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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation and Management Measures

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mi Ae Kim at (301) 427-8365 or mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The 1982 Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (Convention) established the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR). CCAMLR meets annually to adopt measures to conserve and manage the marine living resources of the Convention Area. The United States is a Contracting Party to the Convention and a member of CCAMLR and its Scientific Committee. The Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act (AMLRCA) directs and authorizes the United States to take actions necessary to meet its treaty obligations as a Contracting Party to the Convention. The regulations implementing AMLRCA are at 50 CFR part 300, Subpart G.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 50 CFR part 300 form the basis for this collection of information. The reporting requirements included in this collection concern CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP) activities, United States (U.S.) harvesting permit applicants and/or harvesting vessel operators, and U.S. importers and re-exporters of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (AMLR).

II. Method of Collection

Paper applications, electronic reports, satellite-linked vessel monitoring devices, radio and telephone calls, gear and vessel markings are required from participants and methods of transmittal include internet, satellite, facsimile and mail transmission of forms, reports and information.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0194.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 86: 1 research entity; 5 vessel owners; 80 dealers.

Estimated Time Per Response: One hour to apply for a CEMP research permit; one hour to report on permitted research; 28 hours to supply information on potential new or exploratory fishing; two hours to apply for a harvesting permit; 2 minutes to transmit information by radio; 4 hours to install a vessel monitoring device (VMS); two hours for annual VMS maintenance; 45 minutes to mark a vessel; 40 minutes to mark buoys; 10 hours to mark pot gear; six minutes to mark trawl nets; 15 minutes to apply for a dealer permit to import and/or re-export Antarctic marine living resources; 15 minutes to complete and submit a toothfish catch document; 15 minutes to apply for

pre-approval of toothfish imports; 15 minutes to complete and submit re-export catch documents; fifteen minutes to submit import tickets.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 294.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$132,373 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the continuing 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 continuing 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: September 28, 2012

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