

TABLE 1—CURRENT REPRESENTATION ON THE HMS AP BY SECTOR, REGION, AND SPECIES

[Terms that are expiring or for whom current members are stepping down are marked as “Expiring”. NMFS tries to maintain diversity and balance in representation among fishing regions and species]

| Sector | Fishing region | Species | Date appointed | Date term expires | Member status |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Academic | All | Swordfish/Tuna | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Academic | All | Tuna | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Academic | Gulf of Mexico/Southeast | Shark | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Academic | Southeast | Swordfish/HMS | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Commercial | Southeast | Shark | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | All | HMS | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | Northeast | Tuna | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | Gulf of Mexico/Southeast | Swordfish/Tuna | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | Northeast | Tuna | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | Northeast | Tuna | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Commercial | Southeast | Shark | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Commercial | Southeast | Swordfish/Tuna | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Commercial | Northeast | Tuna | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Commercial | Mid-Atlantic | HMS/Shark | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Commercial | Mid-Atlantic | Swordfish/Tuna | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Commercial | Gulf of Mexico | Shark | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Environmental | All | Shark | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Environmental | All | HMS | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Environmental | All | Tuna | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Environmental | All | HMS | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Recreational | All | Billfish | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Recreational | Mid-Atlantic | Shark | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Recreational | Mid-Atlantic | Tuna/Billfish | 1/1/2018 | 12/31/2020 | Active. |
| Recreational | Northeast | Tuna/Shark | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Recreational | Northeast | HMS | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Recreational | Mid-Atlantic | HMS | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Recreational | Southeast | Billfish/HMS | 1/1/2016 | 12/31/2018 | Expiring. |
| Recreational | Northeast | HMS | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Recreational | Mid-Atlantic | Tuna | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Recreational | Mid-Atlantic | HMS | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Recreational | Southeast | Billfish | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |
| Recreational | Gulf of Mexico | HMS | 1/1/2017 | 12/31/2019 | Active. |

The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the HMS AP.

Five additional members on the HMS AP include one member representing each of the following Councils: New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The HMS AP also includes 22 ex-officio participants: 20 representatives of the coastal states and two representatives of the interstate commissions (the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission).

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the HMS AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds, members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the HMS AP meetings.

C. Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the HMS AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely held twice each year—once in the spring, and once in the fall. The meetings may be held in conjunction with public hearings.

Dated: October 3, 2018.

Margo Schulze-Haugen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS)

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 10, 2018.

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 pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Tom Sminkey, Ph.D., National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Hwy./FST1, Rm 12358, Silver Spring, MD 21910, Phone: (301) 427–8177 or Tom.Sminkey@NOAA.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

Marine recreational anglers are surveyed to collect catch and effort data, fish biology data, and angler socioeconomic characteristics. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as amended, regarding conservation and management of fishery resources.

Marine recreational fishing catch and effort data are collected through a combination of mail surveys, telephone surveys and on-site intercept surveys with recreational anglers. Amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) require the development of an improved data collection program for recreational fisheries. To partially meet these requirements, NOAA Fisheries designed and implemented a new Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) in 2013 to ensure better coverage and representation of recreational fishing activity.

The APAIS intercepts marine recreational fishers at public-access sites in coastal counties from Maine to Mississippi and Hawaii to obtain information about the just-completed day's fishing activity. Respondents are asked about the time and type of fishing, the angler's avidity and residence location, and details of any catch of finfish. Species identification, number, and size are collected for any available landed catch. Data collected from the APAIS are used to estimate the catch per angler of recreational saltwater fishers. These APAIS estimates are combined with estimates derived from independent but complementary surveys of fishing effort, the Fishing Effort Survey and the For-Hire Survey, to estimate total, state-level fishing catch, by species, and participation. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected through onsite in-person interviews.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0659.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes for intercepted anglers.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,333.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: October 3, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Community Quota Entity (CQE) Program

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

The Community Quota Entity (CQE) Program provides eligible communities in Alaska the means for starting or supporting commercial fisheries activities that will result in an ongoing, regionally based, fisheries-related economy. Under the Community Quota Entity Program, 46 eligible communities are authorized to form nonprofit entities called CQEs to participate in certain Federal limited access privilege programs.

Under the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) CQE Program, CQEs may purchase commercial halibut and sablefish quota share (QS) for lease to residents of the eligible community. Under the Charter Halibut Limited Access Program, CQEs may request community charter halibut permits (CHPs) for use in southeast Alaska and the central Gulf of Alaska. Under the License Limitation Program (LLP), CQEs may request non-trawl groundfish LLP licenses endorsed for Pacific cod in the central or western Gulf of Alaska.

This information collection contains the applications and reporting requirements for CQEs. This collection contains applications used by a nonprofit corporation to become a CQE; by CQEs to receive nontrawl groundfish LLP licenses and CHP permits; by CQEs to transfer or receive IFQ QS; by CQEs to transfer IFQ to an eligible community resident or non-resident; and by CQEs to transfer between commercial halibut IFQ and halibut guided angler fish (GAF). In addition, this collection contains two reporting requirements: An annual report and an authorization letter. Annually each CQE must submit a report describing its business operations and fishing activities for each eligible community it represents. CQEs requesting LLP groundfish licenses must annually submit an authorization letter that assigns each community LLP license to a user and vessel.