

Type of Request: Regular (request for a new information collection).

Number of Respondents: 56.

Average Hours per Response: 2.5 hours.

Burden Hours: 140.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new information collection.

NOAA is mentoring student interns from the Monterey Institute for International Studies to estimate the market and non-market economic values associated with non-consumptive recreation uses (e.g. whale watching, other wildlife observation, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, beach activities, surfing, wind-surfing, kite boarding, paddle boarding, etc.) in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) for those accessing the MBNMS via “for hire” operation boats.

We will conduct surveys of the for hire operations that take people out for non-consumptive recreation, to obtain total use by type of activity and the spatial use by type of activity. Information will also be obtained on costs-and-earnings of the operations, knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of sanctuary management strategies and regulations, and demographic information on owner/captains and crews. Surveys will also be conducted of the passengers aboard the for hire operation boats to obtain their market and non-market economic use values for non-consumptive recreation use and how those value change with changes in natural resource attribute conditions and user characteristics. Additional information will be obtained on importance-satisfaction ratings of key natural resource attributes, facilities and services, knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of management strategies and regulations, and demographic profiles of passengers.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: October 20, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE265

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a series of public hearings pertaining to Regulatory Amendment 25 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the South Atlantic and Regulatory Amendment 1 to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic. Regulatory Amendment 25 to the Snapper Grouper FMP addresses management measures for blueline tilefish, yellowtail snapper and black sea bass. Regulatory Amendment 1 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP addresses a commercial trip limit for the dolphin fishery in the Atlantic.

DATES: The public hearings will be held via webinar with listening/comment stations from November 9–12, 2015. A webinar with listening/comment stations will be held November 9, 2015 for Regulatory Amendment 25. A webinar with listening/comment stations will be held November 12, 2015 for both Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 25 and Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1.

The public hearings will be conducted via webinar and accessible via the internet from the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net. The hearings will begin at 6 p.m. Registration for each webinar is required. Registration information will be posted on the SAFMC Web site at www.safmc.net as it becomes available. Webinar registrants may test/confirm their computer set up for the webinar one hour prior to each hearing and contact Mike Collins at (843) 763-1050 to address any questions regarding webinar setup. Local listening/comment stations will be provided at the following locations:

ADDRESSES:

Public Hearings for Regulatory Amendment 25 to the Snapper Grouper FMP:

1. November 9, 2015—Local Listening/Comment Stations: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA

31520-8687; phone: (912) 264-7218 and Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 308-9330.

2. November 12, 2015—Local Listening/Comment Station: Dare County Government Complex, Room 168, 1st Floor, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC 27954; phone: (252) 475-5000; and Wingate by Wyndham (Hotel), 2465 State Route 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092; phone: (904) 824-9229.

Public Hearing for Regulatory Amendment 1 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP

1. November 12, 2015—Local Listening/Comment Station: Dare County Government Complex, Room 168, 1st Floor, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC 27954; phone: (252) 475-5000; and Wingate by Wyndham (Hotel), 2465 State Route 16, St. Augustine, FL 32092; phone: (904) 824-9229.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Amendment 25 to the Snapper Grouper FMP

This amendment includes alternatives to:

(1) For blueline tilefish, specify the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for the South Atlantic, adjust Annual Catch Limit (ACL), Optimum Yield (OY) and other management parameters as necessary based on the new ABC; revise the commercial trip limit; and modify the recreational bag limit;

(2) Modify the recreational and commercial fishing year and commercial Accountability Measures for yellowtail snapper; and

(3) Increase the recreational bag limit for black sea bass.

Regulatory Amendment 1 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP

This amendment includes management alternatives to:

(1) Establish a commercial trip limit for dolphin.

Written comments may be directed to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, SAFMC (see Council address) or via email to: Mike.Collins@safmc.net. Note that email comments should specify “Snapper Grouper Reg Amendment 25”

or “Dolphin Wahoo Reg Amend 1” in the Subject Line of the email according to the comment being submitted. Public hearing comments for both Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 25 and Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1 will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2015. Copies of the public hearing documents for each amendment will be posted on the Council’s Web site at www.safmc.net when they become available.

During the webinars, Council staff will present an overview of the amendment and will be available for informal discussions and to answer questions via webinar. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record to record their comments for consideration by the Council. Area Council representatives will be present at the local comment stations.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: October 20, 2015.

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

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Online Webinar

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

ACTION: Notice of online webinar.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council’s) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold an online webinar to review a revised west coast limited entry trawl individual fishing quota (IFQ) projection model developed by the Pacific Council’s Groundfish Management Team (GMT). The online SSC webinar is open to the public.

DATES: The SSC webinar will commence at noon PST, Monday, November 9, 2015 and continue until 2 p.m. or as

necessary to complete business for the day.

ADDRESSES: To attend the SSC webinar, please join online at <http://www.gotomeeting.com/online/webinar/join-webinar> and enter the webinar ID: 148–230–579, as well as your name and email address. Once you have joined the webinar, call the toll number 1 (914) 614–3221 and enter 117–723–807 when prompted for the audio access code. Then enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). Participants are encouraged to use their telephone, as this is the best practice to avoid technical issues and excessive feedback (see http://www.pcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/PFMC_Audio_Diagram_GoToMeeting.pdf for best practices). System requirements for PC-based attendees: Windows 7, Vista, or XP; for Mac-based attendees: Mac OS X 10.5 or newer; and for mobile attendees: iPhone, iPad, Android phone, or Android tablet (see the *GoToMeeting Webinar Apps*). If you experience technical difficulties and would like assistance, please contact Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280, extension 425. A public listening station will also be provided at the Pacific Council office.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The specific objectives of the SSC webinar are to review revisions to the GMT’s west coast limited entry trawl IFQ projection model to ensure the changes recommended by the SSC’s Groundfish and Economics Subcommittees in June were implemented and the model behaves as expected. During the webinar, the SSC will consider endorsing the GMT’s IFQ model to inform management decisions. No management actions will be decided in this webinar. Public comments during the webinar will be received from attendees at the discretion of the SSC chair.

Although non-emergency issues not identified in the webinar agenda may come before the webinar participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this webinar. Formal action at the webinar will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public

has been notified of the webinar participants’ intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The public listening station at the Pacific Council office is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the webinar date.

Dated: October 20, 2015.

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

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This Exempted Fishing Permit would allow commercial fishing vessels to fish outside of the limited access sea scallop regulations in support of study investigating coastal spawning of winter flounder in Southern New England.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “DA15–063 CFF SNE Essential Fish Habitat Study EFP.”
- **Mail:** John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic