

with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

Primary Application Certification: all primary applicants must submit a completed form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided:

1. **Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension.** Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

2. **Drug-Free Workplace.** Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies.

3. **Anti-Lobbying.** Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater.

4. **Anti-Lobbying Disclosure.** Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

5. **Lower-Tier Certifications.** Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

Preaward Activities: Applicants who incur any costs prior to an award being made do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that may have been provided, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover preaward costs.

No obligation for Future Funding: If an application is accepted for funding, NIST has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of NIST.

Past Performance: Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

Name Check Reviews: All for-profit and nonprofit applicants will be subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management, honesty, or financial integrity.

False Statements: A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Delinquent Federal Debts: No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

1. The delinquent account is paid in full,
2. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
3. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

Purchase of American-Made Equipment and Products: Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

Indirect Costs: The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Federal Policies and Procedures: Awards under the MSEL Grants Research Program shall be subject to all Federal laws and Federal and

Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to financial assistance awards. The MSEL Grants Program does not directly affect any state or local government. Accordingly, the Department of Commerce has determined that Executive Order 12372 is not applicable to the MSEL Grants Program.

This funding notice has been determined not to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Regulations for Deep Seabed Mining Commercial Recovery

ACTION: 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 James P. Lawless, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, SSMC-4, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (telephone 301-713-3155, ext. 194).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 96-283, the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act, authorizes the Administrator of NOAA to permits to eligible U.S. citizen applicants for the commercial recovery of deep seabed mineral resources. Information must be submitted as part of a permit application so that NOAA can determine if statutory requirements for

eligibility are met. Permit holders are required to do environmental monitoring and to submit reports to allow NOAA to track activities and their impact on the environment. As of this time no permit applications have ever been received.

II. Method of Collection

The requirements are contained in 15 CFR 971. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0170.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 0.

Estimated Time Per Response: No estimates have yet been made. No applications or reports have been received and none are expected during the period of the OMB clearance being requested.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1 hour (no actual burden is expected, but one hour is being requested for book-keeping purposes)

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$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: May 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052198C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels will hold three work sessions which are open to the public.

DATES: The Blackgill/Chilipepper Review Panel and the Pacific Ocean Perch/Black Rockfish Review Panel meetings will meet concurrently, beginning at 1:00 p.m., June 15 and continue until 12:00 Noon on June 19 or as necessary to complete business. The Sablefish/Shortspine Thornyhead Review Panel will begin at 8:00 a.m., July 6 and continue until 5:00 p.m. on July 10, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The Blackgill/Chilipepper Review Panel and the Pacific Ocean Perch/Black Rockfish Review Panel meetings will be held in the Library Building at the Evergreen State College, 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, Olympia, WA 98505. The Blackgill/Chilipepper Review Panel will meet in Room 1600 of the Library Building and the Pacific Ocean Perch/Black Rockfish Review Panel will meet in Room 1612 of the Library Building. The Sablefish/Shortspine Thornyhead Review Panel meeting will be held in the Library Seminar Room, The Guinn Library, Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive, 909 Bldg., Newport, OR 97365.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meetings is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these Panels for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 27, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052798A]

South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee; Joint Mackerel Committee and Advisory Panel; Marine Reserves Workshop; Personnel Committee (Closed Session); Marine Reserves Workshop; Marine Reserves Committee Meeting; Advisory Panel Selection Committee (Closed Session); Public hearings; Golden Crab Committee and Advisory Panel; Dolphin/Wahoo Committee; Bluefish Committee; and a Council Session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from June 15-19, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Ponce de Leon Conference Resort, 4000 US Hwy 1 North, St. Augustine, FL; telephone: (904) 824-2821.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov