

report from the herring and mackerel fishery electronic monitoring project, as well as any associated correspondence. The group will consider whether electronic monitoring/portside sampling is an adequate substitute for at-sea monitoring coverage aboard mid-water trawl vessels, and make recommendations to the Council to consider as they relate to the Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment. The group will also discuss how recent river herring/shad bycatch accountability measures triggered in the mackerel fishery could impact the 2018 herring fishing season. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is potentially considering measures to address this issue in the 2019–21 specifications process. Other business may be discussed if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: March 16, 2018.

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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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Shipboard Observation Form for Floating Marine Debris.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0644.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 5.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 3.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

This data collection project is coordinated by the NOAA Marine Debris Program, and involve recreational and commercial vessels (respondents), shipboard observers (respondents), NGOs (respondents) as well as numerous experts on marine debris observations at sea. The Shipboard Observation Form for Floating Marine Debris was created based on methods used in studies of floating marine debris by established researchers, previous shipboard observational studies conducted at sea by NOAA, and the experience and input of recreational sailors. The goal of this form is to be able to calculate the density of marine debris within an area of a known size. Additionally, this form will help collect data on potential marine debris resulting from future severe marine debris generating events in order to better model movement of the debris as well as prepare (as needed) for debris arrival. This form may additionally be used to collect data on floating marine debris in any water body.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; not for profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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 OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Dated: March 19, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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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).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Coral Reef Conservation Program Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0448.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 89.

Average Hours per Response: Match waiver request, 1.5 hours; proposal comments, 2 hours.

Burden Hours: 157.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 (Act) was enacted to provide a framework for conserving coral reefs. The Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program, under the Act, provides funds to broad-based applicants with experience in coral reef conservation to conduct activities to protect and conserve coral reef ecosystems. The information submitted by applicants is used to determine if a proposed project is consistent with the NOAA coral reef conservation priorities and the priorities of authorities with jurisdiction over the area where the project will be carried out. As part of the application, NOAA requires a Data and Information Sharing Plan in addition to the standard required application materials.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; state, local and tribal governments; federal government.

Frequency: Annually or biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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