

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/13/2014

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 12/16/2013

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201309-0648-008

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Reporting Requirements for Sea Otter Interactions with the Pacific Sardine Fishery; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0566

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: 01/31/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

| BURDEN:                         | RESPONSES | HOURS | COSTS |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Previous                        | 2         | 1     | 10    |
| New                             | 2         | 1     | 10    |
| 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  |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Report of sea otter interaction |          |           | 50 CFR 660.61 |

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

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|--|---|
| 1. Agency/Subagency originating request  | 2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span><br>a. _____ - _____   |
| 3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> )<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired<br>e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired<br>f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number<br>For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions | 4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> )<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated  |
| 7. Title   | 5. Small entities<br>Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |
| 8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )  | 6. Requested expiration date<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____   |
| 9. Keywords  |   |
| 10. Abstract   |   |
| 11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> )<br>a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms<br>b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government<br>c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government   | 12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> )<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory   |
| 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden<br>a. Number of respondents _____<br>b. Total annual responses _____<br>1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ %<br>c. Total annual hours requested _____<br>d. Current OMB inventory _____<br>e. Difference _____<br>f. Explanation of difference<br>1. Program change _____<br>2. Adjustment _____  | 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> )<br>a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____<br>b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____<br>c. Total annualized cost requested _____<br>d. Current OMB inventory _____<br>e. Difference _____<br>f. Explanation of difference<br>1. Program change _____<br>2. Adjustment _____  |
| 15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> )<br>a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management<br>b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research<br>c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance<br>d. ___ Audit   | 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> )<br>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure<br>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting<br>1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly<br>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually<br>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ |
| 17. Statistical methods<br>Does this information collection employ statistical methods<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   | 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)<br><br>Name: _____<br>Phone: _____   |

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA OTTER INTERACTIONS WITH THE  
PACIFIC SARDINE FISHERY; COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT PLAN  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0566**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Endangered Species Act ([ESA](#)), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) initiated an ESA section 7 consultation with the Department of Interior's United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the possible effects of implementing Final Rule 0648-AT11, published June 29, 2006 (71 FR 36999)) This rule codified Amendment 11 to the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP), developed under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#). USFWS determined that formal consultation was necessary on the possible effects to the threatened southern sea otter. USFWS completed a biological opinion (BO) (attached to this request) for this action and although it was concluded that fishing activities were not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the southern sea otter there remained the potential to incidentally take southern sea otters. USFWS determined that certain measures should be put in place to ensure the continued protection of the species. The reporting requirements and conservation measures put forth in [Final Rule 0648-AU72](#), published May 30, 2007 (72 FR 29891), with the announcement of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the information collection requirements in [Final Rule 0648-AX31](#), published October 10, 2008 (73 FR 60191), are a condition of this BO and are an attempt to provide further conservation efforts for southern sea otters. The reporting requirements include:

1. If a southern sea otter is entangled in a net, regardless of whether the animal is injured or killed, such an occurrence must be reported within 24 hours to the Regional Administrator, NMFS Southwest Region.
2. While fishing for CPS, vessel operators must record all observations of otter interactions (defined as otters within encircled nets or coming into contact with nets or vessels, including but not limited to entanglement) with their purse seine net(s) or vessel(s). With the exception of an entanglement, which will be initially reported as described in #1 above, all other observations must be reported within 20 days to the Regional Administrator.

When contacting NMFS after an interaction, fishermen would be required to provide information regarding the location (latitude and longitude) of the interaction and a description of the interaction itself.

Due to the low number of documented interactions (two) and the small overlap between the fishery and the distribution of southern sea otters it is believed that cases as described above are

extremely rare. However, before 2008 no legal requirement for fishermen to report such interactions existed in regulations, and with low to no observer coverage within this fishery, the true frequency and type of interactions occurring is unknown. The data gathered from this information collection is valuable in determining whether interactions are as rare as believed or whether stronger mitigation is necessary to ensure protection for the threatened southern sea otter. This information will prove valuable to both fishermen and/or the conservation of sea otters as it will continue to establish a record of the presence or absence of sea otter interactions. Although no responses have been received over the last six years, the fishing seasons for Pacific sardine, one of the primary CPS fisheries were extremely truncated due to reduced sardine biomass levels in four of the last 6 years, as well as some effort switch in areas of the fishery, compared to previous years when interactions were witnessed, potentially reducing the chance for an interaction to occur. As it is unknown what effect these reduced fishing seasons have or what the annual variability in interactions is, the continuance of this collection is important to begin to answer these questions.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

The information gathered from this collection will be used by NMFS and the USFWS to determine whether further mitigation measures will need to be implemented to ensure the continued protection of the threatened southern sea otter. Sea otter entanglement interactions that are reported to NMFS within 24 hours of the occurrence will be examined at that time by NMFS and USFWS; all other observations will be reviewed on an annual basis.

As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA Fisheries Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

There are no specific forms associated with this action.

