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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Highly Migratory Species Vessel Logbooks and Cost- Earnings Data Reports

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before April 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Diana Hynek, Departmental
Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 6625,
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.,
Washington, DC 20230 (or via the
Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument and instructions should be
directed to Joseph Desfosse, (301) 713-
2347 or Joseph.Desfosse@noaa.gov or
Margo Schulze-Haugen, (301) 713-2347
or Margo.Schulze-Haugen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
Conservation and Management Act (16
U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National
Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration's National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible
for management of the nation's marine
fisheries. In addition, NMFS must
comply with the United States'
obligations under the Atlantic Tunas
Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971
et seq.), which implements the
International Commission for the
Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
recommendations. NMFS collects
information via vessel logbooks to

monitor the U.S. catch of Atlantic
swordfish, sharks, marlins, and tunas in
relation to the quotas, thereby ensuring
that the United States complies with its
domestic and international obligations.
The information supplied through
vessel logbooks also provides the catch
and effort data necessary to assess the
status of highly migratory species and to
evaluate bycatch in each fishery.
International stock assessments for
tunas, swordfish, marlins, and some
species of sharks are conducted and
presented to the ICCAT periodically and
provide, in part, the basis for ICCAT
management recommendations which
become binding on member nations.
The domestic stock assessments for
most species of sharks are used as the
basis of managing these species.
Supplementary information on fishing
costs and earnings has been collected
via this vessel logbook program. This
economic information enables NMFS to
assess the economic impacts of
regulatory programs on small businesses
and fishing communities, consistent
with the National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA), Executive Order 12866, the
Regulatory Flexibility Act, and other
domestic laws.

II. Method of Collection

Logbooks are being completed and
submitted in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0371.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-191.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
7,451.

Estimated Time per Response: 10
minutes for cost/earnings summaries
attached to logbook reports; 30 minutes
for annual expenditure forms; 12
minutes for logbook catch reports; and
2 minutes for negative logbook catch
reports.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 29,461.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public:* \$0 (no capital or recordkeeping/
reporting expenditures required).

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: February 20, 2008.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fishery Capacity Reduction Program Buyback Requests

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or via the Internet at
Leo.Erwin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA has established a program to
reduce excess fishing capacity by paying
fishermen to (1) surrender their fishing
permits or (2) both surrender their
permits and either scrap their vessels or
restrict vessel titles to prevent fishing.