

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/23/2012

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

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 11/08/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201110-0648-020
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Fishermen's Contingency Fund
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0082
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: 01/31/2015 DISCONTINUE DATE:

| BURDEN: | RESPONSES | HOURS | COSTS |
|--|-----------|-------|-------|
| Previous | 200 | 1,008 | 500 |
| New | 200 | 1,008 | 500 |
| Difference | | | |
| Change due to New Statute | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change due to Agency Discretion | 0 | 0 | 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 |
|--|-------------|--|--------------|
| Fishermen's Contingency Fund Application | NOAA 88-164 | Fisherman's Contingency Fund Claim Application | |
| Fishermen's Contingency Fund 15 Day Report | NOAA88-166 | Fishermen's Contingency Fund 15-day Report | |

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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| 1. Agency/Subagency originating request | 2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____ |
| 3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions | 4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated |
| 7. Title | 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>) | 6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____ |
| 9. Keywords | 10. Abstract |
| 11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government | 12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |
| 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____ | 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____ |
| 15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit | 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ |
| 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____ |

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0082**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for extension of this information collection.

The Fishermen's Contingency Fund (Fund or FCF) claim application form is needed by commercial fishermen who file claims against the FCF. Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978 (*43 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.*) authorizes this program which compensates United States (U.S.) commercial fishermen for losses of, or damages to, fishing gear or vessels, plus 50% of resulting gross economic loss, attributable to oil and gas activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Program requirements are set forth in *50 CFR Part 296*.

A 15-day report form is needed by claimants for gaining a presumption that the damage or loss was caused by an item related to OCS oil and gas activities. If a 15-day report is not filed, the claimant must show by a preponderance of evidence that the obstruction causing the damage was related to OCS oil and gas activities. These requirements are set forth in 50 CFR Part 296.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The application (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Form 88-164) consists of a section for property loss and a section for economic loss. The property loss section requests identifying information such as the applicant's name, address, phone number, and Tax Identification Number (TIN). It also requests information pertaining to the casualty for which compensation is claimed. This includes the name of the claimant's vessel, the location of the obstruction, whether the obstruction was marked, the date the casualty occurred, whether a 15-day report was filed, the amount and type of damage claimed, description of the casualty and likely causes, efforts to recover gear, description of proofs of ownership included with the claim and estimates of repair or replacements costs, and identification of witnesses.

This information is needed to determine if the claim is timely filed (within 90 days of the casualty), if the casualty occurred in an eligible area (on the OCS in an area affected by oil and gas activities), if it occurred due to eligible causes, the extent of the casualty, and to provide information necessary to verify the facts of the claim.

The economic loss section requests information pertaining to economic loss, and consequential damages resulting from the casualty. This includes: 1) the length of trips and income from those trips prior to the casualty, 2) number of gear units lost and 3) date replacement gear was ordered and received or the date repairs were commenced and completed.

This information is used to determine a reasonable period for replacement or repair of the gear or vessel and the amount of economic loss associated with the casualty. The Fund pays 50% of resulting economic loss. This section also requests information regarding consequential damages such as extra fuel consumption or claim preparation fees.

The application also includes inventory schedules which list the amounts of gear involved in the casualty, its purchase date, purchase cost, and repair or replacement cost. These are used to calculate the amount of compensation for replacement or repair cost. The application also includes an affidavit by which the claimant attests to the truthfulness of his claim.

The 15-day report form (NOAA Form 88-166) requests identifying information such as the claimant's name, address, phone number, and TIN. It also requests information pertaining to the casualty, such as identification of the vessel involved, the location of the obstruction, a description of the casualty, the date and time of the casualty, and the date the vessel first returned to port after the casualty. This information is used to determine if the 15-day report is timely filed and if the casualty occurred in an area affected by OCS oil and gas activities.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA Fisheries Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Hard copy applications are required because original signatures are required and there are severe penalties for fraud. We do not currently have the capability for e-signatures. However, the 15-day report may be submitted telephonically.

