

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Amended Trade Mission Application Deadline to the U.S. Environmental Technologies Business Development Mission to IFAT**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA), is organizing a U.S. Environmental Technologies Business Development Mission to IFAT (Internationale Fachausstellung fuer Abwasser Technologie) an environmental technologies trade show in Munich, Germany, from May 13–15, 2024, with an optional program to the Czech Republic and Slovakia from May 8–10, 2024. This notice is to update the prior **Federal Register** notice to reflect that the application deadline is now extended to January 31, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Odum, Global Trade Programs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482–6397 or email Jeffrey.Odum@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Amendment to Revise the Trade Mission Deadline for Submitting Applications.

Background**U.S. Environmental Technologies Business Development Mission to IFAT**

The International Trade Administration has determined that to allow for optimal execution of recruitment, the application deadline has been extended from January 12, 2024, to January 31, 2024. Applications may be accepted after that date if space remains and scheduling constraints permit. Interested U.S. companies and trade associations/organizations that have not already submitted an application are encouraged to do so. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review applications and make selection decisions on a rolling basis in accordance with the 88 FR 69901 (October 10, 2023). The applicants selected will be notified as soon as possible.

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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; Southeast Region Dealer and Interview Family of Forms**

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0013 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dr. David Gloeckner, Supervisory Mathematical Statistician, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Bldg. 1, Miami, FL 33149–1003 (305) 361–4257 or david.gloeckner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for renewal of a current information collection. Fishery quotas are established for many species in the fishery management plans developed by the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and The Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center has been delegated the responsibility to monitor these quotas. To do so in a timely manner, seafood dealers that handle these species are required to report the purchases (landings) of these species. The frequency of these reporting requirements varies depending on the magnitude of the quota (*e.g.*, lower quota usually require more frequent reporting) and the intensity of fishing effort. The most common reporting frequency is weekly. Daily reporting is only used for one fishery.

In addition, information collection included in this family of forms includes interview with fishermen to gather information on the fishing effort, location and type of gear used on individual trips. This data collection is conducted for a subsample of the fishing trips and vessel/trips in selected commercial fisheries in the Southeast region and commercial fisheries of the US Caribbean. Fishing trips and individuals are selected at random to provide a viable statistical sample. These data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and management decisions made by national and international fishery management organizations.

II. Method of Collection

Dealer reports used for quota monitoring are reported electronically for all, but one fishery (mackerel gillnet) is reported via fax or email. Bio profile

data from Trip Interview programs is obtained by face-to-face interviews with fisherman or sea food dealers.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0013.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,500.

Estimated Time per Response: Dealer reporting for monitoring Federal fishery annual catch limits (ACLs): coastal fisheries dealers reporting, 10 minutes; mackerel dealer reporting (gillnet), 10 minutes. Bio profile data from Trip Interview programs (TIP): Fin Fish interviews, 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: This data collection is authorized under 50 CFR part 622.5.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Island Fisheries; Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and NMFS will convene a Western Pacific Stock Assessment Review (WPSAR) of a stock assessment update for the multispecies bottomfish complex in Guam. The review will be conducted virtually. A satellite location will be made available for the public to view the review process and NMFS staff will be available in-person to answer questions. See **ADDRESSES** for the web address to access the meeting and the location of the satellite viewing site. **DATES:** The WPSAR meeting will be held between February 7 and February 8, 2024 (February 8 and 9, Chamorro Standard). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates and times and the daily agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held by web conference via WebEx. Audio and visual portions for all of the web conferences can be accessed at: <https://wprfinc.webex.com/join/info.wpcouncilnoaa.gov>. Web conference access information and instructions for providing public comments will be posted on the Council website at www.wpcouncil.org. For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 552–8220.

The satellite viewing site for the WPSAR review is located at the Guam NOAA Field Office 770 East Sunset Blvd., STE 170, Tiyan, GU 96913.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) conducted a stock assessment update for bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) in the U.S. territory of Guam. PIFSC previously conducted a 2019 benchmark stock assessment for the Guam bottomfish stock complex using a Bayesian surplus production model based on data through 2017. The 2019 assessment incorporated improvements to data standardization and model assumptions that followed recommendations from the review panel for the 2015 assessment for the same stock. PIFSC used production models to estimate biomass and stock status through time, and to evaluate stock status against maximum sustainable yield-based reference points set in the fishery ecosystem plan (FEP) for the Mariana Archipelago, which includes Guam. Based on the results of the 2019 assessment, NMFS determined the stock to be overfished but not experiencing overfishing. In 2022 NMFS and the Council implemented a plan to rebuild biomass of the stock consistent with requirements of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the FEP.

The 2024 assessment update that will be reviewed in February used the methodology of the 2019 benchmark assessment and updated it with data through 2022. The 2024 assessment update will provide new information to inform management, including updates on biomass and fishing mortality relative to status determination thresholds to evaluate rebuilding progress, and projections to inform recommendations of allowable biological catch and annual catch limits.

Meeting Agenda for WPSAR Review

The meeting schedule and agenda are as follows:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 (12 p.m.–6 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time)/
Thursday, February 8, 2024 (8 a.m.–2 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time)

1. Introduction
2. Review objectives and terms of reference
3. Review of stock assessment updates
4. Summary of comments and analysis during desktop phase
5. Questions to presenters
6. Public comment

Thursday, February 8, 2024 (12 p.m.–6 p.m., Hawaii Standard Time)/Friday, February 9, 2024 (8 a.m.–2 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time)

7. Panel presentation on the review results and recommendations