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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires any commercial fisher operating in Category I and II fisheries to register for a certificate of authorization that will allow the fisher to take marine mammals incidentals to commercial fishing operations. Category I and II fisheries are those identified by NOAA as having either frequent or occasional takings of marine mammals.

Some states have integrated the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) registration process into the existing state fishery registration process and fishers in those fisheries do not need to file a separate federal registration. If applicable, vessel owners will be notified of this simplified registration process when they apply for their state or Federal permit or license.

#### II. Method of Collection

Most fishers have their information imported directly into the Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) from their state. Otherwise they can fill out the forms on NMFS' Web page at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/interactions/mmap\\_registration\\_form.pdf](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/interactions/mmap_registration_form.pdf) or mail in an application made available to them in the NMFS regions.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0293.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$326,310.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 3, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI95**

##### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a joint meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs).

**DATES:** The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 and conclude by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will meet to develop recommendations for a prioritized five year Gulf of Mexico research plan for submission to the Secretary of Commerce. The SSC will also review the terms of reference for several upcoming stock assessments including SEDAR benchmark (full) assessments on red drum and black grouper, and SEDAR update assessments for red snapper, greater

amberjack, gag, and red grouper. In addition, the SSC will review the proposed annual catch limit (ACL) guidelines, and will discuss the future role of the SSC under SEDAR and ACL guidelines.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSCs 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 this meeting. Actions of the SSCs will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 3, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN: 0648-XI96**

##### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 and conclude no later than 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609; telephone: (813) 289-8200.