

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 11/19/2009

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Suzanne Hilding
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 11/12/2009

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 200911-0648-001
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0052

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 04/30/2011

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	906,540	46,920	0
New	907,510	47,493	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	970	573	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official:

Kevin F. Neyland
Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey	NA	Recreational Fishing Questionnaire	
Gulf of Mexico Subregion survey	NA	Gulf subregion telephone survey	
North Carolina Angler License Directory Survey	NA	North Carolina Angler License Directory Survey	
Mail Survey of Fishing Effort - Screening questionnaire	NA	Fishing effort survey - screening questions	
Mail survey of fishing effort (final instrument , main survey only)	NA	Main fishing effort questionnaire	
Mail survey - Angler Diary (still in pretest form, not in use yet)	NA	Saltwater Angler Diary (pretest as placeholder)	

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES STATISTICS SURVEY
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0052

In the recent revision of this information collection, we proposed a dual-frame mail survey that samples anglers from a list of licensed saltwater anglers, as well as an address frame of residential households. Initially, we had thought that we would utilize the same questionnaire for each frame (containing both screening and fishing effort questionnaires). However, we've determined that it would be more efficient to first send a screener questionnaire to sample households that are selected from the address frame in an attempt to first identify anglers. Once anglers have been identified through screening, we would send a follow-up questionnaire to collect detailed trip information. The sample selected from the license lists, already known to be anglers, would receive only the detailed trip questionnaire. The rationale behind this decision is that a large majority (75-85%) of households sampled from the address frame will likely report that they do not fish. Mailing the detailed questionnaire is more costly than mailing the screener questionnaire, so utilizing the two-stage approach (screener + trip questionnaire) is considerably more cost efficient.

The purpose of the survey (follow-up questionnaire) is to characterize fishing trips that took place over the course of a two-month period (for example, November/December). The screener identifies a pool of likely anglers (anglers who fished during the previous year). The main questionnaire then attempts to collect detailed information for trips that occurred during the previous two months.

The angler diary that was part of the revision request will, as planned, be sent a few months after the fishing effort information has been received. It collects catch information, as opposed to fishing effort information.

Adding the screener questionnaire, but sending out fewer fishing effort (main) questionnaires, will result in 1,030 responses: 10,500 screener (4 minutes) and 7,100 main questionnaires (7 minutes), as opposed to 16,580 screener/main questionnaires (4 minutes), which will take 598 hours. However, deleting the screening plus fishing effort pretest questionnaire submitted with the revision will eliminate 50 responses and 25 hours. The net increase of responses, therefore, will be 970 and of hours, 573. There are no current recordkeeping/reporting costs, and none will be added.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Agency/Subagency	OMB Control Number _____ - _____	
<i>Enter only items that change</i>		
	Current record	New record
Agency form number (s)		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden		
Number of respondents		
Total annual responses		
Percent of these responses collected electronically	%	%
Total annual hours		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized Capital/Startup costs		
Total annual costs (O&M)		
Total annualized cost requested		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Other changes**		
Signature of Senior Official or designee:	Date:	For OIRA Use _____ _____

** This form cannot be used to extend an expiration date.



A STUDY OF FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA



This study is being conducted with the assistance of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006. Your participation is voluntary. All responses will be kept confidential under the Privacy Act of 1974.

The information you provide will be combined with information provided by other participants to produce statistical summaries and reports.

A Study of Fishing in North Carolina

This form is for households with and without people who fish. It just takes a few minutes and your answers will be confidential

1. In the last 12 months has anyone living in your household, including children and adults, been recreational saltwater fishing in the U.S. or a U.S. territory?

- Yes
 No → (please go to question 6)

Recreational saltwater fishing refers to fishing primarily with hook and line for pleasure, amusement, relaxation, or home consumption in oceans, bays, inlets, canals, intra-coastal waterways, and brackish portions affected by the tides. Inland saltwater bodies includes sounds, passes, inlets, bays, estuaries, brackish portions of rivers, and other areas of salt or brackish water like bayous and canals.

2. How many people in this household (including children and adults) have participated in recreational saltwater fishing during the past 12 months?

Number of people who have fished

Please tell us the following for each member of the household who has gone saltwater fishing during the past 12 months. If more than four household members have participated in recreational saltwater fishing during the past 12 months, please list the four oldest participants.

	Fisher 1	Fisher 2	Fisher 3	Fisher 4
3. What is the person's first name?				
4. What is the person's sex?	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			
5. How old is the person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 - 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 or older

6. For statistical purposes, we are interested in learning about your telephone usage. Is there at least one phone inside your home that is currently working and not a cell phone?

- Yes
 No

Thank you! Please return this form in the postage paid envelope provided or mail to:

A Study of Fishing in North Carolina
 116 John Street, Suite 800
 New York, NY 10038

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How did you get my address?

A: Your address was randomly selected from among all of North Carolina's addresses. It was selected using scientific sampling methods to represent other households in your part of the state.

