

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 10/02/2014

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 10/01/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201409-0648-012

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0292

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: 02/29/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	200	50	0
New	200	50	0
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 PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Terms of the previous clearance remain in effect.

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act	NA	Marine Mammal Authorization Program - Mortality/Injury Reporting Form	

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
AUTHORIZATION UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE MARINE MAMMAL
PROTECTION ACT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0292

In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.; MMPA or the Act) the owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel is required to report all incidental mortality and injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations, regardless of the classification of the fishery in which the vessel is operating. Section 118(e) of the MMPA requires that this information be reported to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) within 48-hours after the end of a fishing trip. Section 118(c) of the MMPA requires NMFS to reexamine the classification of fisheries based on information gathered under the MMPA, including these mortality and injury reports from fishermen. Therefore, NMFS needs this information to determine the correct category placement for fisheries.

Section 118(e) of the Act requires that all reports of incidental mortality and injury be submitted to the Secretary by mail on a postage paid form or “other means acceptable.” The legislative history of the amendments indicates that Congress intended for the report forms to be machine-readable for use in a computerized data system. Since 1996, NMFS has collected the report information using paper forms submitted by mail or fax. Starting in 2015, NMFS would like to implement the “other means” by offering online submission by E-mail attachment with a fillable pdf form or on the Web page with an online Google form. NMFS will keep the paper form submission option available and add two more technology-based options to make mortality and injury reporting a simple and quick process. Offering mail, fax, E-mail, and online submission formats will encourage timely receipt of mortality and injury reports and allow fishermen to share information however is most convenient for them. There will be no change to burden or costs for this information collection as a result of these changes.

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.