by U.S. fishing vessels in Hawaii and Pacific Insular Areas, and billfish landed by foreign fishing vessels in the Pacific Insular Areas when the foreign-caught billfish are exported to non-U.S. markets or retained within Hawaii and the Pacific Insular Areas for local consumption. NOAA is currently developing implementing regulations for the Billfish Conservation Act. If necessary, upon publication of the proposed rule, the information collection associated with the Billfish Certificate of Eligibility (0648–0216) may be revised accordingly.

II. Method of Collection

A paper document is required to be completed by respondents. The document must be signed and dated by each dealer or processor who subsequently receives or possesses the billfish.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0216.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 20 minutes for initial completion of certificate and 2 minutes for subsequent billfish purchase recordkeeping.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 43.

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: May 21, 2014.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD310

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a peer review by the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) on June 12–13, 2014. The review panel is being convened for the purpose of providing expert technical comments and advice on the use of a final report prepared by Compass Lexecon for the Council in Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The report is titled, “Recommendations for Excessive-Share Limits in the Northeast Multispecies Fishery” and was submitted to the Council in December 2013. The peer review is being coordinated by NMFS and hosted by the Council.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday June 12, 2014 and Friday June 13, 2014. The meeting will be open to the public on the first day, June 12 and begin at 9 a.m. The review panel will meet in a closed session on June 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be held at the Hawthorne Hotel, 18 Washington Square West, Salem MA 01970; telephone: (978) 744–4080; fax: (978) 745–2626.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director,

New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The New England Fishery Management Council has been developing Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. One goal of Amendment 18 is to consider establishing accumulation limits in the fishery. Through this Amendment, the Council has been working to identify an “excessive share” threshold for the fishery. All federal fishery management plans must comply with National Standard 4 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1851(a)(4)), requiring that fishing privilege allocations be carried out so that “no particular individual, corporation, or other entity acquires an excessive share of such privileges.” During the course of the Council’s deliberations, it was decided that additional expertise from an external contractor was needed to help determine if excessive shares exist in the fishery today and describe potential constraints that could prevent excessive shares from existing in the future. To provide this expertise, the economic consulting firm Compass Lexecon was contracted to give advice on an appropriate excessive share threshold for the Northeast Multispecies Fishery.

Compass Lexecon performed their analysis in the latter half of 2013. Their research involved receiving input from fishery stakeholders via surveys and interviews and analyzing NMFS fishery data. Compass Lexecon assessed available models for evaluating the presence of market power, and made recommendations with regard to setting accumulation limits. Their final report will be evaluated by the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) on June 12–13, 2014.

The National Marine Fisheries Service’s Office of Science and Technology coordinates and manages a contract providing external expertise through the CIE to conduct independent peer reviews of NMFS scientific projects. CIE reviewers are selected by the CIE Steering Committee and CIE Coordination Team to conduct the independent peer review in compliance with predetermined Terms of Reference of the peer review. Each CIE reviewer is contracted to deliver an independent peer review report to be approved by the CIE Steering Committee, and the Chairman will provide a summary report. Further information on the CIE process can be obtained from www.ciereviews.org.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for