

Administration's Southwest Fishery Science Center operates an angler-based billfish tagging program. Tagging supplies are provided to volunteers. When they catch and tag fish, they submit a brief report on the fish tagged and the location of tagging. The information obtained is used in conjunction with tag returns to determine billfish migration patterns, mortality rates, and similar information useful in the management of the fishery.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 10, 2002.

Madeleine Clayton,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Statement of Financial Interests, Regional Fishery Management Councils.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 88-195.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0192.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 110.

Number of Respondents: 188.

Average Hours Per Response: 35 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and

Management Act authorizes the establishment of Regional Fishery Management Councils to exercise sound judgement in the stewardship of fishery resources through the preparation, monitoring, and revision of such plans under circumstances (a) which will enable the States, the fishing industry, consumer and environmental organizations, and other interested persons to participate in, and advise on, the establishment and administration of such plans, and (b) which take into account the social and economic needs of the States. Section 302 (j) of the Act, requires that Council members and Executive Directors disclose their financial interests in any harvesting, processing, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction.

The Act further provides that a member shall not vote on a Council decision which would have a significant and predictable effect on such financial interest. A Council decision shall be considered to have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest if there is a close, causal link between the Council decision and an expected and substantially disproportionate benefit to the financial interest of the affected individual relative to the financial interest of other participants in the same gear type or sector of the fishery. However, an affected individual who is declared ineligible to vote on a Council action may participate in Council deliberations relating to the decision after notifying the Council of his/her recusal and identifying the financial interest that would be affected.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion; annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southeast Region Bycatch Reduction Device Certification Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0345.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 7,500.

Number of Respondents: 31.

Average Hours Per Response:

Submissions for certification in the Gulf of Mexico, 140 minutes for pre-certification; 180 minutes for pre-certification data; 140 minutes for a certification application; 20 minutes each for a vessel identification form, a gear specification form, a station sheet form, a turtle excluder device/bycatch reduction device specification form, a length frequency form, and a condition and fate form; 5 hours for a species characterization form; 4 hours for a final report; 1 hour for an observer certification or observer reference; 4 hours for testing; and 30 minutes for a submission of independent tests. Submissions for certification in the South Atlantic, 30 minutes each for a vessel identification form or a gear form; 2 hours for a station sheet bycatch reduction device evaluation form; 50 minutes for a length frequency form; 100 hours for testing; and 30 minutes for a submission of independent tests.

Needs and Uses: Persons seeking to obtain certification for bycatch reduction devices to be used on shrimp vessels in the Gulf of Mexico or South Atlantic must apply for authorization to conduct tests and submit the test results. Persons seeking certification to be observers for such tests in the Gulf of Mexico must file an application and provide two references. The information is needed for NOAA to determine if equipment meets the standards that