No domestic interested party in the sunset review of this suspended investigation responded to the notice of initiation by the December 18, 2001, deadline (see section 351.218(d)(1)(i) of Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 63 FR 13520 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations")).

#### **Determination To Terminate**

Pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(A) of the Act and § 351.218(d)(1)(iii)(B)(3) of the *Sunset Regulations,* if no domestic interested party responds to the notice of initiation, the Department will issue a final determination, within 90 days after the initiation of the review, terminating the suspended investigation. Because no domestic interested party responded to the notice of initiation by the applicable deadline, December 18, 2001, we are terminating the suspended antidumping investigation of sodium azide from Japan.

#### **Effective Date of Termination**

The termination of the suspended investigation is effective as to all entries, or withdrawals from warehouse, of the subject merchandise on or after January 7, 2002.

Dated: January 4, 2002. Bernard T. Carreau, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration. [FR Doc. 02–767 Filed 1–10–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–25–P

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### [I.D. 010802A]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fishing Capacity Reduction Program Buyback Requests

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). **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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Michael A. Sturtevant, National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division, Room 13334, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301–713–2390). **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 

#### OPPLEMENTARY INFORMA

## I. Abstract

NOAA has established a program to reduce excess fishing capacity by paying fishermen to (1) surrender their fishing permits or (2) both, surrender their permits and either scrap their vessels or restrict vessel titles to prevent fishing. Buybacks can be funded by a Federal loan to the industry or by direct Federal or other funding. Depending upon the type of buyback involved, the program can entail the submission of buyback requests by industry, the submission of bids, referenda if fishery participants, and reporting of the collection of fees to repay a Federal loan. For buybacks involving State-managed fisheries, the State may need to develop the buyback plan and comply with other information requirements.

In its request for renewed Paperwork Reduction Act approval NOAA will also request the merger of referenda requirements currently approved under 0648–0413 and the addition of a provision that would allow the public 30 days to advise of any holder or owner claims that conflict with accepted bidders' representations about reduction permit ownership or reduction vessel ownership.

#### **II. Method of Collection**

Paper forms or submission are primarily used.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0376.

Form Number: None. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Business or other forprofit organizations; individuals or busiched as and State Local and Tribal

households; and State, Local, or Tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 1,272.

*Estimated Time Per Response*: 6,634 hours for a business plan, 4 hours for a referenda vote, 4 hours for an invitation to bid, 10 minutes to submit a fish ticket, 2 hours for a monthly buyer report, 4 hours for an annual buyer report, 2 hours for a seller/buyer report, 270 hours for a state approval of plans and amendments to state fishery management plan, and 1 hour for advising of any holder or owner claims that conflict with accepted bidders' representations about reduction permit ownership or reduction vessel ownership.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 37,119.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$6,000.

## **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 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 4, 2002.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer. [FR Doc. 02–777 Filed 1–10–02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–22–S

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### [I.D. 010702A]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Observer Notification Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). **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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)). **DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers at the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by e-mail at

christopher.rogers@noaa.gov or phone at 301–713–2347.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

Under current regulations NMFS may select for observer coverage any fishing trip by a vessel that has a permit for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS). NMFS will advise vessel owners in writing when their vessels have been selected. The owners of those vessels are then required to notify NMFS before commencing any fishing trip for Atlantic HMS. Such notification allows NMFS to arrange for observer placements and assignments. The estimated number of responses exceeds the number of respondents due to multiple trips taken within a particular season.

### II. Method of Collection

Notification can be made by phone, fax, or letter.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0374.

Form Number: None.

*Type of Review*: Regular submission. *Affected Public*: Business or other forprofit organizations; individuals or

households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents*: 212.

*Estimated Time Per Response*: 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours*: 295.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$4,468.

#### **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 4, 2002.

#### Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer. [FR Doc. 02–781 Filed 1–10–02; 8:45 am]

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010702B]

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 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, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, F/ AKR2, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668 (telephone 907–586–7008). SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

As required in the reasonable and prudent measures in the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 biological opinion on the effects of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska pollock, Atka mackerel, and Pacific cod fisheries on the endangered Steller sea lions, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has implemented changes to information collected from fishery participants. Any vessel that is registered for directed fishing for Pacific cod, pollock, and Atka mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska must install a vessel monitoring system (VMS) unit and operate the VMS while directed fishing for each of the species. The VMS unit automatically transmits location information every 20 minutes. NOAA uses the information for determining vessel locations and enforcing the closure of areas of critical habitat. Participants must also fax NOAA a check-in report when a VMS unit has been installed.

## **II. Method of Collection**

The position reports are electronic and automatic. Check-in reports must be faxed.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0445.

*Form Number*: None.

*Type of Review*: Regular submission. *Estimated Number of Respondents*:

539.

*Affected Public*: Business or other forprofit organizations.

*Estimated Time Per Response*: 6 hours to install a VMS, 4 hours per year to maintain a VMS, 5 seconds for an automated position report, and 12 minutes to fax a check-in report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 13,044.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$811,000.

### **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 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