

NMFS Southeast Region manages commercial and recreational fisheries in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf), South Atlantic, and Caribbean under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, through regulations implemented at 50 CFR part 622. Participants in most of these federally managed fisheries are required to keep and submit logbooks of their fishing effort and catch from their fishing trips. Some fishermen on these vessels also provide information on the species and quantities of fish, shellfish, marine turtles, and marine mammals that are caught and discarded or have interacted with the fishing gear. These fishermen may also provide information about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs.

NMFS is developing a final rule to remove the regulations for the Gulf electronic reporting program applicable to an owner or operator of a recreational charter vessel or headboat (for-hire vessel) with such a recreational permit to fish for federally managed Gulf reef fish or Gulf coastal migratory pelagic species. The final rule will reinstate regulations for recordkeeping and reporting that were in effect on January 4, 2021, before the effective dates of the invalidated rules. Those historical regulations can be viewed at this website: <https://www.ecfr.gov/on/2021-01-04/title-50/chapter-VI/part-622?toc=1>. See subparts B and Q to part 622.

Because the rulemaking action results from a court order, NMFS does not have discretion to change the recordkeeping and reporting regulations from those in effect on January 4, 2021, which consisted of the information collection requirements previously approved by OMB and implemented by NMFS. Therefore, this revision would: 1. remove from the approved information collections all components associated with the Gulf for-hire electronic reporting program, and 2. reinstate those previously approved recordkeeping and reporting requirements, the number of respondents, responses, and the time and cost burdens for which were at a much smaller scale, without changes to other information collections under OMB Control Number 0648–0016, Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted on paper forms and electronic transmissions.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0016.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission—revision of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,499.

Estimated Time per Response: Annual fixed-cost report, 45 minutes; Discard logbook, 15 minutes; headboat, charter vessel, golden crab, reef fish-mackerel, economic cost per trip, and wreckfish, 10 minutes; No-fishing report for golden crab, reef fish-mackerel, charter vessels, and wreckfish, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42,797.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$148,400 in recordkeeping and reporting costs.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory, required to obtain or retain benefits.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments 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 Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE189]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. **DATES:** This webinar will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES:

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9876543210>

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group (ODWG) will meet to address Terms of Reference 3a and 6 by continuing to develop recommendations to the Council, including draft gear marking regulations. The Working Group will receive updates on other on-demand gear related activity. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 12, 2024.

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Acting Deputy 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; Coral Reef Conservation Program

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 April 30, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: Coral Reef Conservation Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0448.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Revision of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 49.

Average Hours per Response: 13.7.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1004.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision to an approved collection of information and new information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. The Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, 16 U.S.C. 6401 *et seq.*, has been amended since the last approval and the revised requirements for information collection are outlined below.

The Coral Reef Conservation Act was enacted to conserve and restore the condition of United States coral reef ecosystems challenged by natural and human-accelerated changes; to promote the science-based management and sustainable use of coral reef ecosystems to benefit local communities and the Nation; to develop sound scientific information on the condition of coral reef ecosystems, continuing and emerging threats to such ecosystems, and the efficacy of innovative tools, technologies, and strategies to mitigate stressors and restore such ecosystems; to assist in the preservation of coral reefs by supporting science-based, consensus-driven, and community-based coral reef management by covered States (Florida, Hawaii, and the territories of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands) and covered Native entities (an Indian Tribe, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or a Native Hawaiian organization with interests in a coral reef ecosystem); to provide financial resources, technical assistance, and scientific expertise to supplement, complement, and strengthen community-based management programs and conservation and restoration projects of non-Federal reefs; to establish a formal mechanism for collecting and allocating monetary donations from the private sector to be used for coral reef conservation and restoration projects; to support rapid, effective, and science-based assessment and response to exigent circumstances that pose immediate and long-term threats to coral reefs; and to serve as a model for advancing similar international efforts to monitor, conserve, and restore coral reef ecosystems.

Under section 6406 of the Act (Block Grants), covered States are responsible for documenting and reporting the State's use of Federal funds received under the Act; and expenditures of non-Federal funds made in furtherance of

coral reef management and restoration as the NOAA Administrator (Administrator) deems appropriate. The Administrator is responsible for providing guidance on the proper documentation of expenditures.

Under section 6410 of the Act (Ruth D. Gates Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program), the NOAA Administrator, and subject to the availability of appropriations, is authorized to provide up to \$3,500,000 annually (per section 6414(c)) in grants for coral reef conservation projects.

Under section 6405 of the Act, Federal agencies, covered State or County resource management agencies, and/or covered Native entities may form and chair stewardship partnerships to further community-based stewardship of coral reefs. The NOAA Administrator is responsible for identifying ecologically significant coral reef units that stewardship partnerships may be focused on and adjudicating multiple applicants for stewardship of the same of overlapping reef units to ensure no geographic overlap in representation among stewardship partnerships.

The match waiver requests and request for written comments are being removed from this collection as they are no longer applicable. The match waiver requests may still be made under Ruth D. Gates but are not expected and not requested of applicants. They were included in the original because all territories (5) requested a match waiver, however, their awards are now located in Block Grants, and there is no matching requirement. The Ruth D. Gates application process now requires "evidence of support for the project by appropriate representatives of States . . . in which the project will be conducted" on the front end.

Additionally, the Performance Progress Report (PPR) from collection 0648-0718 is being added to this collection so that all program requirements are under a single control number. The PPR will be removed from 0648-0718 at the next renewal period.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; nonprofit, nongovernmental, and not-for-profit institutions; state or local government; institutions of higher education; and regional fishery management councils established under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits for grant-related collections, or voluntary for coral reef stewardship partnership submissions.