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Dated: April 15, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Pacific Tuna Fisheries

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 June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Svein Fougnier, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone 310-980-4040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

United States participation in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) results in certain recordkeeping requirements for U.S. fishermen who fish in the IATTC's area of management responsibility. These fishermen must maintain a log of all operations conducted from the fishing vessel, including the date, noon position, and the tonnage of fish aboard

the vessel, by species. The logbook form provided by the IATTC is universally used by U.S. fishermen to meet this recordkeeping requirement, as permitted by the regulations. Information in the logbooks includes areas of operation and catch and effort by area. Logbook data are used in stock assessments and other research concerning the fishery. If the data were not collected or if erroneous data were provided, the IATTC assessments would likely be incorrect and there would be an increased risk of overfishing or inadequate management of the fishery.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel operators maintain bridge logs on a daily basis, and the forms are collected by the IATTC at the completion of each trip. The data are processed by the IATTC.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0148.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 352.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures).

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.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Federal Investment Task Force; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) requires the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to establish a task force to study the role of the Federal Government in subsidizing fleet capacity and influencing capital investment in fisheries. The Federal Investment Task Force will hold its third meeting on May 7 through May 9, 1998, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting of the task force will be held May 7 through May 9, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Monaco, 1101 Fourth Avenue at Spring Street, Seattle, WA 98101; telephone (800) 945-2240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Reisenweber, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, (301) 713-2363; fax: (301) 713-1875; email: john.reisenweber@noaa.gov; or Matteo Milazzo, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

May 7, 1998, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Task Force will review the Federal programs that were discussed at the previous meeting. The review will include a discussion of the influence that these programs have had on capacity and capitalization of fishing fleets.

May 7, 1998, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Task Force will hear public input regarding the Federal Investment Study. The public is encouraged to comment on the general scope and concept of the study, as well as on the effect of Federal programs on the capacity and capitalization of fishing fleets.

May 8, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The Task Force will review the comments received at the public meeting. The Task Force will also review the working papers that have been updated and developed since the last meeting.

May 9, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Task Force will continue to review and further discuss the influence