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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 9, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Lindsey Feldman, (978) 675-2179 or Lindsey.Feldman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Under this stewardship role, the Secretary was given certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of these resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect data from users of the resource. Thus, as regional Fishery Management Councils develop specific Fishery Management Plans (FMP), the Secretary has promulgated rules for the issuance and use of a vessel Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system, a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), and vessel logbooks (VTR) to obtain fishery-dependent data to monitor, evaluate, and enforce fishery regulations.

Fishing vessels permitted to participate in Federally-permitted fisheries in the Northeast are required to submit logbooks containing catch and effort information about their fishing trips. Permitted vessels that catch halibut are also asked to voluntarily provide additional information on the estimated size of the fish and the time of day caught through vessel logbooks. Participants in the herring, tilefish, and red crab fisheries are also required to

make weekly reports on their catch through IVR. In addition, vessels fishing under a days-at sea (DAS) management system can use the IVR system to request a DAS credit when they have canceled a trip for unforeseen circumstances. The information submitted is needed for the management of the fisheries.

This revision/renewal removes the VMS requirement for Northeast multispecies permit holders participating in the special access programs (SAPs), the Category B (regular) Days-at-Sea (DAS) program, and fishing in the United States/Canada Resource Sharing Understanding Area to avoid duplication, as this information collection is approved under another collection (0648-0605).

II. Method of Collection

Most information is submitted on paper forms, although electronic means may be arranged. Vessels are permitted to submit 'did not fish' vessel logbooks electronically through their Fish-On-Line accounts. In addition, some vessels are participating in a pilot electronic vessel trip reporting system (EVTR). In the herring, tilefish, and red crab fisheries vessel owners or operators must provide weekly catch information to an IVR system. In the NE Multispecies fishery, vessel owners or operators must declare catch and discards of groundfish species of concern through VMS for all trips.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0212.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 88-30 and 88-40.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,721.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes per Fishing Vessel Trip Report (FVTR); 12.5 minutes per response for the Shellfish Log; 4 minutes for a herring or red crab report to the IVR system; 2 minutes for a tilefish report to the IVR system; 30 seconds for voluntary additional halibut information; and 5 minutes for each DAS credit request.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15,227.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$75,814.

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: August 3, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Interagency Electronic Reporting System (IERS)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a current information collection.

eLandings and seaLandings are data entry components of the Alaska Interagency Electronic Reporting System (IERS) which is a collaborative program run by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Regional Office, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), and the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC). eLandings and seaLandings provide the Alaska fishing industry with a consolidated electronic means of reporting production and landings of commercial fish and shellfish to multiple management agencies with a single reporting system. NMFS collects groundfish harvest and production data for Fishery Management Plan species in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). ADF&G collects harvest data for groundfish species taken in the State of Alaska waters, and has responsibility for some fisheries in the EEZ, such as lingcod and black rockfish. ADF&G and NMFS cooperatively manage the Crab Rationalization Program (CR) fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area. NMFS and IPHC cooperatively manage Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) for Pacific halibut and sablefish in both State waters and in the EEZ.

Using the eLandings Web-based application, shoreside processors report groundfish, crab, Pacific halibut, and sablefish production and landings data (<http://www.elandings.alaska.gov>). Processors with no Web access, such as the at-sea fleet, use eLandings client desktop software named seaLandings, provided by NMFS, and submit landing reports as email attachments. Once data are entered and submitted, the User daily must print onsite through eLandings each landing report, production report, and if an IFQ delivery, each IFQ receipt. The parties to the information must acknowledge the accuracy of the printed reports by signing them and entering date signed. In addition, the User must make the printed copies available upon request of NMFS observers and authorized officers.

Some of the benefits of IERS include: improved data quality, automated processing of data, improved process for correcting or updating information, availability of more timely data for fishery managers, and reduction of duplicative reporting of similar information to multiple agencies.

II. Method of Collection

Methods of submittal include online and email. Clients with no Web access, such as the at-sea fleet, use seaLandings client desktop software and submit landing reports as email attachments. The vessels use satellite communications which may or may not include telephone, Internet, text messaging, email, and email attachment capabilities.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0515.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 272.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes for eLandings processor registration; 35 minutes for eLandings landing report; 35 minutes for backup manual eLandings report; 35 minutes for eLandings production report; 15 minutes for electronic logbook (eLog) registration; and 41 minutes for active response and 5 minutes for inactive response for longline or pot gear catcher/processor eLog.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 23,610.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$11,212.

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.

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Dated: August 3, 2012.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Oversight Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Providence, 139 Mathewson Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone: (401) 861–8000; fax: (401) 454–4306.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: There are three topics related to adverse effects and Dedicated Habitat Research Areas (DHRA) for Habitat Committee consideration at this meeting. First, the Committee will review updated DHRA recommendations from the Habitat Plan Development Team (PDT) and provide feedback to the PDT for further work. Next, the Committee will discuss PDT recommendations regarding ground cable length options. Finally, the Committee will review species and area-based 'extra-SASI' materials intended to support decision making related to adverse effects minimization and DHRA alternatives, and provide any feedback as to how this information can be made more useful.

There are three topics related to deep-sea corals for Habitat Committee consideration at this meeting. First, the