

reducing discards that meet the NAFO size standards but are below the domestic minimum size. Landing the dressed fish, even at sizes less than the domestic minimum size, therefore, would not appear to put the applicant at a competitive advantage over domestic fishers because its processed fish are largely intended for the frozen market currently dominated by foreign interests. This EFP, if granted, would help validate these expectations. This EFP is necessary to allow the vessel to land headed and gutted fish caught within the NAFO Regulatory Area that are below the domestic minimum size due to the dressed condition of the fish. Each trip taken under this EFP are subject to the requirements outlined in this notice and any other condition specified by the National Marine Fisheries Service. If this EFP request is approved, it would be available to the other vessel authorized to participate in the NAFO yellowtail flounder fishery, if the other vessel owner makes such a request and it is approved.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 19, 2018.

**Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit Application from the University of Maryland contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act require publication of this notice to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line "Comments on UMD Jonah crab EFP."
- *Mail:* Michael Pentony, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on UMD Jonah Crab EFP."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Hansen, NOAA Affiliate, (978) 281-9225.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The University of Maryland (UMD) submitted a complete application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on September 5, 2018, to conduct fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This project is intended to gain a better understanding of Jonah crab male size at maturity. This study is funded through the NOAA Educational Partnership Program's Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center. UMD is requesting exemptions from the following Federal lobster regulation:

1. Gear specification requirements in 50 CFR 697.21(c) to allow for closed escape vents;

If the EFP is approved, this study would take place from November 2018 through November 2019. The participating vessel would deploy no more than eight ventless traps at one time in Lobster Conservation Management Area (LCMA) 2. Maps depicting these areas are available on request. Researchers will deploy traps in trawls, compliant with the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan. Modifications to a standard lobster trap would include a closed escape vent, a smaller wire mesh size, and a smaller entrance head. Each experimental trap will have the participating fisherman's

identification attached. Investigators intend to collect up to 150 crabs. Jonah crab retrieved from the modified traps would be collected and sent to the UMD lab for analysis. The exemption is needed to ensure investigators obtain a broad size distribution of Jonah crabs.

Currently, there are no Federal regulations for Jonah crab. We are preparing a proposed rule to establish Federal regulations for the Jonah crab fishery which will likely include a minimum size. We anticipate that final rulemaking will occur before this project is complete. To ensure that there is no disruption to research activities, we intend to modify the exemptions granted to this study to include exemption from the minimum size so that crabs smaller than the minimum size can be analyzed. We would solicit comment on this additional exemption in the Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. We may grant EFP modifications and extensions without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. The EFP would prohibit any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activities.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 19, 2018.

**Margo B. Schulze-Haugen,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric

#### Administration Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the NOAA performance review board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA announces the appointment of members who will serve on the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Level (SL), and Scientific and Professional

(ST) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses, and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of two (2) years.

**DATES:** The effective date of service of the ten appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 30, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

James Triem, Director, Executive Resources Division, Workforce Management Office, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 628-1882.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The names and positions of the members for the 2018 NOAA PRB are set forth below:

- *Christopher Cartwright*, Chair: Director, Budget Office, Office of the Chief Financial Officer
- *Irene Parker*, Vice-Chair: Assistant Chief Information Officer, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service
- *Gordon T. Alston*: Office of the Director, Financial Reporting And Internal Controls, Office of the Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration
- *Sivaraj Shyam-Sunder*: Senior Science Advisor, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- *Albert B. Spencer*: Chief Engineer, National Weather Service
- *Deborah H. Lee*: Director, Office of Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research
- *Mary S. Wohlgemuth*: Director, National Center for Environmental Information, National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service
- *Donna Wieting*: Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service
- *John S. Luce, Jr.*: General Counsel, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- *Julie Roberts*: Director of Communications, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dated: August 24, 2018.

**Tim Gallaudet,**

*RDML, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-OS-0040]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

**ACTION:** 30-Day information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer, Docket ID number, and title of the information collection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fred Licari, 571-372-0493, or [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB*

*Number:* DOD Educational Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Annual Application; DD Form 2475; OMB Control Number 0704-0152.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement with change.

*Number of Respondents:* 44,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 44,000.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 7,333.

*Needs and Uses:* This information provides the Armed Services with the necessary data regarding outstanding student loan(s) of its Service Members. The DD Form 2475 is the method of collecting and verifying Service Member student loan data and enables the Department to pay on the student loan(s) based on the terms outlined in the Service Member's contract. The DD Form 2475 is considered the official request for obtaining payment on Service Member's student loan(s).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket

ID number and title, by the following method:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number, and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick Licari.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at [whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil](mailto:whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil).

Dated: September 19, 2018.

**Shelly E. Finke,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-OS-0060]

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

**ACTION:** Information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 23, 2018.