Both forms are available as fillable and printable on the NMFS forms portal, http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/gpea_forms/forms.htm.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Because NOAA Fisheries Service is the sole provider of FCF compensation, there is no duplication of other information collections.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Most respondents are small businesses. The requirements are limited to those necessary to ensure that the Government reimburses only legitimate losses.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

Statutorily-mandated financial assistance could not be delivered without this information collection. Since this is an application process, the frequency of response is determined by the respondents.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

Not Applicable.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on July 1, 2011 (76 FR 38617) solicited public comment on this renewal. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

Not Applicable.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

The information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*); and also under NOAA Administrative Order (AO) 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. Assurance of confidentiality is stated on all forms.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

The estimated burden is as follows:

Applications: 100 respondents x 1 response x 10 hours/response = 1,000 hours

15-day report: 100 respondents x 1 response x 5 min/response = 8 hours

Totals: 100 respondents, 200 responses, 1,008 hours.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

Annualized costs per respondent are estimated at \$5.00 (\$3.00 for postage, \$1.00 for copying, and \$1.00 for long distance phone charges for calling in 15-day reports). Based on 100 respondents, this equates to \$500.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

Number of applications x average response time x average salary of claims examiner/hr plus 62.8% overhead and benefits = 100 x 3 hrs x \$43.46 = \$13,038.00 + 62.8% = \$8,187.86, for a total of \$21,225.86.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Not Applicable.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The results will not be published.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Statistical methods are not used.

FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND CLAIM APPLICATION

Expires 12-31-2011

INSTRUCTIONS TO CLAIMANTS

I. GENERAL

The Fishermen's Contingency Fund is authorized by Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978. Its purpose is to compensate commercial fishermen for damage or loss caused by obstructions associated with oil and gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Program is administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division - F/SF2, 1315 East-West Highway - Room 13138, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

PRESUMPTION OF CAUSATION

A presumption that the damage or loss was caused by items associated with oil and gas activities on the OCS is allowed if you report the damage or loss to the National Marine Fisheries Service within 15 days after the date your vessel first returns to port. If all the criteria of a 15-day report are fulfilled, you need not establish the nature of the damage. If a complete report is not submitted within the 15 day period, the presumption will not be allowed and you will have to prove that the obstruction causing the damage was related to OCS oil and gas activities.

FILING YOUR CLAIM

You must file, in writing, a complete and accurate claim within 90 days after the date you first discovered your damage or loss. The term "filed" means delivered in person, or mailed (as determined by the date of the postmark) to the Chief, FSD, address above. The Chief, FSD, suggests that claims be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested so you will have a record of receipt of your claim.

FAILURE TO MEET FILING REQUIREMENTS

The Chief, FSD, may reject your claim, if it does not meet the filing requirements. If your claim is rejected, the Chief, FSD, will give you written notice of the reasons for rejection within 30 days after the date on which your claim was filed. If you don't refile an acceptable claim within 30 days after the date of this written notice, you are not eligible for Fund compensation unless there are extenuating circumstances.

AGGREGATING CLAIMS

If more than one commercial fisherman suffers loss or damage from the same incident (for example, when several members of the crew lose income due to loss of fishing time), their losses should be included in one claim and submitted on their behalf by the owner or operator of the commercial fishing vessel involved.

AMENDMENT TO CLAIM

You may amend your claim any time before the Chief, FSD, issues an initial determination.

II. WHAT CAN BE CLAIMED

You may file for actual and consequential damages as follows:

(1) Actual Damage:

- (a) The lesser of the gear's repair or replacement cost, and
- (b) The reasonable replacement cost for lost fishing gear.

(2) Consequential Damage:

(a) **RESULTING ECONOMIC LOSS:** You may claim for gross income loss resulting from time lost because of not being able to fish, or having to reduce fishing effort, during the period before the damaged or lost fishing gear is repaired or replaced and available for use. This period must be reasonable. It begins on the date of the casualty and stops on the date the damage could reasonably have been remedied by repair or replacement.

