

performed and the results and benefits in sufficient detail to enable us to assess the success of the completed project. We will provide you with formats for the semiannual and final reports.

We are committed to using available technology to achieve the timely and wide distribution of final reports to those who would benefit from this information. Therefore, you are encouraged to submit final reports in electronic format, in accordance with the award terms and conditions. You may charge the costs associated with preparing and transmitting your final reports in electronic format to the grant award.

X. Other Requirements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67FR 55109), are applicable to this solicitation.

Intergovernmental Review - Applications under this program are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to find out about and comply with the State's process under Executive Order 12372. The names and addresses of the SPOCs are listed in the Office of Management and Budget's home page at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, cooperative agreements, benefits and contracts. 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2). Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard

Forms 424, and 269 has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, and 0348-0039.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public workshops on collecting information about vessel expenses and earnings in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and coastal pelagics (mackerel) fisheries.

DATES: The public workshops will be held in May and June. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to, and copies of the scoping document are available from, the Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301, North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

For specific location regarding the public workshops, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Antonio Lamberte, Senior Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will conduct workshops on collecting information about vessel expenses and earnings in the Gulf of Mexico reef fish and coastal pelagics (mackerel) fisheries. The main goal of the workshops is to solicit the views of participants on the importance and necessity of collecting vessel and trip level information on expenses and earnings. In addition, participants will

be asked for their views on the methods of collecting such information.

Vessel expenses and earnings, also known as cost and returns, information is extremely important as it allows the Council to have a better understanding of the economic impacts of proposed management actions while they are still under consideration. In addition, several laws such as the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and Executive Order 12866 require the use of economic information in the deliberation and formulation of regulations. Fishery participants' views regarding the nature and collection of this information are critical so that at the time it is collected, assembled, and analyzed a more credible picture of the economic condition of the fishery will be depicted and used in the management process.

Council staff, with the assistance of NMFS staff, will conduct the workshops. All workshops will begin at 6 p.m. local time and conclude at about 9 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

1. Tuesday, May 27, 2003, Four Points Hotel by Sheraton, 1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548; telephone: 850-796-3815;

2. Wednesday, May 28, 2003, Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: 251-438-4000;

3. Thursday, May 29, 2003, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530; telephone: 228-374-5000;

4. Monday, June 2, 2003, Texas City Department of Recreation & Tourism, Nessler Center, 2010 5th Avenue North, Texas City, TX 77590; telephone: 409-643-5990;

5. Tuesday, June 3, 2003, Lake Jackson Library, 250 Circle Way, Lake Jackson, TX 77566; telephone: 979-297-1271;

6. Wednesday, June 4, 2003, Matagorda Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 70, Matagorda, TX 77457; telephone: 979-863-7551;

7. Thursday, June 5, 2003, Holiday Inn Beachside Key West, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, FL 33040; telephone: 305-294-2571;

8. Friday, June 6, 2003, La Quinta Inn Fort Myers, 4850 S. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33907; telephone: 941-275-3300;

9. Monday, June 9, 2003, City of Madeira Beach, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708; telephone: 727-391-9951;