

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/22/2014

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 01/17/2014

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

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201401-0648-007

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Recreational Landings Reports

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0328

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: 04/30/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	10,435	1,384	0
New	10,435	1,384	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
Bluefin Tuna Landing Cards for MD and NC	NA, NA	Maryland Bluefin Tuna Landing Card, North Carolina Landing Card	
Other states/territories reporting of bluefin tuna landings and call-backs for fish over 73"	NA	Bluefin tuna recreational landings reporting	
Swordfish and Billfish - Internet and IVR reporting	NA	Recreational landings internet reporting screenshots	
MD and NC weekly and annual reports on BFT landngs			50 CFR 635.5
Maryland and North Carolina Shark Landings	NA, NA	Maryland Shark Catch Card, NC Shark Catch Card	50 CFR 635.5(c)

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES RECREATIONAL LANDINGS AND
BLUEFIN TUNA CATCH REPORTS
OMB CONTROL NUMBER 0648-0328

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division manages 42 species of sharks in Federal waters. Sharks play an important biological role as predators in the ocean ecosystem, and the HMS Management Division is currently scoping mechanisms by which to expand shark landings reports. Presently, all shark landings by the commercial sector are required to be reported to NMFS, some biological shark sampling is conducted by NMFS scientists at shark fishing tournaments, and fisheries-independent shark data are collected by NMFS scientists at sea. At this time, anglers are not required to report recreational landings of sharks to NMFS unless they are asked to participate in one of two recreational surveys: the Large Pelagics Survey (OMB Control Number 0648-0380) or a survey under the Marine Recreational Information Program. Given the large number of species and that fact that many sharks look similar to other shark species, NMFS often receives requests for more education and outreach about recreational angling for sharks. NMFS has responded by developing a shark identification placard, which is distributed at shark tournaments and other recreational fishing venues, such as marinas and state catch card reporting stations.

Because surveys cannot sample the entire population of anglers across the whole management area throughout the entire fishing year for all landed sharks, the existing recreational collections do not always include all the information needed for shark stock assessments or other fishery management needs. Nor do these surveys educate the angler about the shark species the angler caught. Catch cards are an effective means of collecting recreational shark landings data and educating the public at the state level, and can be modified slightly to target the species specific to that state. Maryland and North Carolina are currently the only states with mandatory recreational catch card reporting programs for highly migratory fish species. In January of 2013, the state of Maryland added a catch card for sharks to their catch card reporting program (revision of this information collection, 04/29/2013), and implemented a state-wide requirement for anglers to complete a shark catch card upon landing of a shark at the dock. The Maryland shark catch card includes a list of shark species to report and a list of shark species that are prohibited, which further educates the public about shark regulations. The North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries has recently added sharks to their existing recreational catch card (example attached). Like Maryland, the card lists the species to report and species that are prohibited, and further includes an image that informs anglers of how to identify the shark's gender.

A final summary for 2013 shark landings from the state of Maryland's catch card program indicated that 69 shark catch cards were completed by anglers throughout the year. Rounding up to about 70 respondents as an estimate for the number of shark landings that would be reported through the North Carolina catch card program (available information indicates that Maryland is a reasonable proxy for North Carolina for shark landings), and a burden of (less than) 10 minutes per catch card completion, an estimated 12 burden hours would have been added to the previously-approved collection burden and responses. However, the number of responses for the

new Maryland shark catch cards was overestimated by approximately 200 in the 2013 revision. Adding 70 more responses to the actual 70 for the Maryland card still results in 130 fewer responses than originally expected, even including the North Carolina cards. Given these adjustments (actual Maryland shark catch card responses and estimated North Carolina responses), the current approved collection's number of responses should decrease by 130 and number of burden hours should decrease by 22.

Because there will be a resubmission of this collection's revision per Final Rule 0648-BC09, finalizing the burden change associated with that rule, we will add this adjustment described above at that time.

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.



Billfish, Shark and Tuna Catch Card

Reporting Station Copy



Year Month Day
Date 2014

Reporting Station: _____

Permit Number: _____

Vessel Name: _____

Trip Type: Charter Private Headboat

Tournament Name: _____

Tag Number: _____

Length (inches) _____

Pounds (optional) _____

Sex (**SHARKS ONLY**, see back for description)

Male Female

SEE HOW TO TAG AND MEASURE FISH ON BACK

CHECK SPECIES LANDED

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- Blue Marlin
- White Marlin
- Sailfish
- Roundscale Spearfish
- Swordfish

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- Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

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- Atlantic Sharpnose
- Blacknose
- Blacktip
- Blue
- Bonnethead
- Bull
- Common Thresher
- Finetooth
- Great Hammerhead
- Lemon
- Nurse
- Oceanic Whitetip
- Porbeagle
- Scalloped Hammerhd.
- Shortfin Mako
- Smooth Dogfish
- Smooth Hammerhd.
- Spinner
- Tiger

All the Highly Migratory Species and Sharks listed and landed in North Carolina must have a Landing Tag affixed before removal from the vessel. Tags are available at all HMS Reporting Stations. To obtain a Landing Tag, Captains or operators of permitted vessel must complete and submit a catch card for every HMS landed. This information collection is approved under OMB Control #0648-0328 (expires 04/30/2016).