(b) **ATTORNEY, CPA, CONSULTANT FEES:** You may claim for reasonable fees paid to an attorney, CPA, or other consultant for the preparation of your claim. The Chief, FSD, will determine what

amounts are reasonable. You will not be compensated for these fees if the claim is denied.

(c) **OTHER:** You may claim for any other consequential damage loss, (except personal injury) incurred as a consequence of the fishing gear damage or loss.

III. NEGLIGENCE CLAIMANT

An award will be reduced to the extent that the damage or loss was caused by your negligence or fault. Basic grounds for finding a claimant negligent or at fault are listed in the FCF Regulations. Negligence of the owner or operator of fishing gear will affect crew member awards to the same extent that it affects an award to the owner or operator.

IV. INSURANCE PROCEEDS

An award will be reduced by the amount of any compensation you are entitled to receive from insurance.

V. PENALTY FOR FALSE CLAIMS

Any person who files a fraudulent claim is subject to prosecution under 18 U.S.C. sections 2187 and 1001, each of which, upon conviction, imposes a penalty of not more than \$10,000 fine and 5 years in prison, or both.

VI. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Here is a checklist of documents which must be submitted with your claim:

(1) With your claim for actual damage:

(a) Proof that you purchased the fishing gear damaged or lost. Submit copies of the best evidence available, e.g., sales receipts, affidavits, cancelled checks, or other evidence; and

(b) Receipts or estimates showing repair or replacement costs.

(i) If you replace your gear or have it repaired before filing your claim, submit a copy of the itemized invoice or receipt for the replacement or repair cost. If you usually repair or construct your own gear, you may submit a detailed estimate of your own repair or construction cost; include receipts for materials used.

(ii) If you have not replaced or had your gear repaired before you file your claim, submit one estimate from a commercial fishing gear repair or supply company of the present replacement or repair (whichever applies) cost of the damaged or lost fishing gear. (NOTE: The Chief, Financial Services Division, may require the submission of a second-source estimate.)

(2) With your claim for consequential damages:

(a) In the case of claims for resulting economic loss, a statement of the amount claimed and the basis for that amount with supporting documentation as follows:

(i) Trip tickets for the three vessel trips immediately before the trip during which the casualty was discovered and for the vessel trip immediately following the trip during which the casualty occurred.

(ii) A statement of the amount of time involved on each of the vessel trips (or if the casualty involves fixed gear, a statement of the number of gear units hauled on each of these vessel trips.)

(iii) A statement of the amount of time lost from fishing because of the damage or loss and a full explanation of why this time period is reasonable.

(b) Compensation for resulting economic loss will be based on 50 percent of the gross income lost, as estimated by the Chief, FSD, as a result of not being able to fish; or having to fish at a reduced level of effort during the period before the damaged or lost fishing gear is repaired or replaced and available for use. The period begins on the date of the casualty and stops on the

INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE.

INSTRUCTIONS (Contd)

date the damage or loss could reasonably have been remedied by repair or replacement. Appropriate documentation may consist of purchase orders, bills of lading, or statements from commercial repair or supply sources.

(3) In the case of amounts claimed for other consequential damages resulting from the casualty, the claim must include a full description of what each amount represents with suitable documentation.

(4) Photographs (if available) of the obstruction and of any damage to your gear.

(5) The name and mailing address (phone number if available) of each person, if any, to whom you have given oral or written notice that such person caused or may have caused the damage or loss, together with a copy of any written notice given each such person and a statement whether each such person has paid or will pay you for any portion of the damage or loss.

