

and ensure accurate accountability and proper reporting is being performed.

- Product transfer reports (PTRs) provide information on the volume of groundfish disposed of by persons buying it from the harvesters. The PTR is an important enforcement document and provides an important check on buyer purchase reports. Information collected on PTRs is used by NOAA OLE to verify the accuracy of reported shipments through physical inspections. NOAA OLE uses the PTR to monitor movement of product in and out of the processor on a timely basis.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper logbooks are submitted by mail or delivery. The Vessel Activity Report and Product Transfer Report are submitted by fax or email. Check-in/Check-out Reports are submitted by fax.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0213.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 445.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Catcher Vessel Trawl Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL): 18 minutes; Catcher Vessel Longline/Pot DFL: 35 minutes; Catcher/Processor Longline/Pot Daily Cumulative Production Logbook: 50 minutes; Shoreside Processor Check-in/Check-out Report: 5 minutes; Mothership Check-in/Check-out Report: 7 minutes; Product Transfer Report: 20 minutes; Vessel Activity Report: 14 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15,654 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$9,954.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a)

Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XA673]

**Index Based Methods and Harvest Control Rules Research Track Assessment Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) Panel will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Index Based Methods and Harvest Control Rules. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from December 7, 2020–December 11, 2020. The meeting will commence on December 11, 2020 at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/urc-hmkh-jdw>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Michele Traver, 508–495–2195; email: [michele.traver@noaa.gov](mailto:michele.traver@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about the assessment process and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>.

**Daily Meeting Agenda—Research Track Peer Review Meeting (Subject to Change; All Times are Approximate and May Be Changed at the Discretion of the Peer Review Chair)**

*Monday, December 7, 2020*

Time	Activity	Lead
8 a.m.–8:30 a.m	Welcome/Logistics	Russ Brown/ Michele Traver/Panel Chair.
8:30 a.m.–9 a.m	Introductions/Process	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
9 a.m.–10 a.m	Material Introduction and Background	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
10 a.m.–10:15 a.m	TOR #1	
10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m	Break.	
11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m	TOR #1 cont	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
11:45 a.m.–12 p.m	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel.
12 p.m.–1 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
	Lunch.	

Time	Activity	Lead
1 p.m.–2:15 p.m .....	TOR #2 .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
2:45 p.m.–3 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
3 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

*Tuesday, December 8, 2020*

Time	Activity	Lead
8 a.m.–8:15 a.m .....	Brief Overview and Logistics .....	Michele Traver/Panel Chair.
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m .....	TOR #2 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m .....	TOR #3 .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m .....	Break.	
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m .....	TOR #3 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m .....	TOR #4 .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
2:45 p.m.–3 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
3 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

*Wednesday, December 9, 2020*

Time	Activity	Lead
8 a.m.–8:15 a.m .....	Brief Overview and Logistics .....	Michele Traver/ Panel Chair.
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m .....	TOR #4 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m .....	TOR #5 .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m .....	Break.	
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m .....	TOR #5 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m .....	TOR #6 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
2:45 p.m.–3 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
3 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

*Thursday, December 10, 2020*

Time	Activity	Lead
8 a.m.–8:15 a.m .....	Brief Overview and logistics .....	Michele Traver/Panel Chair.
8:15 a.m.–9:15 a.m .....	TOR #6 cont .....	Chris Legault, WG Chair.
9:15 a.m.–10:15 a.m .....	Discussion/Review/Summary .....	Review Panel.
10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m .....	Break.	
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m .....	Discussion/Follow-ups .....	Review Panel.
11:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m .....	Lunch.	
12:45 p.m.–3 p.m .....	Report Writing .....	Review Panel.
5 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

*Friday, December 11, 2020*

Time	Activity	Lead
8 a.m.–3 p.m .....	Report Writing .....	Review Panel.
3 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the 'Report Writing' session on Thursday, December 10th

and Friday, December 11th, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special

requests should be directed to Michele Traver, 508–495–2195, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 20, 2020.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Northeast Region Observer Providers Requirements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 7, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Title:** Northeast Region Observer Providers Requirements.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648–0546.

**Form Number(s):** None.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 515.

**Average Hours per Response:**

Application for approval of observer service provider, 10 hours; applicant response to denial of application for approval of observer service provider, 10 hours; observer service provider request for observer training, 30 minutes; observer deployment report, 10 minutes; observer availability report, 10 minutes; safety refusal report, 30 minutes; submission of raw observer data, 5 minutes; observer debriefing, 2 hours; other reports, 30 minutes; biological samples, 5 minutes; rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved observer service providers, 8

hours; vessel request to observer service provider for procurement of a certified observer, 10 minutes; observer contact list updates, 5 minutes; observer availability updates, 5 minutes; service provider material submissions, 30 minutes; service provider contracts, 30 minutes; request to observer service provider to procure and observer, 10 minutes; notification of unavailability of observers, 5 minutes.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 5,252.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under this stewardship role, the Secretary was given certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of these resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect data from users of the resource.

Regulations at 50 CFR 648.11(g) require observer service providers to comply with specific requirements in order to operate as an approved provider in the Atlantic sea scallop (scallop) fishery. Observer service providers must comply with the following requirements: Submit applications for approval as an observer service provider; formally request observer training by the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP); submit observer deployment reports and biological samples; give notification of whether a vessel must carry an observer within 24 hours of the vessel owner's notification of a prospective trip; maintain an updated contact list of all observers that includes the observer identification number; observer's name mailing address, email address, phone numbers, homeports or fisheries/trip types assigned, and whether or not the observer is "in service." The regulations also require observer service providers submit any outreach materials, such as informational pamphlets, payment notification, and descriptions of observer duties as well as all contracts between the service provider and entities requiring observer services for review to NMFS/NEFOP. Observer service providers also have the option to respond to application denials, and submit a rebuttal in response to a pending removal from the list of

approved observer providers. These requirements allow NMFS/NEFOP to effectively administer the scallop observer program.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** 50 CFR 648.11.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0546.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region Vessel Identification Requirements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2020, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

**Agency:** NOAA.