

and to provide information and advice to the Pacific Council for consideration at its June 2024 meeting. Topics will include updates on state and Federal OSW activities, and other OSW or aquaculture topics, as appropriate.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 28, 2024.

**Key Israel Marquez,**

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

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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; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region Gear Identification Requirements

**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 June 3, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0351 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 Laura Deighan, Fishery Management Specialist, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-281-9184, [laura.deighan@noaa.gov](mailto:laura.deighan@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request would extend an approved information collection regarding Greater Atlantic Region fishing gear marking requirements. There are no changes to the gear marking requirements in this collection.

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is responsible for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. The Secretary has delegated much of this responsibility to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The Magnuson-Stevens Act gives the Secretary and NOAA certain regulatory authorities to ensure the most beneficial uses of marine fishery resources. One of the regulatory steps taken to carry out the conservation and management objectives is to collect data from users of the resource.

Regulations at 50 CFR 648.84(a),(b), and (d), 648.125(b)(3), 648.144(b)(1), 648.264(a)(5), and 697.21(a) and (b) require Federal permit holders using certain types of fishing gear to mark the gear with information necessary to identify the vessel and gear (e.g., hull identification number, Federal fishing permit number). The regulations also specify gear marking requirements for visibility (e.g., buoys, radar reflectors). These gear marking requirements aid in fishery law enforcement, support safe navigation by increasing gear visibility, and help prevent gear conflicts by providing gear type information to other fisherman.

The number of end lines associated with each string of hooks, pots, or traps determine the quantity of gear in this collection. A single Federal permit holder may be responsible for marking several strings of a given gear type and may use multiple gear types that require marking.

##### II. Method of Collection

The regulations require Federal permit holders to affix the identifying information to the buoy or another part of the gear. No information is submitted to NMFS as a result of this collection.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0351.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection, without change).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organization.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,283.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 minute per string of gear.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9,561.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$45,660 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Act. Regulations at 50 CFR 648.84(a), (b), and (d), 648.125(b) (3), 648.144(b) (1), 648.264(a) (5), and 697.21(a) and (b).

##### 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.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Evaluation of Mississippi Coastal Management Program; Public Meeting; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold a virtual public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the Mississippi Coastal Management Program. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

**DATES:** NOAA will hold a virtual public comment meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 12 p.m. Central Time (CT). NOAA may close the meeting 15 minutes after the conclusion of public testimony and after responding to any clarifying questions from meeting participants. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, May 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Virtual Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the public meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 12 p.m. CT by registering as a speaker at <https://forms.gle/CRiA3ngoXUBZCyus8>. We request that those interested in attending register by Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 10 a.m. CT. Please indicate on the registration form whether you intend to provide oral comments. The lineup of speakers will be based on the date and time of registration. Upon registration, NOAA will send a confirmation email. One hour prior to the start of the virtual meeting on May 21, 2024, NOAA will send an email to

all registrants with a link to the public comment meeting and information about participating. While advance registration is requested, registration will remain open until the meeting closes and any participant may provide oral comment after the registered speakers conclude. Meeting registrants may remain anonymous by typing “Anonymous” in the “First Name” and “Last Name” fields on the registration form.

*Email:* Send written comments to Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at [CZMA.evaluations@noaa.gov](mailto:CZMA.evaluations@noaa.gov). Include “Comments on Performance Evaluation of the Mississippi Coastal Management Program” in the subject line of the message.

NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and the entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter, email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the Mississippi Coastal Management Program or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Kylstra, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov](mailto:Pam.Kylstra@noaa.gov) or by phone at (843) 439-5568. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, reserve management plan, and reserve site profile may be viewed and downloaded on the internet at <http://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Pam Kylstra.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved coastal management programs. The evaluation process includes one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of Mississippi has met the national objectives, adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of

financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

**Keelin Kuipers,**

*Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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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; West Coast Region Vessel Identification Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Christopher Biegel, Fishery Management Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, West Coast Regional Office, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 231-6291, [christopher.biegel@noaa.gov](mailto:christopher.biegel@noaa.gov).