

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****[I.D. 041503D]****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted 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:* Capital Construction Fund Deposit/Withdrawal Report.

*Form Number(s):* NOAA Form 38-42.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0041.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1,200.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,600.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The respondents to this collection will be commercial fishing industry individuals, partnerships, and corporations which entered into Capital Construction Fund agreements with the Secretary of Commerce allowing deferral of Federal taxation on fishing vessel income deposited into the fund for use in the acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of fishing vessels. Deferred taxes are recaptured by reducing an agreement vessel's basis for depreciation by the amount withdrawn from the fund for its acquisition, construction, or reconstruction. The deposit/withdrawal information collected from agreement holders is required pursuant to 50 CFR Part 259.35 and P.L. 99-514 (The Tax Reform Act, 1986). The information collected is required to ensure that agreement holders are complying with fund deposit/withdrawal requirements established in program regulations and properly accounting for fund activity on their Federal income tax returns. The information collected must also be reported annually to the Secretary of Treasury in accordance with the Tax Reform Act, 1986.

The information will be collected on the Capital Construction Fund Deposit/Withdrawal Report form, which agreement holders are required to submit at the end of their tax year.

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

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 041403D]****Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Technical Review Panel, the User Review Panel, and the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) from May 5, 2003 through May 7, 2003.

**DATES:** The Council's Technical Review Panel, User Review Panel, and Standing SSC will convene in separate meetings at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2003 and will conclude by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Tampa Westshore, 4500 West Cypress Street, Tampa, FL; telephone: (813) 879-4800.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Technical Review Panel will review final draft of the essential fish habitat environmental impact statement (EFH

EIS) and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for technical revisions. In addition the Technical Review Panel members serve as contract monitors.

The User Review Panel will review the final draft of the EFH EIS and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for revisions. In addition the User Review Panel members are asked to provide their comments on whether the documents properly address the issues of each user group represented. The User Review Panel is comprised of representatives from the following sectors: recreational, charter, commercial, environmental, oil and gas industry, and wetlands owners.

The Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee will review the final draft of the EFH EIS and provide the Council and contractor with an evaluation of the scientific completeness and possible suggestions for revisions. The SSC will also review and comment on a proposed Amendment 21 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to extend the time period for the Madison/Swanson and Steamboat Lumps marine reserves beyond their June 16, 2004 expiration date.

The Council will review these panels comments at a special Council meeting scheduled for June 5-6, 2003 at the New Orleans Airport Plaza Hotel and Conference Center. Final action to approve the EFH EIS is scheduled at the Council's July 14-18, 2003 meeting in Naples, FL.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agendas may come before the Technical and User Review Panels and the SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action 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 MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agendas of these meetings can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815 (toll-free 888-833-1844).

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by April 28, 2003.