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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; Data Collections To Support Comprehensive Economic and Socio-Economic Evaluations of the Fisheries in Regions of the United States Affected by Catastrophic Events

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before January 27, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0767 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dr. Joe Terry, Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Hwy., Bldg. SSMC3, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282, (858) 454–2547, joe.terry@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Science and Technology's Economics and Social Analysis Division seeks to conduct as-needed data collections to support mandated comprehensive economic and socio-economic evaluations of the fisheries in regions of the United States affected by catastrophic events. The six NMFS Fisheries Science Centers will assist in conducting the proposed collections.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) includes the following requirement (see SEC. 315(c)), "Within 2 months after a catastrophic regional fishery disaster the Secretary [of Commerce] shall provide the Governor of each State participating in the program a comprehensive economic and socio-economic evaluation of the affected region's fisheries to assist the Governor in assessing the current and future economic viability of affected fisheries, including the economic impact of foreign fish imports and the direct, indirect, or environmental impact of the disaster on the fishery and coastal communities." The MSA permits the proposed collection, and NMFS would conduct it under the MSA.

This collection will provide information that NMFS will use to produce the comprehensive economic and socio-economic evaluation required by the MSA. For a rapid catastrophic event, such as a hurricane, NMFS seeks to collect data on the immediate and long-term disruption and impediments to recovery of normal business practices to the commercial and recreational fishing industries, including fishing dependent businesses. In addition, for an ongoing event, such as a pandemic or red tide that lingers for many months in the same region(s), NMFS seeks to collect data quarterly to semi-annually as needed to evaluate the ongoing event. NMFS would collect the data from commercial and recreational for hire fishermen, fish dealers, seafood processors, bait and tackle shops, and boat repair/marine supply/other associated businesses.

NMFS will use the data to prepare the required economic and socio-economic evaluations and to improve research and analysis of potential fishery management actions by understanding the immediate, quarterly or semi-annual, and/or long-term compounding effects of catastrophic events on the

commercial and recreational fishing industries and the communities most dependent on those industries. The frequency of reporting will be from one to four times a year for each catastrophic event.

II. Method of Collection

NMFS will use a combination of in-person, telephone and video call interviews, as well as mail and internet surveys, to collect the required information.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0767.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission. Extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,184.

Estimated Time per Response: Regional surveys of fishing operations: 30 minutes; Regional surveys of other fishing related businesses: 30 minutes; National surveys of fishing operations: 20 minutes; and National surveys of other fishing related businesses: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,200 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act SEC. 315(c).

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 information collection request. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE491]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 154th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Executive and Budget Standing Committee (SC) and its 201st Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meetings will be held between December 12 and December 17, 2024. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The 154th SSC meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting for members and the public, with a remote participation option available via Webex. In-person attendance for the 154th SSC meeting will be hosted at the Council office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The Executive and Budget SC and the 201st Council meetings will be held by web conference via WebEx. Specific information on joining the meeting, connecting to the web conference and providing oral public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522–8220.

The following venues will be the host sites for the 201st Council meeting web conference: Council Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; Cliff Pointe, 304 W

O'Brien Drive, Hagatna, Guam; BRI Building Suite 205, Kopa Di Oru St., Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); and, Tedi of Samoa Building Suite 208B, Fagatogo Village, American Samoa.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 154th SSC meeting will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., HST on December 12, and 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., HST on December 13, 2024. The Executive and Budget SC meeting will be held between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., HST on December 13, 2024. The 201st Council Meeting will be held between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., HST on December 16–17, 2024. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items will be held between 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., HST on December 16, 2024.

Agenda items noted as “Final Action” refer to actions that may result in Council transmittal of a proposed fishery management plan, proposed plan amendment, or proposed regulations to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, under Sections 304 or 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). In addition to the agenda items listed here, the Council and its advisory bodies will hear recommendations from Council advisors. An opportunity to submit public comment will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change and will be announced in advance at the Council meeting. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Background documents for the 201st Council meeting will be available at www.wpcouncil.org. Written public comments on final action items at the 201st Council meeting should be received at the Council office by 5 p.m. HST, Thursday, December 12, 2024, and should be sent to Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, phone: (808) 522–8220 or fax: (808) 522–8226; or email: info@wpcouncil.org. Written public comments on all other agenda items may be submitted for the record by email throughout the duration of the meeting. Instructions for providing oral public comments during the meeting will be posted on the Council website.

This meeting will be recorded (audio only) for the purposes of generating the minutes of the meeting. As public comments will be made publicly available, participants and public commenters are urged not to provide personally identifiable information (PII) at this meeting. Participation in the meeting by web conference, or by telephone, constitutes consent to the audio recording.

Agenda for the 154th SSC Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., HST

1. Introductions
 2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
 3. Status of the 153rd SSC Meeting Recommendations
 4. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director Report
 5. Program Planning and Research
 - A. SSC Strategic Planning
 - B. Science Needs To Inform Management Priorities
 - C. SSC Special Projects Discussion
 - D. Inflation Reduction Act Project Updates
 - E. American Samoa (AS) Bottomfish Management Unit Species (BMUS) Revisions—Annual Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule Tier 6 (Action Item)
 - F. Public Comment
 - G. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
 6. Protected Species/Pelagic & International Fisheries
 - A. False Killer Whale Foreign Fleet Impacts Analysis
 - B. Development of an Electronic Monitoring Program for Western Pacific Fisheries (Action Item)
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
 7. Island Fisheries
 - A. Non-Commercial Fisheries Data
 - A.1. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Pacific Islands Regional Implementation Plan
 - A.2. Non-Commercial Bottomfish Vessel Registry Data Exploration
- Friday, December 13, 2024, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., HST*
7. Island Fisheries (Continued)
 - B. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Uku
 - B.1. MHI Uku Update Stock Assessment
 - B.2. Chair's Report on Uku Update Stock Assessment Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR)
 - C. Public Comment
 - D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
 8. Other Business