

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via electronic mail at: dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or for copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Efrain Gonzalez, Chief, MBDA Office of Business Development, (202) 482-1940, or via electronic mail at: egonzalez@mbda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Currently, as part of its service delivery programs, MBDA awards cooperative agreements each year. The recipient of each agreement is competitively selected to operate one of the following business centers: (1) Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC); (2) Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC); or (3) Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC) in the geographical service area designated by MBDA under the cooperative agreement. In accordance with the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA), MBDA requires center operators to report client service activities quarterly (Performance Database); to list minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) doing business in the United States (Phoenix Database); and to match those MBEs with opportunities entered in the system by public and private sector entities (Opportunity Database).

II. Method of Collection

Electronic transfer of data.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0640-0002.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; Federal, State, Local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,615.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 to 210 minutes, depending on the function.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 7,802.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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 MBDA, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of MBDA'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: February 9, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XN30

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Committee, in March, 2009, 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 Wednesday, March 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

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: The Committee will review Atlantic Wolffish Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) options as well as review and approve Omnibus Phase 2 Vulnerability Assessment document for submission to the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. The Committee may also consider other topics at their discretion.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 10, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XN29

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 hold meetings of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Standard Operating, Policy and Procedure (SOPPs) Committee, a joint meeting of

its Executive and Finance Committees, Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP) Committee, Golden Crab Committee, Mackerel Committee, Dolphin/Wahoo Committee, Shrimp Committee, SSC Selection Committee (Closed Session), joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committees, Spiny Lobster Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, and a meeting of the full Council.

The Council will also hold a an informal public question and answer session, a public comment period on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan, and may hold a public comment session regarding Interim Rule measures to address overfishing of red snapper if the Council considers an Interim Rule request. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 2–6, 2009. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, 371 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, GA 31527; Telephone: 800/535–9547 or 912/635–2600; Fax 912/635–2818. Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: 843/571–4366 or toll free at 866/SAFMC–10; fax: 843/769–4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates:

1. *Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting: March 2, 2009, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; March 3, 2009, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; March 4, 2009, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., (Concurrent Sessions)*

The SSC will discuss the process for establishing Overfishing Limits and Acceptable Biological Catch levels for assessed stocks, stocks under rebuilding plans, and stocks without assessments.

2. *SOPPs Committee Meeting: March 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.* The SOPPs Committee will review the proposed rule addressing Council SOPPs, receive an update on the status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs and develop changes as necessary.

3. *Joint Executive and Finance Committees Meeting: March 2, 2009, 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.* The Executive Committee and Finance Committee will meet jointly to review the status of the Calendar Year (CY) budget, the status of the Fiscal Year 2009 President's/ Congressional budget, and approve the

CY 2009 budget (if the Council's funding level has been determined by the time of the meeting).

4. *LAPP Committee Meeting: March 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.* The LAPP Committee will receive a summary of a recent meeting with golden crab fishermen, review comments received during public scoping, and provide direction to staff.

NOTE: There will be an informal public question and answer session with NOAA Fisheries Services' Regional Administrator and the Council Chairman on March 2, 2009 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

5. *Golden Crab Committee Meeting: March 3, 2009, 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.* The Golden Crab Committee will receive a summary of a recent meeting with golden crab fishermen, review comments received during public scoping, and provide direction to staff.

6. *King and Spanish Mackerel Committee Meeting: March 3, 2009, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.* The Mackerel Committee will review the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's work schedule regarding mackerel, review comments received during public scoping, and provide direction to staff.

7. *Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Meeting: March 3, 2009, 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.* The Dolphin/Wahoo Committee will review comments received during public scoping and provide direction to staff.

8. *Shrimp Committee Meeting: March 3, 2009, 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.* The Shrimp Committee will review the status of overwintering shrimp, review comments received during public scoping, and provide direction to staff.

9. *SSC Selection Committee Meeting (Closed Session): March 3, 2009, 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.* The SSC Selection Committee will review membership, discuss policy issues and modify as appropriate.

10. *Joint Ecosystem-Based Management Committee and Habitat Committee Meeting: March 4, 2009, 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.* The Ecosystem-Based Committee and Habitat Committee will meet jointly to review public comments, revise the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) as appropriate and recommend the FEP for formal review. The Committees will also review public comments and revise the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 as appropriate. The Committees will review public scoping comments on the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 and provide direction to staff. The Committees will receive a presentation regarding live rock and coral, a report

on the International Coral Symposium, and an update on the South Atlantic Alliance. The Committee will also discuss habitat issues as appropriate.

