

Standing, Reef Fish, Mackerel, Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) reviewing the Marine Recreational Information Program—Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP—FES).

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 and Thursday, July 9, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT daily.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will take place via webinar; you may register by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2020; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

The workshop will begin with Introductions, Adoption of Agenda and Scope of Work. The Committees will receive presentations and questions on the FES from the National Marine Fisheries Science Center (NMFS). Presentations will include a Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) versus FES Primer—differences in effort survey designs, MRIP catch and effort estimation, characterization of CHTS biases, characterization of FES biases, QA/QC Process; Calibration Process—FES Calibration Model and Methods, comparison of effort calibrations to historical regional population estimates, fishing license numbers, and/or other quantifiable censoring datasets, impacts of calibrations on regional estimates of fishing effort; Post-processing of MRIP estimates—weight estimation procedures, description of MRIP weight estimation method, description of Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) weight estimation method and MRIP vs. SEFSC plots of Gulf king mackerel and gray snapper weight estimates, CHTS to For-Hire Survey (FHS) calibration method and CHTS vs FHS plots for charter estimates of specified Gulf species (Gulf king mackerel and gray snapper). The Committees will also review Operationalizing FES Data—FES estimates as used for quota monitoring and management, data availability and certification, effects of calibration on fishing season duration projections, calibration of historical landings data

and effects on sector allocations, and the effects on IFQ programs.

**Thursday, July 9, 2020; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

The Committees will review case studies on Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel and Gray Snapper; comparison of landings, effort, and discards, pre- and post-FES, treatment of shore mode landings, effort and discards, treatment of outlier/abnormal data points, shifts in projected catch recommendations, pre- and post-FES and the effects of FES calibration of estimated discards.

The Committees will make recommendations to the Council based on the information presented during the workshop, as appropriate.

Lastly, the Committees will discuss any other business items.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the SSC meeting on the calendar.

Time will be afforded following each major Agenda item for a brief question and answer session, during which members of the public may ask questions of the presenters and the Committees.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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

Dated: June 18, 2020.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Greater Atlantic Region Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 6, 2020, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Greater Atlantic Region, Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0491.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 802.

*Average Hours per Response:* Trip exchange request (full & part-time)—15 minutes; Quote transfer application (temporary & permanent)—5 minutes; Cost Recovery—2 hours; Sector Proposals & Operation Plans—125 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 980.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a current information collection. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS manages the Atlantic sea scallop (scallop) fishery through a set of regulations that limit catch of scallops and fishing vessel activity. In addition, regulations limit catch of certain other species of fish in order to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality (bycatch is the catch and discard of species that

are not targeted in the scallop fishery). Finally, the regulations control vessel permitting and the exchange of effort and quota allocations between vessels.

In order to effectively manage these resources, track fishing effort and catch, and to allow vessel owners to exchange fishing trips and quota, NMFS must collect information through the reporting requirements included in this renewal: Access area trip exchange application procedures; Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) transfers; Cost recovery; and IFQ sector program. The collection is being revised to remove Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements to eliminate duplication as these VMS requirements are now collected under the approved OMB Control No. 0648–0202.

#### Access Area Trip Exchange Application

The one-for-one access area trip exchange program provides flexibility to scallop vessels about where they may fish. Participants need to send an access area trip exchange application to NMFS with the following information: Vessel name and permit number, owner name and signature, specification of the areas involved in the exchange. Both vessels involved in the exchange are required to submit forms for cross verification. This measure is expected to provide flexibility to vessels regarding which areas to fish, thereby reducing the possibility of revenue loss to those vessels that are unable to access some distant areas due to vessel capacity constraints.

#### IFQ Transfers

IFQ permit holders can temporarily and/or permanently transfer individual fishing quota from one IFQ vessel to another. Quota transfers are requested through the submission of transfer applications. Required information includes vessel information, quota transfer information, and authorizing signatures from both parties. The IFQ transfer program is entirely optional, and provides greater flexibility for IFQ permit holders by enabling them to increase their vessel's IFQ or for individuals to lease or sell IFQ if they choose not to fish the allocation.

#### Cost Recovery

Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) requires an IFQ cost recovery plan to recover management and enforcement costs for IFQ fisheries. The FMP includes an IFQ cost recovery program, whereby NMFS will collect up to 3% of ex-vessel value of landed product to cover actual costs directly related to enforcement and management of the IFQ program. IFQ permit holders

are required to submit a cost recovery payment annually via a pre-existing Federal payment system called [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov), which is also currently used by the Alaska Region and the Southeast Region. Information submitted via the internet would require the user to establish an online account, including personal and financial information. This requirement is necessary in order to comply with the provisions of the MSA and to collect payments from individuals that have been granted an allocation to a public resource.

#### IFQ Sector Program

The FMP contains provisions that authorize allocation of a portion of the overall IFQ fishery total allowable catch (TAC) to a self-selected group of IFQ permit holders (sector), provided the sector provides adequate information describing the formation of the sector and its intended plan of operations. Individuals or other entities (corporations, cooperatives, etc.) proposing a sector are required to submit a Sector Allocation Proposal and Operations Plan. Any person may submit a Sector Allocation Proposal for a group of limited access general category scallop vessels to the Council, at least 1 year in advance of the start of a sector, and request that the Sector be implemented through a framework procedure specified at § 648.55. A group that wants to form a Sector and receive an allocation is required to submit a legally binding Operations Plan to the Council and the Regional Administrator. The operations plan must be agreed upon and signed by all members of the sector and, if approved, would constitute a contract. This information is necessary to describe the proposed sector and the proposed rules under which the sector would operate. This information is used to determine whether this sector would maintain consistency with the goals and objectives of the FMP.

#### VMS Requirements

Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements are now collected under the approved OMB Control No. 0648–0202 and will not be collected in this renewal.

The collection requirements under OMB Control No. 0648–0491 enable successful implementation and administration of components of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit organizations are primarily affected.

*Frequency:* On occasion, monthly, annually, every three years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.  
*Legal Authority:*

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0491.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m. EDT, Thursday, June 25, 2020.

**PLACE:** Conference call.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission" or "CFTC") will hold this meeting to consider the following matters:

- *Final Rule:* Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests in, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds (Volcker Rule);

- *Final Rule:* Exemption from the Swap Clearing Requirement for Certain Affiliated Entities—Alternative Compliance Frameworks for Anti-Evasionary Measures (Inter-Affiliate Exemption 50.52);

- *Final Rule:* Post-Trade Name Give-Up on Swap Execution Facilities;

- *Proposed Rule:* Margin Requirements for Uncleared Swaps for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants (Phase VI Compliance Date Extension);

- *Proposed Rule:* Electronic Trading Risk Principles; and

- Withdrawal of Regulation AT.

The agenda for this meeting will be available to the public and posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.cftc.gov>. Instructions for public access to the live audio feed of the