

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 10/18/2012

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 10/15/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201210-0648-003
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: High Seas Fishing Permit Application, Logbook Reporting and Vessel Marking
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0304
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: 03/31/2015 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	9,170	848	17,431
New	9,170	848	17,431
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: Terms of the previous clearance remain in effect.

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
High Seas Fishing Permit Application Information	NA	High Seas Fishing Permit Application and Instructions	
High Seas Vessel Identification			50 CFR 300.14
High Seas Vessel Reporting Requirements	NA	High Seas Fishing Daily Forms and instructions	

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
HIGH SEAS FISHING PERMIT, VESSEL IDENTIFICATION, AND
REPORTING REQUIREMENT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0304**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issues permits, under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA), to United States (U.S.) fishing vessels fishing on the high seas. HSFCA also requires vessels be marked for identification purposes and for permittees to report their fishing effort and catch. These requirements apply to all U.S. vessels fishing on the high seas. NMFS proposes to modify OMB Control No. 0648-0304 by providing an electronic means for submitting the permit application.

NMFS has been using the National Permit System (NPS) to process the paper applications mailed or faxed by applicants. A public interface has been developed in NPS to allow for applicants to create an account and, using that account, apply for certain NMFS permits. Applications for high seas fishing vessel permits would be made available.

Permit holders whose high seas fishing permits expire would be notified by letter of the availability of the on-line application option for renewal of their permit. The permit holders would be provided information to register on the public website of NPS in the letter. A link to this website would also be included on the webpage of the Office of International Affairs to provide the option of on-line application for those applicants that may be inclined to apply on-line instead of the usual paper form.

The on-line application would require the same information as in the paper application and provide the same instructions. The public interface allows for payment of the application fee through Pay.gov. For submission of supporting documents, such as a copy of the vessel's certificate of documentation, the applicant can print a fax cover sheet and fax the documents to the appropriate NMFS office. The high seas fishing permit would be mailed to the applicant.

The burden may be slightly less than with paper submission, due to no longer needing to mail the application; however, at this time we are not re-estimating the burden.

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.