Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149, (305–361–4218).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service proposes to conduct a survey to collect socio-economic data to strengthen the management, protection, and conservation of existing and proposed Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the U.S. Caribbean (Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands). MPAs are any area of the marine environment that has been reserved by Federal, State, territorial, tribal, or local laws or regulations to provide lasting protection for part or all of the natural and cultural resources therein. The survey intends to collect demographic, cultural and economic information from communities that are dependent on the estuarine and marine resources for their livelihood. The proposed data collection is necessary to develop science-based criteria and protocols to identify and evaluate the economic impacts of management decisions. The information will be used to protect the sustainable use of estuarine and marine ecosystems for present and future generations. The information collected will also be used to satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 13158, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, National Marine Sanctuaries Act, National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statues.

II. Method of Collection

The socio-economic information will be collected via personal interviews and mail surveys.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 700.
Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 700.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

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: August 21, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082302B]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 9-12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel Lakeside New Orleans, 3838 North Causeway Boulevard, Metairie, LA 70002; telephone: 504–836–5253.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

September 11

8:30 a.m.–Convene.

8:45 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.–Receive public testimony on the Secretarial Reef Fish Amendment 2 and the Regulatory Amendment for status determination criteria and king mackerel total allowable catch (TAC).

1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.-Receive the report of the Vessel Monitoring Committee.

2:30 p.m.– 3 p.m.–Receive the report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

3 p.m.–4 p.m.–Receive the report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.–Receive the report of the Budget Committee.

4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.–(Closed Session) Appoint persons to Scientific and Statistical Committees.

September 12

8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.–Receive the report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

10 a.m.–10:15 a.m.–Receive the Gulf Safety Committee Report.

10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.–Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.–Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m.–Receive Director's Reports.

11:15 a.m.– 11:30 a.m.–Other Business

11:30 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.–Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

September 9, 2002

8 a.m–9 a.m.–Orientation Session for New Members.

9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.–Convene the Vessel Monitoring Committee to hear a NMFS presentation on the vessel monitoring system (VMS) program.

1 p.m.–2 p.m.–Convene the Budget Committee to review the CY 2003 budget.

2 p.m.– 5:30 p.m.–Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to hear reports on sargassum as essential fish habitat (EFH), methylmercury, and the NOAA-GOM-GIS project. They will also hear a legal opinion on prey species as it will be used in the EFH environmental impact statement (EIS), and discuss the classification of artificial reefs and oil structures as EFH.

September 10

8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m–Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review and make recommendations on a regulatory amendment for king mackerel TAC and status determination criteria. They will also hear a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (SAFMC) action on the Dolphin/Wahoo Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

1 p.m.–5:30 p.m.–Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to to review and make recommendations for final action on the Secretarial Reef Fish Amendment 2 for Greater Amberjack. They will also review an options paper for Reef Fish Amendment 18 and hear a presentation on the SAW/SARC

process. They will discuss a letter to the Secretary of Commerce on a fishing capacity reduction program, and will review the red snapper rebuilding plan regulatory amendment scoping document.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Magnuson Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228–2815.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 August 30, 2002.

Dated: August 23, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080802A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1316

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jeffery R. Schmid, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples, Florida 34102, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1316.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713–2289; fax (301)713–0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432; phone (727)570–5301; fax (727)570–5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713–0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker or Ruth Johnson, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 1316, issued on July 16, 2001 (66 FR 39014) is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

Permit No. 1316 authorizes the permit holder to capture, measure, flipper and PIT tag, attach radio/sonic transmitter and time/depth recorders and release 20 Kemp's ridley turtles in the Ten Thousand Islands, Florida. The permit holder requests authorization to increase this number to 30.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Fair Market Value Analysis for a Fiber Optic Cable Permit in National Marine Sanctuaries

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of availability of final report.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final report ''Fair Market Value Analysis for a Fiber Optic Cable Permit in National Marine Sanctuaries.'' The report describes the methodology by which NOAA will assess fair market value for submarine cables in national marine sanctuaries. In doing so, the report presents an overview of the relevant economic issues, including standard approaches to valuation, the market for cable rights of way and industry trends in telecommunications. It also provides the current range of fees that NOAA will consider to determine a final fee for fair market value.

DATES: August 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the final report are available from the NMSP's Web site (*www.sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov*) or by contacting Matt Brookhart at the National Marine Sanctuary Program, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM6, #11512, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713–3125 x140, or *matt.brookhart@noaa.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Brookhart at (301) 713–3125 x140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*) allows the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue special use permits (SUPs) for specific activities within a national marine sanctuary (16 U.S.C. 1441). If a SUP application is issued, the NMSA also authorizes the Secretary to collect fees for the conduct of any activity under a SUP. If a fee is assessed, the fee amount must be equal to the sum of the cost incurred or expected to be incurred for issuing the permit, fees for activities directly related to the conduct of the permitted activity (including costs of monitoring the activity), and an amount that represents the fair market value of the use of sanctuary resources.

To date, the NMSP has issued two SUPs for submarine fiber optic cables in