

information on work experience, migration, personal income and noncash benefits, household noncash benefits, and race. The work experience items in the ADS provide a unique measure of the dynamic nature of the labor force as viewed over a one-year period. The income data from the ADS are used by social planners, economists, Government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the Nation as a whole, and selected population groups of interest. Researchers evaluate March income data not only to determine poverty levels, but also to determine whether Government programs are reaching eligible households. The questions for the 1997 supplement will be the same as those asked in 1996 with some new items and some changes to existing items.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC, Section 182 & Title 29 USC, Sections 1-9.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### Northwest Region Federal Fisheries Permits

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and

respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William L. Robinson, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle WA 98112, 206-526-6140.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Three data collections dealing with Federal fishery permits affect participants in the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California (WOC). The three data collections involve: (1) Exempted fishing permits (previously called experimental fishing permits); (2) limited entry permits for commercial fishermen; and (3) Federal permits for groundfish processing vessels over 125' in length.

Exempted (experimental) fishing permits are issued to applicants for fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited. The information provided by applications allows NMFS to evaluate the consequences of the exempted fishing activity and weigh the benefits and costs. Permittees are required to file reports on the results of the experiments, so that NMFS can evaluate the techniques used and decide if management regulations should be changed.

A Federal permit is required to commercially catch groundfish, and permits are endorsed for one or more of three gear types (trawl, longline, and fish pot). Participation in the fishery and access to permits have been limited as a way of controlling the overall fleet harvest capacity. Limited entry permits must be renewed annually and are transferable.

NOAA is also considering the implementation of a requirement that fish processing vessels over 125' in length obtain a federal fisheries permit to process groundfish in the WOC fishing area. Such a requirement may be needed to obtain adequate information on which to base both in-season and

between-season management decisions affecting the Pacific groundfish resource, to know the number of vessels operating for the purpose of deployment of observers, and for enforcement monitoring.

##### II. Method of Collection

These are written data collections that are prepared and submitted by the vessel owner or operator to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Regional Office, by mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0203.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* This data collection involves owners and operators of vessels that fish for or process groundfish in ocean waters 0-200 nautical miles offshore Washington, Oregon, and California.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

Approximately 956 respondents are expected: 9 for exempted (previously called "experimental") fishing permits, 930 for limited entry permit renewals or transfers, and 17 for at-sea processing permits for vessels over 125 feet (38.5 meters) in length.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* This is variable depending on the action taken. An average of 60 minutes is expected for applications for an exempted fishing permit, and 30 minutes to prepare subsequent reports. An average of 20 minutes is expected to renew or transfer a limited entry permit. An average of 20 minutes is estimated to prepare data required of at-sea processing vessels.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* The public is expected to spend a total of 406 hours complying with these data collections: 90 hours for exempted fishing permits, 310 hours for limited entry permits, and 6 hours for at-sea processing permits.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* The direct cost to the public is estimated to be less than \$17,200 annually, derived as follows: less than \$16,000 for transfer, registration and replacement fees and underutilized species permit application fees; less than \$500 for vessel documentation; about \$500 to have documents notarized; and about \$200 for mailing. These estimates do not include time spent preparing submissions.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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### Southwest Region Permit Family of Forms

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 27, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information of copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Svein Fougner, Fisheries Management Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone 310-980-4034.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The Federal Fisheries Permits Program administered by the Southwest Region, NMFS, is the principal mechanism for monitoring participation in the pelagic longline, crustacean, bottomfish and precious corals fisheries in the western Pacific region. These fisheries are regulated under fishery management plans prepared by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Persons wishing to participate in these fisheries must have permits, and permits are obtained from the Southwest Region, NMFS. Information on the permit application forms ensures up-to-date records for purposes of determining interests in the fisheries, participation, entry and exit patterns so that impacts on permittees from possible regulatory changes can be determined; for enforcement; and for advising fishermen of actual or potential changes in regulations.

#### II. Method of Collection

Permittees file applications for new permits, renewals, or other permit actions (e.g., permit transfers) with the Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, and submit appropriate fees if required. Application forms are provided by the Pacific Area Office, which then reviews the application, determines that all information is furnished, obtains NOAA General Counsel clearance (to determine if there are any unpaid fines or penalties), and issues the permit. Permit information is then entered into the appropriate data base.

#### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0204.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Businesses, primarily commercial fishermen.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 275.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes for fishery permit applications, 1 hour for experimental permit applications, and 2 hours for longline limited entry permit appeals.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 158.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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### Notice of Public Meeting, Modernization Transition Committee (MTC)

*Time and Date:* December 12, 1996 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Place:* This meeting will take place at the Silver Spring Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to the public. The time between 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will be set aside for oral comments or questions from the public. Approximately 50 seats will be available on a first-come first-served basis for the public.

*Matters to be Considered:* This meeting will cover: Consultation on approximately 11 Automation Certifications and 5 combined Consolidation and Automation Certifications; consultation on the FY 1998 National Implementation Plan; update on the Air Safety Appraisal Letter; and a presentation on the planned survey to be conducted at the 27 service level "D" locations.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Mr. Nicholas Scheller, National Weather Service, Modernization Staff, 1325 East-West Highway, SSMC2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: (301) 713-0454.

Dated: November 22, 1996.

Nicholas R. Scheller,

*Manager, National Implementation Staff.*

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