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Due to the large number of surveys in the CIR program, for clearance purposes we group the surveys into three Waves. The mandatory and voluntary surveys in each Wave are separately submitted. Thus, a total of six clearances cover all of the surveys in the CIR program. One Wave is submitted for reclearance each year. This year the Census Bureau plans to submit mandatory and voluntary surveys of Wave I for clearance. The surveys in Wave I are as follows:

Mandatory Surveys

M2OH—Fats and Oils (Warehouse Stocks)
M20M—Fats and Oils (Consumers)
M20N—Fats and Oils (Producers)
MA28F—Paints and Allied Products
MA32C—Refractories
MA33A—Iron and Steel Foundries
MA33E—Nonferrous Casting
MA34K—Steel Drums and Pails
MA35A—Farm Machinery
MA35M—Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Equipment

MA35Q—Anti-Friction Bearings
MA36A—Switchgear, Relays, Etc.
MA36F—Major Household Appliances
MA36H—Motors and Generators
MA36K—Wiring Devices and Supplies
MA36P—Communication Equipment
MA37D—Aerospace (will be merged with M37G)
MA38B—Instruments and Related Products

Voluntary Surveys

M37G—Civil Aircraft and Engines (MA37D will be merged with M37G)
M37L—Truck Trailers
MA35N—Fluid Power Products
MQ22D—Consumption on the Woolen System
MQ28B—Fertilizer Materials
MQ32D—Clay Construction Products
MQ34E—Plumbing Fixtures
MQ36B—Electric Lamps (discontinued in 1994)
MQ36C—Fluorescent Lamp Ballasts

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. We ask respondents to return monthly report forms within 10 days, quarterly report forms within 15 days, and annual report forms within 30 days of the

initial mailing. Telephone calls and/or letters encouraging participation will be mailed to respondents that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0392—Mandatory Surveys; 0607-0393—Voluntary Surveys and annual counterparts.

Form Number: See table above.

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Businesses, Other for Profit, or Organizations.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS

Mandatory Surveys	11,429
Voluntary Surveys	1,735
Total	13,164

Estimated Time Per Response:
Mandatory Surveys—1.27 hrs
Voluntary Surveys—1.86 hrs

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS

Mandatory Surveys	14,493
Voluntary Surveys	3,233
Total	17,726

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimated cost of the CIR program for fiscal year 1997 is \$4.3 million.

Respondent's Obligation: The CIR program includes both mandatory and voluntary surveys. Typically the monthly and quarterly surveys are conducted on a voluntary basis. Those companies that choose not to respond to the voluntary surveys are required to submit a mandatory annual counterpart. The annual counterpart collects annual data from those firms not participating in the more frequent collection.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Sections 61, 131, 182, 224, and 225.

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 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.

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Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Panel on Atlantic Pelagic Longline Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS solicits nominations for the Atlantic pelagics longline advisory panel (AP). The purpose of the AP would be to assist NMFS in the design and implementation of a survey, workshops, and a comprehensive management system for pelagic longline fisheries. The AP will include representatives from all constituent groups with an interest in Atlantic pelagic longline fisheries.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before March 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted Rebecca Lent, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Nominations may be submitted by fax; 301-713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kelly, 301-713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, an Advisory Panel (AP) will be established to assist NMFS in the design and implementation of a survey, workshops, and a comprehensive management system for pelagic longlining fishing vessels that participate in fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS).

The purpose of the AP is to assist in developing a comprehensive management system for pelagic longline

fishing vessels that participate in HMS fisheries. Surveys and workshops will be conducted by NMFS personnel and/or contractors with affected fishery participants, in order to provide information and identify options for the development of the management system. NMFS, in consultation with the AP, will develop a plan to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing a comprehensive management system.

Procedures and Guidelines

A. Procedures for Establishing the Advisory Panel.

Individuals representing definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental and quasi-governmental entities will be considered as members of the AP. Selection of AP members will not be limited to those that are nominated.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. The nomination should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of their interest in or connection with HMS and the pelagic longline fishery in particular;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP.

B. Participants.

The AP shall consist of not less than seven (7) members who are knowledgeable about the Atlantic pelagic longline fishery. Nominations will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community. NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a group that as a whole reflects an appropriate balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the AP. Criteria for membership include (one or more of the following): a) Experience in or knowledge of the commercial longline fishing industry involved in harvesting tunas, swordfish, or sharks; b) experience in or knowledge of the recreational fishing industry involved in harvesting HMS; c) experience in connected industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops, processors); d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; e) former or current representative of private, regional, state, national, or

international organization representing marine fisheries interests dealing with HMS.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the AP. However, we will be unable to compensate participants with monetary support of any kind because no funds were appropriated to support this activity in fiscal year 1997. Members will be expected to pay for travel costs related to the AP.

C. Tentative Schedule.

Meetings of the AP will be held twice or thrice yearly. NMFS, in consultation with the AP, will develop by June 1997, a plan to conduct workshops/surveys and results of these workshops and surveys will be published by December 1997. A plan to conduct a feasibility study of the comprehensive management plan will be developed by July 1997 and the final study will be published and distributed by January 1998. NMFS has initially determined that the responsibilities of the AP members will be concluded by October 1998, as management advisory responsibilities will be carried out by other AP's for swordfish, sharks, billfish, and tunas. These AP's will consider any comprehensive management plan that is developed in consultation with this longline AP.

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Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; Request for Nominations of Individuals for the Ecosystem Research Advisory Panel

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

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: Section 406 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires NMFS to establish an advisory panel to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities. NMFS requests nominations of qualified individuals to serve on the advisory panel.

DATES: Nominations will be accepted through March 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ATTN: Fisheries Ecosystem Panel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ned Cyr, NMFS, (301) 713-2363.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 406 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-297), requires NMFS to establish an advisory panel, not later than April 11, 1997, to develop recommendations to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management activities. The panel will consist of no more than 20 individuals with expertise in the structures, functions, and physical and biological characteristics of ecosystems. The panel will also consist of representatives from the Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, fishing industry, conservation organizations, or others with expertise in the management of marine resources. The panel will be required to submit a report to Congress by October 11, 1998, which includes: An analysis of the extent to which ecosystem principles are being applied in fishery conservation and management activities, including research activities; proposed actions by the Secretary of Commerce and by Congress that should be undertaken to expand the application of ecosystem principles in fishery conservation and management; and such other information as may be appropriate.

NMFS is requesting nominations of qualified individuals to serve as advisory panel members. Please submit nominations of qualified individuals, along with supporting credentials, to NMFS (see ADDRESSES).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Technology Innovation Challenge Grants

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of proposed selection criteria, selection procedures, and application procedures.

SUMMARY: The Secretary proposes selection criteria, procedures for