

given to the needs and views of manufacturers, the public, and State and local governments. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal of these FIPS must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal of these FIPS should be sent to: Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 17 FIPS, Mail Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov.

Information about the FIPS is available on the NIST web pages: <http://www.itl.nist.gov/fipspubs/index.htm>.

Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically at <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, MS 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 or via e-mail at shirley.radack@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Public Law 104-113, to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, there no longer is a need for FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards.

The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series:

- FIPS 8-6, Metropolitan Areas (Including MSAs, CMSAs, PMSAs, and NECMAs)
- FIPS 9-1, Congressional Districts of the U.S.
- FIPS 31, Guidelines for Automatic Data Processing Physical Security and Risk Management
- FIPS 48, Guidelines on Evaluation of Techniques for Automated Personal Identification
- FIPS 55-3, Codes for Named Populated Places, Primary County Divisions, and Other Locational Entities of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Outlying Areas
- FIPS 66, Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes
- FIPS 73, Guidelines for Security of Computer Applications
- FIPS 83, Guideline on User Authentication Techniques for Computer Network Access Control
- FIPS 87, Guidelines for ADP Contingency Planning

FIPS 92, Guideline for Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Codes

FIPS 95-2, Codes for the Identification of Federal and Federally Assisted Organizations

FIPS 102, Guideline for Computer Security Certification and Accreditation

FIPS 112, Password Usage

FIPS 127-2, Database Language SQL (ANSI X3.135-1992)

FIPS 159, Detail Specification for 62.5-um Core Diameter/125-um Cladding Diameter Class 1A Multimode, Graded-index Optical Waveguide Fibers

FIPS 171, Key Management Using ANSI X9.17

FIPS 173-1, Spatial Data Transfer Standard.

The FIPS are being proposed for withdrawal because they are obsolete, or have not been updated to adopt current voluntary industry standards, current federal data standards, or current good practices for computer security. Withdrawal of these FIPS does not lessen agency responsibilities to use current voluntary industry standards and available good practices in their acquisition and management activities. The Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Division E of Public Law 104-106) and Executive Order 13011 emphasize agency management of information technology and Government-wide interagency support activities to improve productivity, security, interoperability, and coordination of Government resources.

Withdrawal means that these FIPS would no longer be part of a subscription service that is provided by the National Technical Information Service. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods, and will keep references to the withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS Web pages.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce, pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

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

Dated: February 26, 2003.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, March 18, 2003, from 8:25 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 19, 2003, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of 14 members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a NIST update; an update on NIST Customer Liaison Function/Industrial Liaison Office, Measuring NIST's Economic Impacts, a Homeland Security update, laboratory tours of Homeland Security projects, Science and Technology in the FY 2004 Budget: Congressional and Administration Priorities and Implications of Congressional and Administration Science and Technology Priorities for NIST. Discussions scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. and to end at 5 p.m. on March 18, 2003, and to begin at 9 a.m. and to end at noon on March 19, 2003, on the NIST budget, planning information and feedback sessions will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. Final agenda will be posted on Web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address

and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, March 13, 2003, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's e-mail address is *carolyn.peters@nist.gov* and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene March 18, 2003, at 8:25 a.m. and will adjourn at noon on March 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 25, 2003, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022603A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Mandatory Vessel Owner Economic Data Collection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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 May 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *dHynek@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Michael Travis, Department of Commerce, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2439, (727) 570-5335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA proposes to collect census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery (Exclusive Economic Zone only) to conduct economic analyses that will improve fishery management decision-making in that fishery; satisfy NOAA's legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the National Marine Fisheries Service Strategic Operating Plans. Used in conjunction with landings and price data already being collected in this fishery as part of the dealer reporting program, and economic data to be collected under a voluntary program (implementation of which is expected later this year), this data will be used to properly describe the fishery and its operations. The collected information will also help to assess how fishermen will be impacted by and respond to any regulation likely to be considered by fishery managers. In addition, this data will be used to determine how fishing communities will be impacted by proposed fishing regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The vessel and gear characterization form will be mailed to all vessel owners who either currently have or who apply for Gulf of Mexico federal shrimp permits. Vessel owners will be asked for information about the nature and extent of their operations in the Gulf shrimp fishery, as well the types of electronic equipment and gear they use to conduct this fishery. Submission of a completed

vessel and gear characterization form would be mandatory.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,250.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,750.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0. (Costs exclude valuation of respondents' time.)

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: February 25, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022603B]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota Referendum Data Collection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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