

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 05/09/2013

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 05/09/2013

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201305-0648-005

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Northeast Region Observer Providers Requirements

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0546

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: 08/31/2014

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	35,841	6,236	44,715
New	35,841	6,236	44,715
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:

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
Observer deployment report			50 CFR 648.11
Observer availability report			50 CFR 648.11
Observer availability updates			50 CFR 648.11
Safety refusals			50 CFR 648.11
Raw observer data			50 CFR 648.11
Observer debriefings			50 CFR 648.11
Other (predominantly incident) reports			50 CFR 648.11
Biological samples			50 CFR 648.11
Renewal observer provider permit application			50 CFR 648.11
Applicant response to a denial			50 CFR 648.11
Request for observer training			50 CFR 648.11
Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved observer providers			50 CFR 648.11
Request for an observer			50 CFR 648.11
Notification of unavailability of observers			50 CFR 648.11
Observer contact list updates			50 CFR 648.11
Service provider material submissions			50 CFR 648.11
Service provider contracts			50 CFR 648.11

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
NMFS NORTHEAST REGION OBSERVER PROVIDERS
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0546

Per Final Rule 0648-BC81 (Framework 24), all NE Region limited access general category (LAGC) vessels would be required to call in weekly with their expected trip usage, similar to current requirements for LAGC trips in access areas. The 259-vessel LAGC scallop fleet is allocated a certain number of trips in the scallop access areas each year. These access areas are closed to all scallop fishing except for these allocated trips. Currently, LAGC vessels are required to call observer program the Thursday proceeding the week (Sunday through Saturday) that they intend to start a scallop trip in an **access area**. This rule will change that requirement so that LAGC vessels must call the observer program the Thursday proceeding the week that they intend to start a scallop trip in **any area**.

However, burden is already assumed for one observer notification call per week, and no vessel is expected to call in more than once per week, so there is no burden or cost change expected.

There were no comments on the proposed rule related to this information collection requirement.

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 _____ _____

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