Q: Nobody in my household fishes. Should I respond to the survey?

A: Yes. It is important that we gather information about households that do not fish as well as those who do. Once we receive your completed questionnaire, you will not be sent any additional mailings such as replacement questionnaires.

Q: Why can't you interview another household instead of mine?

A: In order to make sure final results of the study are accurate, receiving information about your household is important to us. Households selected for this study were chosen using scientific sampling methods and your responses cannot be replaced by others.

Q: How will the information I provide be used?

A: Information from this study will be used to improve the monitoring of North Carolina's fishing activity. All information will be kept confidential; It will be combined with information from other households to produce statistical summaries and reports.

Q: How much time will this survey take?

A: On average, it should take less than five minutes for you to respond, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

Q: Who is sponsoring the survey?

A: This study is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Questions regarding the study can be directed to Rob Andrews at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by calling (301) 713-2328.



A STUDY OF FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA

This survey on recreational saltwater fishing is being conducted for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The survey is interested in collecting information about people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. It's important for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to understand how often and where people fish so as to be able to improve recreational saltwater fishing for everyone.

1. Are you: Male
 Female

2. How old are you? Are you:
 Less than 16
 16-18
 18-24
 25-34
 35-44
 45-54
 55-64
 65 or older

3. During the **past 12 months**, did you have a fishing license for the state of North Carolina?
 Yes ---Go to Question 4
 No ---- Skip to Question 6

4. Was this particular license for recreational saltwater fishing?
 Yes --- Go to Question 5
 No --- Skip to Question 6

5. Was this license valid for the months of November and December of this year?
 Yes
 No

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 7 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Rob Andrews, NOAA Fisheries Service, (1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910).

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6. **Saltwater fishing** includes fishing in oceans, sounds, or bays, or in brackish portions of rivers. This does not include fishing in freshwater, or for shellfish, such as crabbing.

Recreational fishing means the primary purpose of the fishing is for fun or relaxation, as opposed to providing income from the sale of fish.

Between November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009, on how many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing in North Carolina or from a boat launched from North Carolina?

- None →

Thank you for your time. Even if you didn't go saltwater fishing during November and December, it's important for us to get a response from every person selected for this study. Please return your completed questionnaire to us in the enclosed prepaid return envelope.

- 1-4 days →

Please fill out one blue sheet for each day that you went recreational saltwater fishing between November 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.

- 5 or more days



Listed below are calendars for the months of November and December.

- Mark a "B" if you fished from a boat on that day
- Mark an "S" if you fished from the shore, pier, dock, or any other land-based fishing point

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Please fill out one blue sheet for your **most recent fishing trip by boat** and one blue sheet for your **most recent fishing trip from shore**.

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Saltwater Fishing Trips (BLUE SHEETS)

<p>1. Please mark the date of the fishing trip</p>	
<p>2. Did you fish from a boat on this date?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No --- Skip to Question 3</p>
<p>2a. What state and county were you in when the boat landed and you stepped off of the boat?</p> <p>Please provide the name of the state as well as the name of the county, parish, island, or municipality, as best you can remember.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Name of State</p> <p>_____</p> <p>County, Parish, Island or Municipality Name</p>
<p>2b. Does the public have access to the place where the boat landed?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> No, Private Access</p>
<p>3. Did you fish from the shore on this date?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ----Skip to Question 4</p>

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<p>3a. Was that from a..... (check all that are applicable)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Pier? <input type="checkbox"/> Dock? <input type="checkbox"/> Jetty or Breakwater? <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge or Causeway? <input type="checkbox"/> Other man-made structure? <input type="checkbox"/> Bank or Beach?</p>
<p>3b. Does the public have access to this place?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, Public Access <input type="checkbox"/> No, Private Access</p>
<p>3c. Where were you fishing? Please provide the name of the state as well as the name of the county, parish, island, or municipality as best you can remember.</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Name of State</p> <p>_____</p> <p>County, Parish, Island or Municipality Name</p>
<p>4. Was most of your fishing effort that day in..... (Check only one):</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Ocean, within 3 miles from the shore? <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean, more than 3 miles from the shore? <input type="checkbox"/> Sound ? <input type="checkbox"/> River ? <input type="checkbox"/> Bay ? <input type="checkbox"/> Inlet ? <input type="checkbox"/> Someplace else?</p>
<p>5. At approximately what time did this fishing trip end? (Check one)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Midnight – 3:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 a.m. –Noon <input type="checkbox"/> Noon – 3:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 p.m.-midnight</p>
<p>6. Did anyone else from your household, including children and adults, fish with you on this date?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ---- Go to Next Trip Form</p>
<p>7. Who else from your household fished with you on this date? (Check all that apply)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Spouse/partner <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) <input type="checkbox"/> Other household member</p>
<p>8. Including you, how many household members went saltwater fishing on this date?</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Number of household members</p>

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