

**I. Abstract**

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has been conducting an experimental fishery, referred to as the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Experimental Fishery (Raised Footrope Experiment), to allow trawlers to target whiting, red hake, dogfish and other small mesh species using a raised footrope trawl. The experiment was designed to assess the effectiveness of a raised footrope small mesh otter trawl in reducing bycatch of regulated multispecies. Framework Adjustment 35 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan made the Raised Footrope Experiment a multispecies exempted fishery. The collection-of-information requirements are: (1) a request for a certificate to fish in the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption, and (2) a notification of intention to withdraw from the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption. Requests for a certificate identify the person, the vessel name, the permit number, and how long he/she intends to fish in the exemption area (no less than 7 days but not more than 4 months). These collection-of-information requirements were approved by OMB under emergency procedures for 6 months; NOAA is soliciting comments on its intent to request a 3-year Paperwork Reduction Act approval for the requirements.

**II. Method of Collection**

Requests and notifications are made by telephone.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0422.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit (commercial fishermen) organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 288.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 230 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$27.

**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: October 6, 2000.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101000A]

**Foreign Fishing Reporting Requirements**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:**

The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Bob Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301-713-2276).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

Foreign fishing activities can be authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). Collection of information from permitted foreign vessels is necessary to monitor their activities and whereabouts in U.S. waters. Reports are also necessary to monitor the amounts of fish, if any, such vessels receive from U.S. vessels in joint venture operations, wherein U.S. vessels catch and transfer at-sea to permitted foreign vessels certain species for which U.S. demand is low relative to the abundance of the species.

**II. Method of Collection**

Activity reports are made by radio when fishing begins or ceases, to report on the transfers of fish, and to file weekly reports on the catch and receipt of fish. Foreign vessels are also subject to recordkeeping requirements. These include a communications log, a transfer log, a daily fishing log, a consolidated fishing or joint venture log, and a daily joint venture log. These records must be maintained for three years.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0075.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 6 minutes for radio reports, 30 minutes per day for recordkeeping by a fishing vessel, and 7.5 minutes per day for recordkeeping by transport vessels.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 425.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$500.

**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: October 6, 2000.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval and availability of revision to the Final Revised Management Plan for the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, 2000-2005.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, has approved the revised Management Plan for the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve (OWCNERR). The OWCNERR was designated in 1980 and has been operating under a Management Plan approved in 1983. Pursuant to section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1461, and section 921.33(c) of the implementing regulations, a state must revise its management plan at least every five years, or more often if necessary. This revision is Ohio's effort to comply with this requirement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nathalie Peter, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3155, Extension 119.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Management Plan contains the program mission, goals and objectives of the OWCNERR and State Natural Preserve, and establishes policies that will protect the natural resources and ecological integrity of the reserve. It provides guidance for administration of the reserve's operation, management, research, education and public outreach for the next five years.

The Management Plan also describes the necessary elements of site ecological

management: (1) To identify key natural resources; (2) to determine the appropriate level of human use for the sites and these resources; and (3) to foster their long-term protection.

The chief areas of concentration for the OWCNERR in the next five years are as follows:

1. Refining the OWCNERR Program, particularly in the areas of research and monitoring.

2. Encouraging community stewardship of the estuary, watershed and near-shore Lake Erie coast through an expanded outreach program.

3. Protecting the core estuaries area, through buffer land acquisition, conservation easements or cooperative agreements.

4. Improving the transfer of estuarine information between reserve programs (*i.e.* research, monitoring, education, and resource management) and external groups (*e.g.* local neighbors, regional decision-makers in the scientific, governmental and educational communities).

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Natural Resources, 2514 Cleveland Road, Huron, Ohio 44839. (419) 433-4601.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

**Captain Ted Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

**AGENCY:** Office of Global Programs (OGP), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Revisions to the Notice from NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, CLIVAR Element, FOR FY 2001; invitation to submit proposals.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA amends the notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2000, regarding the NOAA Climate and Global Change Program to change the dates for receipt of Letters of Intent and Full Proposals (see **DATES**). NOAA also invites the submission of proposals.

**DATES:** Letters of Intent must be received no later than November 13, 2000, with full proposals postmarked on or before January 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals should be sent to Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1201, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irma duPree at the above address or at phone: (301) 427-2089 ext 107, Internet: irma.dupree@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NOAA Office of Global Programs published a notice describing the Climate and Global Change Program, and funding area descriptions on August 25, 2000. (65 FR 51799.) The program description, evaluation criteria, selection process, background and requirements, as well as guidelines for applications are in that notice and are not repeated here. The Office hereby revises the dates for the submission of the LOI and full proposals (See **DATES**). The office invites the submission of proposals for CLIVAR.

**Program authority:** 49 U.S.C. 44720 (b); 33 U.S.C. 883D; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 *et seq.*; (CFDA No. 11.431)—Climate and Atmospheric Research.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

**David L. Evans,**

*Assistant Administrator, OAR.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091400B]

#### Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Notice of embargo for Spain.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, (Assistant Administrator) issued an embargo for the Government of Spain under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) on October 6, 2000. This embargoes the importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and yellowfin tuna products harvested in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) after March 3, 1999, by Spanish-flag purse seine vessels or vessels operating