VII. NMFS PROCESSING OF CLAIMS

The National Marine Fisheries Service will process your claim and mail a written initial determination to you within 60 days of the date it is complete with regard to the information required for compensation from the Fund. An initial determination will state (i) if the claim is disapproved, the reason for disapproval, or (ii) if the claim is approved, the amount of compensation and the basis on which amount was determined. If you disagree with the initial determination, you or any other interested person who submitted evidence relating to the initial determination, may request a review of the initial determination. Your written request must be postmarked within 30 days of the date of the initial determination and must fully state your reason(s) for disagreement. If no request for initial review is submitted within 30 days, the initial determination will become a final determination. If a petition for review of an initial determination is timely filed, the Assistant Administrator, NMFS, or his designee will conduct a review of the initial determination, and issue a final determination within 60 days after the day on which the request for review of the initial determination was received.

VIII. PAYMENT OF AWARD FOR CLAIM

(1) When an initial determination becomes final the Chief, FSD, shall immediately disburse the amount awarded if you:

(a) State in writing that you will not petition for review of the initial determination; and

(b) Sign an agreement to repay all or any part of the amount of the award if, the amount of an award should for any reason be subsequently reduced.

If you do not submit the agreements specified above, the Chief, FSD, will not disburse the amount of your award until expiration of 30 days after the issuance of the initial determination.

IX. SUBROGATION

Upon payment of a claim, the Chief, FSD, must obtain a subrogation agreement signed by you which:

(1) Assigns to the Fund your rights against third parties; and

(2) Provides that you will assist the Fund in any reasonable way to pursue those rights.

NOTE: The agreements specified above (Settlement and Subrogation) will be mailed to you along with the Initial Determination. If you accept the Initial Determination, the amount of your award will be disbursed immediately upon receipt of the signed documents.

FISHERMEN'S CONTINGENCY FUND 15-DAY REPORT

OMB APPROVED NO.0648-0082
Expires 12-31-2011

NOTE: No compensation may be awarded unless a completed application form has been received (Title IV – The Fishermen's Contingency Fund -- of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendment of 1978.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In order to gain a presumption that the damage or loss for which you will file a FCF claim was caused by an item related to OCS oil and gas activities, you must submit the information required by this form to the National Marine Fisheries Service *within 15 days after the date your vessel first returned to port after discovering such damage or loss.* You may report your damage or loss while at sea by contacting the National Marine Fisheries Service Regional Office by radiotelephone and providing the required information.

2. If you radiotelephone the information to meet the 15-day deadline, you should also confirm the radiotelephone report by sending a completed copy of this form as soon as possible after you return to port to National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division F/MB5, 1315 East-West Hwy., Rm. 13301, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Phone: (301) 713-2396.

3. Please remember that in addition to this 15-day report, you must also send a *completed claim* to the Financial Services Division, NMFS, at the above address *within 90 days after the damage was first discovered.* Please call or write that office or your regional office if you need advice on how to submit a complete claim.

Privacy Act Statement

Section 3701 © of title 31, United States Code, authorizes collection of this information. This information is part of an application for benefits and is required to obtain those benefits. The primary use of social security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers is to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to allow preparation of IRS Form 1099s for claim payments as required pursuant to Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue code.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5.04 hours per response, including the time for review-instructions, searching exiting 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 National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division, F/MB5, 1315 East West Hwy.,Rm. 13301, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Confidential name and address information will be released via a NOAA Fisheries website for informational purposes. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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| CORPORATE NAME | TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | |
| NAME | SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER | DATE |
| ADDRESS | | PHONE NO. |
| VESSEL'S NAME | | VESSEL NUMBER |

LOCATION OF OBSTRUCTION (Use Loran C or the next best available method of position fixing.)

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF DAMAGE OR LOSS

DATE AND TIME OF DISCOVERY OF DAMAGE OR LOSS

DATE VESSEL FIRST RETURNED TO PORT (Unless 15-Day Report was made before vessel returned)

REMARKS

- Consistency of a company's products or services with the scope and desired outcome of the mission's goals;
- Suitability of a company's products or services to the Qatari and U.A.E. markets and the likelihood of a participating company's increased exports to or business interests in these markets as a result of this mission;
- Demonstrated export experience in Qatar, the U.A.E., or other foreign markets; Additional factors, such as diversity of company size, type, location, and demographics, may also be considered during the review process.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents, including the application, containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

Selection Timeline

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar—<http://www.trade.gov/trade-missions/>—and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The Commerce Department's Office of Business Liaison and the International Trade Administration will explore and welcome outreach assistance from other interested organizations, including other U.S. government agencies.

