DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Amendment to the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program


ACTION: Solicitation of Comments; Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management is soliciting comments on a program change amendment to the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program (PRCZMP). This notice describes the opportunities for public comment on the program change.

DATES: The hearing on the program amendment to the PRCMP will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 9 a.m. local time at the Environmental Agencies Building, PR–8838 Km. 6.3, Auditorium 4th Floor, El Cinco, Rio Piedras, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Joelle Gore, Stewardship Division Chief (Acting), NOAA Office for Coastal Management, NOS/OCM/SD, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Room 10622, N/OCM6, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or joelle.gore@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Rolleri, at Jackie.Roller@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The federal Coastal Zone Management Act provides incentives to encourage and assist states, commonwealths and territories to develop and implement programs to manage land and water uses which may affect coastal land and water resources. The PRCZMP was approved by NOAA in 1978. Since that time, statutory and regulatory changes have been made to the organizational structure of the land use agencies which comprise the PRCZMP, the land use authority of local governments, and permit review process. These changes are in force and being implemented as laws of the Commonwealth pursuant to the Puerto Rico Permit Process Reform Act of 2009 (Law 161), as amended by Law 151 of 2013, and pursuant to the Autonomous Municipalities Act of 1991 (Law 81). In order to demonstrate that the program continues to meet the requirements for program approval established under the Coastal Zone Management Act and its implementing regulations, the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources has submitted these changes to NOAA for approval. Copies of the proposed changes are available by navigating from the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources homepage at http://www.drenr.gobierno.pr/.

NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management has determined that these changes are a program amendment. As such, NOAA is required to hold a public hearing on the amendment. The focus of the hearing is whether the PRCZMP continues to meet the requirements for program approval as specified in the Coastal Zone Management Program regulations at 15 CFR part 923. For those interested in making oral statements at the public hearing, the submission of supplemental written comments is encouraged.

In addition to the hearing, NOAA is soliciting written comments from the public on the amendment. Written comments will be accepted before and after the public hearing through September 23, 2015.

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Dated: July 9, 2015.

Christoph C. Cartwright,
Associate Assistant Administrator for Management and CFO/CAO, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


OMB Control Number: 0648–0463. Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 5.

Average Hours per Response: Applications, 2 hours each; appeals, 3 hours.

Burden Hours: 13.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires, as codified under 50 CFR part 665, any person (1) fishing for,
taking, retaining, or using a vessel to fish for Western Pacific coral reef ecosystem management unit species in the designated low-use Marine Protected Areas, (2) fishing for any of these species using gear not specifically allowed in the regulations, or (3) fishing for, taking, or retaining any Potentially Harvested Coral Reef Taxa in the coral reef ecosystem regulatory area, to obtain and carry a permit. A receiving vessel owner must also have a transshipment permit for at-sea transshipment of coral reef ecosystem management unit species. The permit application form provides basic information about the permit applicant, vessel, fishing gear and method, target species, projected fishing effort, etc., for use by NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council in determining eligibility for permit issuance. The information is important for understanding the nature of the fishery and provides a link to participants. It also aids in the enforcement of Fishery Ecosystem Plan measures.

The two forms have been combined and minor changes made.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Respondent’s Obligation:** Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIHA Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: July 13, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold five public hearings and one webinar to solicit Public comments on Draft Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The meetings will be held August 3–20, 2015. For specific dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.** Written Public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Friday, August 31, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The Public document can be obtained by contacting the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950 at (978) 465–0492 or on their Web site at www.nefmc.org.

**Meeting addresses:** The meetings will be held in Portland, ME, Portsmouth, NH, New Bedford, MA, Mystic, CT, Gloucester, MA and via webinar. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**Public comments:** Mail to John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope “DEIS for Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP”. Comments may also be sent via fax to 978–281–9135 or submitted via email to nmsf.gar.Amendment18@noaa.gov with “DEIS for Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP” in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**
Thomas Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agendas for the following six hearings are as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the northeast multispecies amendments and the contents of the DEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments. The schedule is as follows:

**Public Hearings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas**

1. **Monday, August 3, 2015, from 6–8 p.m.**; Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311.
2. **Tuesday, August 4, 2015, from 6–8 p.m.**; Best Western Plus Wynwood Hotel, 580 US Highway 1 Bypass, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 436–7600.
3. **Monday, August 10, 2015, from 6–8 p.m.**; Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; telephone: (774) 634–2000.
4. **Thursday, August 13, 2015, from 6–8 p.m.**; Hyatt Place Hotel, 224 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 536–9997.
5. **Tuesday, August 18, 2015, from 6–8 p.m.**; Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 282–0308.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas Nies (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 14, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; “Fee Deficiency Submissions”

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**Title:** Fee Deficiency Submissions.

**OMB Control Number:** 0651–0070.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** Regular.

**Number of Respondents:** 3,000.

**Average Minutes per Response:** 120.

**Burden Hours:** 6,000.

**Cost Burden:** $517,500.

**Needs and Uses:** The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (“Act”) was enacted into law on September 16, 2011. See Public Law 112–29, 125 Stat. 283 (2011). Under section 10(b) of the Act, eligible small entities shall receive a 50 percent fee reduction from the undiscounted fees for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents. The Act further provides that micro entities shall receive a 75 percent