Billfish, Shark and Tuna Catch Card Tag Receipt

Angler's Copy

Official Use Only

Tag Number (from above) _____

Anglers should keep this receipt in hand while in possession of the fish

NC HMS Catch Card Contact Information

Name	Telephone Number	E-mail
Dallis Tucker	252-946-6481	Dallis.Tucker@ncdenr.gov
Chris Wilson	252-946-6481	Chris.Wilson@ncdenr.gov
Doug Mumford	252-946-6481	Doug.Mumford@ncdenr.gov

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Ron Salz	301-427-8171	Ron.Salz@noaa.gov
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HMS Permits

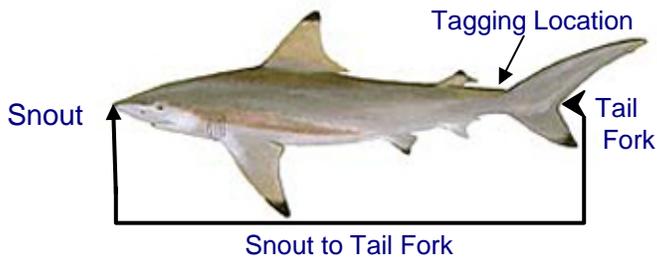
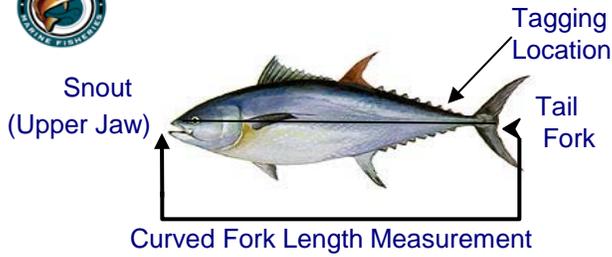
Renewals/New	888-872-8862	http://hmspermits.noaa.gov/
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After Hours Reporting

800-682-2632	Use only when no other option available
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REPORTING SITE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE
Seawater Marina	Atlantic Beach	252-726-1637
Captain Stacy's Fishing Center	Atlantic Beach	252-726-4675
Anchorage Marina	Atlantic Beach	252-726-4423
Town Creek Marina	Beaufort	252-728-6111
Olde Towne Yacht Club	Beaufort	252-726-3066
Hurricane Fishing Center	Calabash	910-579-3660
Harker's Island Fishing Center	Harker's Island	252-728-3907
Oden's Dock	Hatteras	252-986-2555
Hatteras Harbor Marina	Hatteras	252-986-2166
Teach's Lair Marina	Hatteras	252-986-2460
Hatteras Landing Marina	Hatteras	252-986-2522
Holden Beach Marina	Holden Beach	910-842-5447
Pirates Cove	Manteo	252-473-3906
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center	Manteo	252-441-6301
Shallowbag Bay Marina	Manteo	252-305-8726
Portside Marina	Morehead City	252-726-7678
Ocean Isle Fishing Center	Ocean Isle	910-575-3474
Anchorage Marina	Ocracoke	252-928-6661
Southport Marina	Southport	910-457-9900
Broad Creek Marina	Wanchese	252-473-9991
Bridge Tender Marina	Wrightsville Beach	910-256-6550
Creekside Yacht Club	Wrightsville Beach	910-350-0023

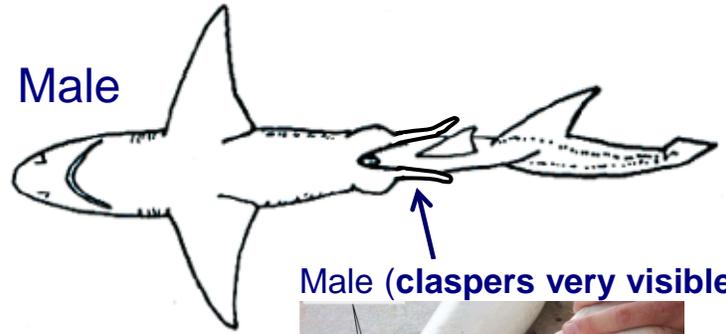
HOW TO MEASURE AND TAG



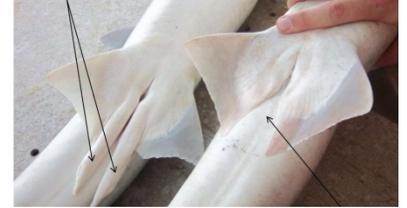
HOW TO DETERMINE SEX OF SHARKS



Male

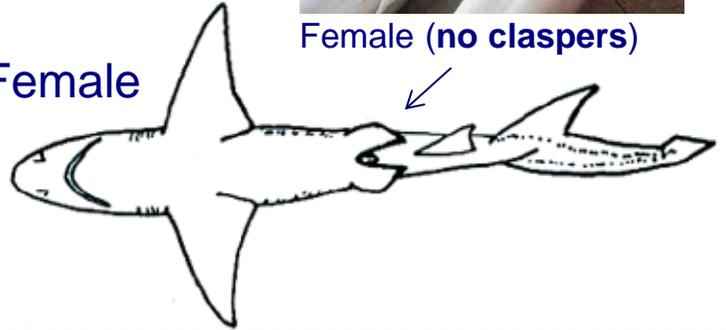


Male (claspers very visible)



Female (no claspers)

Female



PROHIBITED SHARK SPECIES



Sharks

- Atlantic Angel
- Basking
- Bigeye Sandtiger
- Bigeye Sixgill
- Bigeye Thresher
- Bignose
- Caribbean Sharpnose
- Caribbean Reef
- Dusky
- Galapagos
- Longfin Mako

- Narrowtooth
- Night
- Sandbar
- Sandtiger
- Sevengill
- Silky
- Sixgill
- Smalltail
- Whale
- White