11. *Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting: March 4, 2009, 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon* The Spiny Lobster Committee will receive a report on the status of the Import Amendment, discuss the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's timing and schedule for Amendment 5 to the Spiny Lobster Fishery Management Plan, review public scoping comments, and provide direction to staff.

12. *Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting: March 4 2009, 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and March 5, 2009, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon.* The Snapper Grouper Committee will receive an update on Oculina Bank monitoring activities, a presentation on the discard mortality of black sea bass, and review a request regarding draft regulations for Gray's Reef Research Area. The Committee will also review Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 and provide direction to staff. The Committee will discuss a possible request for an interim rule to address overfishing for red snapper and provide recommendations to the Council, review scoping comments received on Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 and the Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment, and provide direction to staff.

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12. *Council Session: March 5, 2009, 1:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. and March 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.* Council Session: March 5, 2009, 1:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.

From 1:30 p.m.—1:45 p.m., the Council will call the meeting to order, adopt the agenda, and approve the December 2008 meeting minutes.

From 1:45 p.m.—2:30 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the Snapper Grouper Committee. The Council will provide its decision on submitting a Red Snapper Interim Rule request to the Secretary of Commerce. The Council will also consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate.

Note: A public comment session will be held at 1:45 p.m. regarding an Interim Rule for addressing overfishing of red snapper if the Council considers an Interim Rule request.

From 2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committees, review public comment on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan, consider recommendations from the joint Committees and take action as appropriate. Note: A public comment

session will be held at 2:30 p.m. or immediately following the Snapper Grouper Committee Report regarding the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.

From 3:00 p.m.—3:15 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the SOPPs Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 3:15 p.m.—3:30 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the joint Executive/Finance Committees meeting, approve the CY 2009 budget (as necessary), consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate.

From 3:30 p.m.—3:45 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the LAPP Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 3:45 p.m.—4:00 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Golden Crab Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 4:00 p.m.—4:15 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Mackerel Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 4:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Dolphin/Wahoo Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 4:30 p.m.—4:45 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Shrimp Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 4:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Spiny Lobster Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 5:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m., the Council will review and develop recommendations on Experimental Permit requests as necessary. Council Session: March 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

From 8:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m., the Council will receive status reports from NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center, agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business including upcoming meetings.

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Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

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public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change.

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 February 27, 2009.

Dated: February 10, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education; Overview Information; Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN); Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.200A.

Dates:

Applications Available: February 13, 2009.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 16, 2009.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 15, 2009.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: This program provides fellowships in areas of national need to assist graduate students with excellent academic records who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue the highest degree available in their courses of study at the institution.

Priority: In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), this priority is from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 648.33(a) and Appendix to part 648—Academic Areas).

Absolute Priority: For FY 2009, this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3), we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

Areas of National Need: A project must provide fellowships in one or more of the following areas of national need: Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics, Nursing, Physics, and Educational Assessment, Evaluation, and Research.

Within this absolute priority, the Secretary is particularly interested in applications that address the following invitational priority:

Invitational Priority: Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(1), we do not give an application that meets this invitational priority a competitive or absolute preference over other applications.

This priority is: Educational Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Programs that focus on preparing students at the Master's or Ph.D. level who will be trained in statistics and measurement theory to become psychometricians. These psychometrics programs focus on the principles and procedures for designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating test and other mechanisms used to measure learning, evaluate student progress, and assess the performance of specific teaching tools, strategies and curricula.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1135.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 84, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99. (b) The regulations for this program in 34 CFR Part 648.

II. Award Information

Type of Award: Discretionary grants, redistributed as fellowships to individual fellows.

Estimated Available Funds: We estimate that \$22,773,000 will be available for new awards for this program in FY 2009. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final Congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process if Congress appropriates funds for this program.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$128,628–\$214,380.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: \$213,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 107.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Stipend Level: The Secretary will determine the fellowship stipend for GAANN for the academic year 2009–2010 based on the level of support provided by the graduate fellowships of the National Science Foundation, as of February 1, 2009. However, the Secretary will adjust the amount, as necessary, so as not to exceed the fellow's demonstrated level of financial need as calculated for purposes of the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV, Part F of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Institutional Payment: The Secretary will determine the institutional