

specifications and review previously implemented 2021 specifications and recommend changes if necessary

*Black Sea Bass Specifications and February Recreational Fishery*

Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2021 specifications, review previously implemented 2021 specifications and recommend changes if necessary, consider revisions to the February recreational fishery opening for 2021, and consider North Carolina proposal to account for February 2020 harvest (Board action only)

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

*Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment*

Review FMAT recommendations for draft alternatives and approve a range of alternatives for inclusion in a public hearing document

*Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications and Updates*

Review SSC, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations, adopt 2021–26 specifications, and receive an update on the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Commingling/Discard Issue and Genetics Study

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

*Business Session*

Committee Reports: SSC; Executive Director's Report (Discuss Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth); Organization Reports; and, Liaison Reports

*Continuing and New Business*

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 20, 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; Management and Oversight of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System**

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 11, 2020 (85 FR 14188) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

**Title:** Management and Oversight of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648–0121.

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

**Type of Request:** Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

**Number of Respondents:** 149.

**Average Hours per Response:** Management plan, 1500 hours; site profile, 1800 hours; site nomination documents, 2500 hours; award application, 24 hours; award reports, 10 hours; NEPA documentation, 2 hours.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 9,232.

**Needs and Uses:** The National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) is a partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA) and 22 states and Puerto Rico that protects more than 1.3 million coastal and estuarine acres in 28 Reserves for long-term research, monitoring, education, and stewardship, established under Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), 16 U.S.C. 1461. The NERRS consists of carefully selected estuarine areas of the United States that are designated, preserved, and managed for research and educational purposes. The Reserves are chosen to reflect regional differences and to include a variety of ecosystem types according to the classification scheme of the national program as presented in 15 CFR part 921. As part of a national system, the Reserves collectively provide a unique opportunity to address research questions and estuarine management issues of national significance. The Reserves also serve to enhance public awareness and understanding of estuarine areas and provide suitable opportunities for public education and interpretation. Regulations provide guidance for delineating Reserve boundaries and additional guidance for arriving at the most effective and least costly approach to establishing adequate state control of key land and water areas. Any qualified public or private persons, organizations or institutions may compete for research funding to work in research Reserves. In fact, applicants are almost always states.

Subsection 315(e)(1)(B) of the CZMA authorizes the National Ocean Service (NOS) to make grants to, or cooperative agreements with, any coastal state or public or private institution or person for purposes of supporting research within the NERRS. This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under "Coastal Zone Management Estuarine Research Reserve, Number 11.420". Applications for such grants follow the provisions of 2 CFR 200. During the site selection and designation process, information is collected from states in order to prepare a management plan and environmental impact statement. Designated Reserves apply annually for operations funds by submitting a work plan; subsequently, progress reports are required every six months for the duration of the award. Each Reserve compiles an ecological characterization or site profile to describe the biological and physical environment of the Reserve, research to date and research gaps. Reserves revise their management plans every five years. This information is required to ensure that Reserves are adhering to regulations and that the Reserves are in

keeping with the purpose for which they were designated.

**Affected Public:** Non-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

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

**Legal Authority:** Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451), 16 U.S.C. 1461.

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 0648–0121.

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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; Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel and Processor Trawl (CVPT) Economic Data Reports (EDRs)

**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 September 21, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0700 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 Scott Miller, 907–586–7416.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office, is requesting extension of the currently approved information collection for the Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel Economic Data Report (EDR) and the Annual Shoreside Processor EDR.

The EDRs collect economic data on the information for the Gulf of Alaska Trawl Groundfish Economic Data Report Program (GOA Trawl EDR Program). The Gulf of Alaska Trawl Groundfish Economic Data Report Program evaluates the economic effects of current and future groundfish management measures for Gulf of Alaska (GOA) trawl fisheries. This program provides NMFS and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council with baseline information on affected harvesters, crew, processors, and communities in the GOA. Data collected through the EDRs include labor information, revenues received, capital and operational expenses, and other operational or financial data. NMFS and the Council use this information to assess the impacts of major changes in the groundfish management regime, including catch share program implementation.

The Catcher Vessel GOA Trawl EDR is submitted annually by owners or leaseholders of catcher vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries. This EDR focuses on vessel identifiers, employment data, and variable cost data (associated with fuel usage and gear purchases). The Processor GOA Trawl EDR is submitted annually by owners or leaseholders of shoreside processors or stationary floating processors that receive deliveries from vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries. This EDR focuses on employment and labor costs

and for processors located in Kodiak, utility consumption and cost.

Requirements for the EDRs are located at 50 CFR 679.110.

##### II. Method of Collection

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) has been designated by NMFS as the Data Collection Agent. PSMFC mails EDR announcements and filing instructions to respondents by April 1 of each year. Respondents are encouraged to complete the form online on the PSMFC website at [www.psmfc.org/goatrawl/](http://www.psmfc.org/goatrawl/). The EDR is also available as a fillable PDF on the PSMFC website and may be submitted by mail or fax.

##### III. Data

**OMB Control Number:** 0648–0700.

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

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

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 120.

**Estimated Time per Response:** Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR, 15 hours; Annual Shoreside Processor EDR, 15 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 1,800 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:** \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**Legal Authority:** Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

##### 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 information