

(3) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of Commerce has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce.

(4) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding debt until either:

a. The delinquent account is paid in full;

b. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or

c. Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

(5) All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying". Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F "Government wide Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on the use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions;" and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000 and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000 or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater". Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28. Appendix B.

(6) Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion—Lower Tier Covered Transaction and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be submitted to the

Department. Form LLL submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to the Department in accordance with instructions contained in the award document.

(7) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(8) All recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards. For-profit organizations shall be subject to OMB Circular A-110 and 48 CFR part 31.

(9) All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(10) Recipients are subject to the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. sec. 1517 as implemented by 41 CFR sec. 301-3.6).

(11) Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" does not apply to this program.

(12) Paperwork Reduction Act does apply to this program. This document involves collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

Dated: January 14, 1998.

E. Vivian Spathopoulos,
*Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia-NIS
Program Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Archival Tag Recovery; 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 March 23, 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 Christopher Rogers, F/SF1, Station 14709, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (301-713-2347).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

To investigate the migratory patterns of Atlantic bluefin tuna, a program has been undertaken to implant archival tags in selected tuna. In the event a fish with an archival tag is captured, applicable regulations could require its immediate release under certain conditions. In order to provide for maximum likelihood of data recovery, a regulation is being issued to exempt the harvest of fish with archival tags from other applicable requirements. Persons that harvest a tuna containing a tag must provide certain information about the tuna (size, weight, location, etc.). This collection was initially approved under emergency clearance procedures; this notice invites comments on plans to submit a regular clearance request to extend that approval for three years.

In addition to those approved requirements, NOAA also proposes a requirement that persons conducting research with archival tags register and report on their activities.

II. Method of Collection

Fishermen catching tagged bluefin tuna call a toll-free telephone number. They are then directed to remove the tag and to mail it to a specified address. A

reward is given for tag recoveries. Archival tag researchers would submit registration and reporting information in accordance with regulatory requirements.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0338.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 23.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 13.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None.

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: January 2, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011298B]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will

convene a meeting of its Snapper Grouper Assessment Group.

DATES: The meeting will convene on February 4, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m.; reconvene on February 5, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and, on February 6, 1998, reconvene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2001 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 803-571-1000.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 1 Southpark Circle, Southpark Building, Suite 306, Charleston, South Carolina 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings will be held to:

1. Review wreckfish landings and make recommendations to the Council for setting the 1998/99 wreckfish framework actions, including total allowable catch;
2. Review Special Management Zone requests received by the Council;
3. Refine appropriate criteria for developing marine fishery reserves based on the Plan Development Team report;
4. Review the revised *Oculina* research plan;
5. Determine the current status of the snapper grouper species, as well as project the change in this status that will result from regulations in Snapper Grouper Amendment 9; and,
6. Develop recommendations on information prepared by Council staff concerning new definitions for overfishing, optimum yield (OY) and maximum sustainable yield (MSY) levels or spawning potential ratio proxies for MSY and OY.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Group action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by January 28, 1998.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011298A]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on February 9, 1998 through February 12, 1998. The Council will meet on Wednesday, February 11, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and reconvene on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., and adjourn at approximately noon. The Administrative Committee will meet on Monday, February 9, 1998, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; telephone: 809-776-8500.

Council address: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926; fax: (787) 766-6239.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miguel A. Rolon, Council Executive Director, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 93rd regular public meeting to discuss the draft Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for Corals and Reef Associated Plants and Invertebrates of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands that would establish a Marine Conservation District (MCD). The Council will consider establishment of a proposed "no-take" MCD in the EEZ due south of St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. The Administrative Committee will discuss the results of the CY 96 audit; the CY 98 budget; Scientific and Statistical Committee/Advisory Panel membership, and other administrative matters. Following adjournment of the Administrative Committee's public meeting, the Committee will convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters.