

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: This open meeting has been canceled and will be rescheduled on a future date.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen Sullivan, Assistant Press and Public Affairs Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

David G. Marwell,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 February 24, 1997.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Lanse Felker, Office of Quality Program, Building 101, Room A537, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, (301) 975-2715, (301) 948-3716 fax, lansing.felker@NIST.GOV e-mail.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Applicants for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award must submit an eligibility application, and if declared eligible, an application package. NIST will use the eligibility application to determine if the application is eligible to apply and will use the application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant's quality and performance practices.

II. Method of Collection

Applications must comply in writing according to the *Application Form and Instructions* booklet.

III. Data

OMB Number: 00693-0006.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Eligible U.S. organizations that choose to apply for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 100 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 10,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$1,000,000 (10,000 hours × \$100 per hour).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (b) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (c) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

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

Dated: December 17, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Mackerel Logbook Reporting Requirements; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John Poffenberger, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, (305) 361-4263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This mandatory reporting requirement is being implemented under authority of 50 CFR 622.5(a)(1)(I). Because of the need for better data on catch, effort and fishing location, as identified in the stock assessments for king and Spanish mackerel, the Science and Research Director will use the authority granted in this Part of the 622 regulations to initiate comprehensive logbook reporting for these fisheries in the Southeast Region.

II. Method of Collection

All vessels with a king or Spanish mackerel permit will be required to submit a completed logbook with the designated catch, effort and location information for every trip where these species were landed. The data must be recorded and submitted on a logbook provided by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Logbooks must be submitted no later than 7 days after the end of the fishing trip. If a vessel did not fish for or catch king or Spanish mackerel during a calendar month, a reporting stating that no fishing occurred during the month must be submitted.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0016.

Form Number: NOAA 88-186.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individual or households, business or other for-profit (commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,870.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 to 10 minute.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 5,717 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No cost to the public other than the time required to complete the logbook. The forms are provided, along

with self-addressed, postage-paid envelopes.

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: December 17, 1996.

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

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on January 13-16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, 1102 South Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, Texas; telephone: 512-883-5731.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

January 15

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Receive public testimony on Texas Cooperative Shrimp Closure and Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Red Snapper and Vermilion Snapper.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Reconvene to continue public testimony on TACs for Red Snapper and Vermilion Snapper.

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION).

January 16

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Receive Enforcement Reports.

12:00 noon - 12:20 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Other Business to be discussed.

Committees

January 13

12:00 noon - 4:30 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee. The committee will hear scientific reports on the cooperative shrimp closure with Texas and determine the areal extent of the closure for the 1997-98 fishing season. They will review similar closures of adjoining Mexican waters and discuss cooperation for initiating these annual closures. The committee will hear reports on Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) review of Draft Shrimp Amendment 9 and review of statisticians recommendations for computing estimates of bycatch of red snapper using a general linear model.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION).

January 14

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee. The committees will hear stock assessment reports for red snapper, vermilion snapper, and amberjack. They will review the recommendations of a scientific stock assessment panel and socioeconomic panel on acceptable biological catch (ABC) and on TAC for these stocks as well as the recommendations of the SSC and Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP). The committee will develop their

recommendations to the Council on TAC, bag limits, and commercial quotas for red snapper and vermilion snapper, and management actions for the other stocks. The committee will review recommendations of the SSC, Socioeconomic Panel and AP on management alternatives for a license limitation system for the commercial red snapper fishery which will be included in Draft Reef Fish Amendment 15.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by January 6, 1997.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Grant Recipient Survey for the Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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