Applications can be completed online at the Qatar and U.A.E. Business Development Mission Web site at <http://www.trade.gov/QatarUAEmission2011> or can be obtained by contacting Jessica Arnold (202-482-1856/qataruaemission2011@trade.gov). The application deadline is Monday, July 15th, 2011, unless extended by the Department of Commerce. Applications received after Monday, July 15th, 2011, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fishermen's Contingency Fund

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 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 Paul Marx, Chief, Financial Services Division (301) 427-8725 or paul.marx@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

United States (U.S.) commercial fishermen may file claims for compensation for losses of or damage to fishing gear or vessels, plus 50 percent of resulting economic losses, attributable to oil and gas activities on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. To

obtain compensation, applicants must comply with requirements set forth in 50 CFR part 296. The requirements include a report within 15 days of the date the vessel first returns to port after the incident, to gain a presumption of eligible causation, and an application form.

The report form (NOAA Form 88-166) requests identifying information such as the claimant's name, address, phone number, and social security number. It also requests information pertaining to the casualty, such as the location of the obstruction, the date and time of the casualty, identification of the vessel involved, and the date the vessel first returned to port after the casualty.

The application (NOAA Form 88-164) consists of a property loss section and a section for economic loss. The property loss section requests the same identifying information contained in the initial report. It also requests information such as the amount and type of damage claimed, description of the casualty and likely causes, efforts to recover gear, description of proofs of ownership, estimates of repair or replacement costs, and identification of witnesses. The economic loss section requests information pertaining to economic loss and consequential damages resulting from the casualty. This includes the length of trips and income from those trips prior to the casualty, number of gear units lost, date replacement gear was ordered and received or the date repairs were commenced and completed. This section also requests information regarding consequential damages such as extra fuel consumption or claim preparation fees. The application also includes inventory schedules which lists the amounts of gear involved in the casualty, its purchase date, purchase cost, and repair or replacement cost. The application includes an affidavit by which the claimant attests to the truthfulness of the claim.

II. Method of Collection

Paper forms are used for applications, and reports are made by telephone.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0082.
Form Number: NOAA Forms 88-164, 88-166.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 hours for an application, and 5 minutes for a report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,008.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$500.00.

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: June 28, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

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; Coral Reef Conservation Program Survey

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 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 Christy Loper, (301) 713-3000 Ext 125 or at Christy.Loper@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information from individuals in the seven United States (U.S.) jurisdictions containing coral reefs. Specifically, NOAA is seeking information on the knowledge, attitudes and reef use patterns, as well as information on knowledge and attitudes related to specific reef protection activities. In addition, this survey will provide for the ongoing collection of social and economic data related to the communities affected by coral reef conservation programs.

The Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP), developed under the authority of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, is responsible for programs intended to enhance the conservation of coral reefs. NOAA intend to use the information collected through this instrument for research purposes as well as measuring and improving the results of our reef protection programs. Because many of the efforts to protect reefs rely on education and changing attitudes toward reef protection, the information collected will allow CRCP staff to ensure programs are designed appropriately at the start, future program evaluation efforts are as successful as possible, and outreach efforts are targeting the intended recipients with useful information.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected in the means most efficient and effective in the individual jurisdiction. For the three years covered by this clearance NOAA expect to use face-to-face interviews in American Samoa, internet-based survey techniques in Hawaii and Florida, and telephone and internet as appropriate in Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: NA.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,834.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 917.

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: June 27, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

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; StormReady™, TsunamiReady™ and StormReady/TsunamiReady™ Application Forms

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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 30, 2011.