

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/15/2012

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 11/28/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201111-0648-006  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: Northeast Region Permit Family of Forms  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0202

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: 04/30/2013

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	206,688	29,194	6,271,725
New	206,738	29,198	6,271,725
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	50	4	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
Gillnet Designations/Requests for Tags	NA, NA	Gillnet Tag Order Form, Gillnet Tag Replacement Form	
Vessel permit application and renewal	NA, NA	Federal Fisheries Vessel Permit Application - Renewal, Federal Fisheries Vessel Permit Application - Initial	
Replacement/upgrade, permit history retention, vessel specification verification, unseaworthy vessel (proof of loss)	NA	Application for vessel replacement, upgrade and confirmation of permit history	
Herring vessels - bycatch notification of landing to Office of Law Enforcement			50 CFR 648.14
Midwater Trawl Exemption Request			50 CFR 648.80
LOA for WGOM and Cashes Ledge Closed Area Charter/Party Exemption Certificate			50 CFR 648.80
Summer Flounder Small-Mesh Exemption			50 CFR 648.104
Purse Seine Exemption			50 CFR 648.80
Cultivator Shoals Whiting and Nantucket Shoals Dogfish Exemptions			50 CFR 648.80
Vessels Standing by Entangled Whales - Notification			50 CFR 648.14
DAS Credit for Standing By Entangled Whale			50 CFR 648.14
Raised Footrope Trawl Whiting Fishery Exemption (Sept 1 - Dec 31)			50 CFR 648.80
Monkfish Southern Fishery Management Area Landing Limit and Minimum Fish Size Exemption			50 CFR 648.94
VMS/Call-In Requirements - MS, Monkfish vessels days out of fishery; depart/landing for monkfish and occasional sea scallop vessels	NA	VMS call-in addition of question about landing an extra monkfish	50 CFR 648

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IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Expedited submission of proposed SAPs			50 CFR 648.85
NE Multispecies VMS Power Down Exemption	NA	VMS Power Down Exemption Request Form	50 CFR 648.10
NE Multispecies Days at Sea Transfer Program	NA	Application to Permanently Transfer NE Multispecies Days at Sea	
Multispecies Area and DAS Declaration - Groundfish vessels fishing under an NE Multispecies DAS			50 CFR 648.10
NE Multispecies Proposed Sector Allocation			50 CFR 648
Northeast Region Dealer Permitting - Initial Permit and Renewal	NA, NA	Dealer Permit Application Form - Renewal, Federal Northeast Seafood Dealer -Initial Dealer Permit Application	
VMS proof of installation and confirmation of VMS connectivity with OLE (for 550 vessels per year), plus costs of installation, maintenance and automated polling	NA	VMS Certification of Activation	50 CFR 648.14
Foreign fishing vessels arrival/departure from EEZ notification			50 CFR 300.140
Foreign fishing vessel VMS purchase, installation/maintenance and position reporting costs and certification responses and costs	NA	VMS Certification of Installation	50 CFR 300.140
Area and DAS Declaration: Gulf of Maine Differential Days at Sea Area Heaving-To Declaration			50 CFR 648.10
Vessel operator permit application - initial and renewal	NA, NA	Vessel Operator Application - Renewal, Vessel operator permit application - initial	
SNE Little Tunny Gillnet and Winter Flounder State Waters Exemptions			50 CFR 648.80
State Waters Sea Scallop Exemption			50 CFR 648.80

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IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
NAFO Regulatory Area Request (exemption)			50 CFR 648.80
GOM/Nantucket Lightship Party/Charter Exemption			50 CFR 648.81
Change in Multipspecies Permit Category, Transiting to Another Port and Transfer at Sea			50 CFR 648.10
Lobster Area Designation and Requests for Trap Tags	NA, NA	Lobster Trap Tag Request Form, Lobster trap tag replacement request form	
Lobster Area 5 Waiver			50 CFR 697.26
State Quota Transfers			50 CFR 648.100, 648.160
Monkfish Fishery Days at Sea VMS Declaration			50 CFR 648.94
LOA for declaring that a vessel intends to fish south of the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Regulated Mesh Area			50 CFR 648.86
Herring VMS catch report			50 CFR 648.7
Herring vessel request for transfer at sea LOA			50 CFR 648.13
Herring Carrier LOA request			50 CFR 648.4

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE  
NORTHEAST REGION PERMIT FAMILY OF FORMS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0202**

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is proposing a change to OMB Control No. 0648-0202, Northeast Region Family of Forms, to add two (2) exemptions in the Atlantic herring previously not included, although approved under a final rule. There will be four (4) hours of public burden but no cost burden, associated with this change.

The original Atlantic Herring Fisheries Management Plan (FR 0648-AI78 (65 FR 77450, December 11, 2000)) authorized vessels issued Atlantic herring permits to transfer herring at sea and act as carrier vessels with a letter of authorization from the Regional Administrator. Vessel owner/operators are required to call the NMFS Northeast Regional Office (NERO) to request either letter of authorization. Although these exemptions, and subsequent public burden of calling the NMFS NERO office, have been in place since 2000, they have not been accounted for under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This change request adds the Transfer at Sea and Herring Carrier exemption to this information collection.

Based on the 2010 records of vessels that received letters of authorization, there are thirty-five (35) vessels that apply for the Transfer at Sea letter of authorization and fifteen (15) vessels that apply for the Carrier letter of authorization annually. Each vessel applies once a year, for a total of 50 (35 + 15) total phone calls. Each phone call is expected to take five (5) minutes for a total of 4.2 hours (4 hours). There is no additional public cost associated with this change as phone calls are assumed to be free.

The 0648-0202 burden table will be modified as shown below (additions in red):

Transfer at Sea – associated burden	# of Entities	Items per Entity	Total # of Items	Response Time	Public Burden	Public Cost
Herring Carrier LOA	15	1	15	5 min.	1 hour, 15 minutes	\$0
Herring Transfer at Sea LOA	35	1	35	5 min.	3 hours	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>50</b>		<b>4 hours, 15 minutes (4 hours)</b>	

## 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.