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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Statement of Financial Interests (for Use by Members and Executive Directors of Regional Fishery Management Councils)

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 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 Richard Surdi, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 14618, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, 301-713-2337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act authorizes the establishment of Regional Fishery Management Councils to exercise sound judgment in the stewardship of fishery resources through the preparation, monitoring, and revision of such plans under circumstances (a) which will enable the States, the fishing industry, consumer and environmental organizations, and other interested persons to participate in, and advise on, the establishment and administration of such plans, and (b) which take into account the social and economic needs of the States. Section 302(j) of the Act, requires that Council members and Executive Directors disclose their financial interests in any

harvesting, processing, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction.

A member required to disclose a financial interest shall not vote on a Council decision which would have a significant and predictable effect on such financial interest. A Council decision shall be considered to have a significant and predictable effect on a financial interest if there is a close causal link between the Council decision and an expected and substantially disproportionate benefit to the financial interest of the affected individual relative to the financial interest of other participants in the same gear type or sector of the fishery. An affected individual who may not vote may participate in Council deliberations relating to the decision after notifying the Council of the voting recusal and identifying the financial interest that would be affected.

II. Method of Collection

The disclosure of financial interest and recusal of a nominee by the Governor of a State shall be made before appointment by the Secretary. Members appointed by the Secretary must make disclosure within 45 days of taking office. Members must update his/her disclosure form at any time any such financial interest is acquired or substantially changed.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0192.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-195.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 196.

Estimated Time Per Response: 35 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 114.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No capital expenditures required.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Request for Restoration Ideas, New Bedford Harbor

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 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 Jack Terrill, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, 978-281-9136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), state and Federal natural resource trustees are responsible for the restoration of natural resources injured by releases of hazardous substances, including polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), in the New Bedford Massachusetts Harbor environment. The

New Bedford Harbor Trustee Council has been established to plan, implement, and oversee restoration activities using monies resulting from settlement with the parties responsible for the releases. Acting on behalf of state and Federal interests and with powers from federal and state hazardous waste laws, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, the U.S. Department of the Interior (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), and the U.S. Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service) developed a restoration program for the New Bedford Harbor environment.

This information collection establishes a universe of acceptable restoration projects and provides an opportunity for the public to formally suggest restoration ideas which the Trustee Council could undertake. Each restoration idea is evaluated and ranked by applying a point score based upon the importance of the particular criteria and how well the project meets that criteria. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the scores will be tallied and preferred alternatives will be recommended to the Trustee Council. All alternatives will be subject to public review through hearings and comment periods. Public comment will be considered by the Trustees who will make final recommendations. The Trustees final recommendations will be forwarded to the U.S. District Court for approval. If approval is received, the Trustees will implement individual projects.

II. Method of Collection

Forms have been designed to assist the respondents in describing their restoration idea and how it meets the Trustee Council's established criteria. The form and instructions are available upon request. Completed forms may be submitted either in writing or electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0302.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business and other for-profit, not for profit institutions, Federal government, and state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No capital expenditures required.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Southeast Region Vessel Identification Requirements

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 1998.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Edward E. Burgess, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL, 33702, 813-570-5326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. As part of its efforts to enforce fishery regulations, NOAA has included in some of those regulations a requirement that fishing vessels display the vessel's official number in a specific way. The display of the number assists law enforcement officials in monitoring fishing and other activities and to ascertain whether the vessel is participating in activities authorized for that vessel.

NOAA has previously received Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for all of its vessel-identification requirements under one Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number, 0648-0306, but for internal management reasons NOAA intends that future clearances will be obtained on a regional or fishery basis. This notice is for the requirements imposed in the Southeast Region for the following fisheries: coastal migratory pelagics; Columbian waters; coral; spiny lobster; reef fish; rock shrimp; shrimp; snapper-grouper; golden crab; and stone crab.

II. Method of Collection

The vessel's official number must be displayed in a specified size on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse and on a weather deck.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of 3 specified locations).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,250.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$210,000.

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