

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/17/2012

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 12/19/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201112-0648-011
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Alaska Interagency Electronic Reporting System
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0515
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: 11/30/2012 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	46,064	19,084	4,612
New	46,064	19,084	4,612
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
Alaska Interagency Electronic Reporting System - Registration			50 CFR 679.5, 50 CFR 680.2
eLandings Landing Report	NA, NA, NA, NA	Interim Crab Landing Report, Interim groundfish landing report, Shoreside Processor Out of State Landing Report, ADF&G Electronic Groundfish Ticket	50 CFR 679.5, 50 CFR 680.2
eLandings Production Report			50 CFR 679.5, 50 CFR 680.2

JUSTIFICATION

ALASKA ELANDINGS ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM

OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0515

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: Change to eLandings Mothership Landing Report, adding checkbox to indicate catcher vessel movement to avoid Chinook salmon – due to associated proposed rule, RIN 0648- BA80.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region manages the groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The FMP is implemented under regulations at 50 CFR part 679.

In December 2009, the Council recommended that NMFS implement the Chinook Salmon Economic Data Report Program to evaluate the effectiveness of Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) management measures for the Bering Sea pollock fishery that were implemented under Amendment 91 to the BSAI FMP (5 FR 53026, August 30, 2010).

NMFS manages the Bering Sea pollock fishery under the American Fisheries Act (AFA) (16 U.S.C. 1851). The AFA “rationalized” the Bering Sea pollock fishery in part by allowing for the formation and management of fishery cooperatives in the three pollock sectors (catcher/processor, mothership, and inshore). A separate western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program manages a portion of the Bering Sea pollock fishery.

AFA fishing vessels harvest pollock using pelagic (mid-water) trawl gear, which consists of large nets towed through the water by the vessel. At times, Chinook salmon and pollock occur in the same locations in the Bering Sea. Consequently, Chinook salmon are incidentally caught in the nets as pollock is harvested. This halibut incidental catch is called halibut bycatch and is also called halibut prohibited species catch (PSC). Chinook salmon are defined as a prohibited species because they are caught by a vessel issued a Federal Fisheries Permit under § 679.4(b) while fishing for groundfish (pollock) in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) or Gulf of Alaska.

eLandings is an interagency electronic reporting system used for reporting commercial fishery landings in Alaska. eLandings is used by participants to report landings and/or production data for groundfish, Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)/CDQ halibut and sablefish, and IFQ/CDQ crab and Community of Adak golden king crab. This system is a collaborative effort of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the International Pacific Halibut Commission, and the NMFS Alaska Region. eLandings provides continuous access to individual accounts by participants, which allows participants to more efficiently monitor their accounts and fishing activities.

A new PSC accounting census of all Chinook salmon for operators of AFA and CDQ catcher/processors and catcher vessels using trawl gear is used as a basis to monitor and enforce

the Chinook salmon PSC allocations. NMFS would collect new information through eLandings on vessel movements on the fishing grounds to determine any differences between movements related to avoidance of salmon and vessel movements that occurred for other reasons. NMFS would use the movement information to compare Chinook salmon PSC avoidance between individual vessels and by various vessel characteristics. Chinook salmon PSC rates could be merged with this information by vessel to assess how these PSC rates change prior to and following a change in fishing location. Movement data combined with other management data could support assessment of a vessel's voluntary decisions to leave fishing grounds to avoid Chinook salmon PSC.

Whenever the operator of an AFA catcher vessel chooses to move the vessel primarily to reduce Chinook salmon PSC, the operator would indicate each change in location for any haul by checking a vessel movement box in the trawl gear. The Chinook EDR Program revised the format of the trawl gear daily fishing logbook (DFL) by adding a single column for a checkmark.

The mothership eLandings landing report is revised with the addition of a “checkbox” on the landing report data entry screen. The mothership operator will mark the checkbox when a catcher vessel using trawl gear delivers pollock to the mothership and indicates a move from the original fishing location to a new fishing location in an effort to avoid and thus reduce Chinook PSC.

The catcher vessel operator routinely provides the blue DFL logsheet (the discard copy) to the mothership operator when the pollock delivery is complete. The new data resulting from the movement checkbox will allow NMFS to determine any differences between movement related to avoidance of Chinook salmon and other vessel moves.

The affected motherships are already users of eLandings. This change to this collection of information does not add any participants, require additional training of the users, nor impose a significant impact on small entities. Costs and burden are not expected to change as a result of this action.

The mothership operation may complete the landing report through eLandings online through the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://elandings.alaska.gov>.

In addition to creation of the Chinook Salmon Economic Data Report (EDR) (see OMB 0648-0633), NMFS will revise this collection, OMB No. 0648-0515, OMB No. 0648-0634 (Groundfish Family of Forms), and OMB No. 0648-0401 (AFA Reports) to obtain additional data for the Chinook salmon analysis. This action changes the existing collection of information in support of the associated rule, RIN 0648-BA80, and supports the new Chinook Salmon EDR Program managed under the AFA.

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.

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
ELECTRONIC GROUND FISH TICKET**

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PURCHASER

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Statistical Area WorkSheet			
Stat. Area	%	Stat. Area	%
515831 FED 610	80	505831 FED 610	20

Vessel Misty Dawn
ADF&G NO. 00538
Permit BX0B 12345K 04001
Simon Chipmunk

Crew Size 3 **Mgmt Pgm** CDQ
Observers onboard 0 **ID** 42

Port of Landing or off-shore operation type

FLD Mothership

Type of Gear used

61 Longline

Mag Stripe Read

Moved Due To Salmon Bycatch

CQE Delivery

Owner: F1234 WAI Fisheries

Date Fishing Began
(Gear in Water)

Custom Processor:

Date Landed

PARTIAL DELIVERY:

- Partial Delivery
- Last Landing for Trip
- Multiple IFQ Permits

SPECIES	STAT AREA	DEL. COND	SCALE WEIGHT	NUM	DISP.	SIZE & GRADE	SOLD WEIGHT	PRICE	AMOUNT
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Total: 64,754.1234 \$6,134.23

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Permit Holder's Signature _____

Fish Received by _____ Date _____

ADF&G USE	
Interview	
Observer	
Logbook	

Landing Report ID: 1

CFEC Serial Number: 12345

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Landings Tax		
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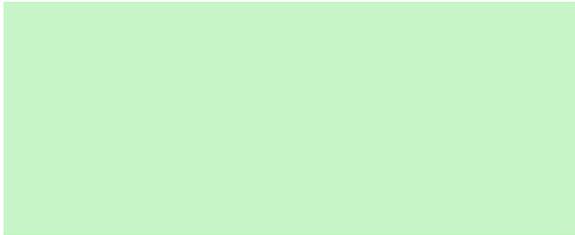
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