Information may be submitted via mail (in instances not involving capture of an otter in a net, which requires reporting within 24 hours), telephone, fax or e-mail.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

No reporting requirements or other collections are currently gathering the same or similar information.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

All respondents to this information collection are expected to be small businesses and/or other small entities. As few responses are expected, the burden is expected to be minimal. The only cost involved with this collection of information should be the cost involved in contacting NMFS. In order to minimize the burden, acceptable methods of submission will be mail, phone, fax, or email.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

This collection is required to meet the terms and conditions put forth by the USFWS, and is necessary for the fishery to continue in its current state. If this collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently there may be risk to the threatened southern sea otter.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

Not Applicable.

**8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

A Federal Register Notice published on June 10, 2013 (78 FR 34652) solicited public comments on this information collection renewal. No comments were received.

Additionally, the members of the CPS Advisory Subpanel, an industry and non-governmental advisory body to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, as well as the Executive Director of the non-profit organization California Wetfish Producers Association, whose membership includes the majority of CPS harvesters and processors operating in California, were specifically contacted to ask their views on this collection of information and whether the burden and cost are accurate and reasonable. No substantive responses were received from this outreach. The Executive Director of the California Wetfish Producers Association responded and said that she did not expect fisherman to have any comments because apparently no otter interactions have occurred over the last six years and therefore no one has had to provide information under this information collection.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

Neither payments or gifts have been offered.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

No assurance of confidentiality is provided.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No sensitive questions will be asked.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

The total number of respondents expected annually is 2 or fewer.

The frequency of response expected is once per year.

The average response time per respondent is expected to be 15 minutes or less.

The total hourly burden will be 30 minutes or less, rounded up to 1 hour.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

The only expected cost to the respondents is the cost associated with contacting NMFS, through mail, phone, fax, or email. At a maximum cost of \$5 per response, the annual cost would be \$10.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

There are no estimated costs to the Federal government.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.**

Not Applicable.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

There are no plans to publish the results of this collection.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

Not Applicable.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

There are no exceptions.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

The collection will not employ statistical methods.

requested to submit with the argument: (1) Statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Interested parties, who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>9</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.<sup>10</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using IA ACCESS and that electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by parties in their comments, within 120 days after issuance of these preliminary results.

#### Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

#### Cash Deposit Instructions

The Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts calculated for year 2011. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections

751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: June 3, 2013.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

#### Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum:

1. Summary
2. Background
3. Scope of the Order
4. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences
5. Subsidy Valuation Information
6. Loan Benchmark Rates
7. Analysis of Programs
8. Preliminary Ad Valorem Rate for Non-Selected Companies Under Review
9. Preliminary Ad Valorem Rate for Non-Cooperative Companies Under Review
10. Conclusion

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements for Sea Otter Interactions With the Pacific Sardine Fishery; Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Joshua Lindsay, (562) 980-4034 or [joshua.lindsay@noaa.gov](mailto:joshua.lindsay@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

On May 30, 2007, NMFS published a final rule (72 FR 29891) implementing a requirement under the CPS FMP to report any interactions that may occur between a CPS vessel and/or fishing gear and sea otters.

Specifically, these reporting requirements are:

1. If a southern sea otter is entangled in a net, regardless of whether the animal is injured or killed, such an occurrence must be reported within 24 hours to the Regional Administrator, NMFS Southwest Region.

2. While fishing for CPS, vessel operators must record all observations of otter interactions (defined as otters within encircled nets or coming into contact with nets or vessels, including but not limited to entanglement) with their purse seine net(s) or vessel(s). With the exception of an entanglement, which will be initially reported as described in No. 1 above, all other observations must be reported within 20 days to the Regional Administrator.

When contacting NMFS after an interaction, fishermen are required to provide information regarding the location, specifically latitude and longitude, of the interaction and a description of the interaction itself. Descriptive information of the interaction should include: Whether or not the otters were seen inside or outside the net; if inside the net, had the net been completely encircled; did contact occur with net or vessel; the number of otters present; duration of interaction; otter's behavior during interaction; and, measures taken to avoid interaction.

#### II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected on forms submitted by mail, phone, facsimile or email.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0566.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$10.00 in reporting costs.

<sup>9</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>10</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 5, 2013.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Multispecies Days-at-Sea Leasing Program**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2013.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument and instructions should be directed to Brett Alger, (978) 675-2153 or [Brett.Alger@noaa.gov](mailto:Brett.Alger@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This request is for an extension of this information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northeast Region manages the Northeast Multispecies fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States through the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The New England Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The regulations implementing the FMP are specified at 50 CFR part 648 Subpart F. The NE Multispecies Days-at-Sea (DAS) leasing requirements at § 648.82(k) form the basis for this collection of information.

The NE multispecies DAS leasing program was implemented in 2004 as a result of Amendment 13 (69 FR 22906) which substantially reduced the number of DAS available for the NE multispecies vessels. To mitigate some of the adverse impact associated with the reduction in DAS, the NE Multispecies Leasing Program was developed to enable vessels to increase their revenue by either leasing additional DAS from another vessel to increase their participation on the fishery, or by leasing their unused allocated DAS to another vessel.

NMFS requests Days-at-Sea (DAS) leasing application information in order to process and track requests from allocation holders to transfer DAS to another vessel. This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ. The DAS leasing downgrade information is collected to allow vessel owners that are eligible to lease Northeast multispecies DAS a one-time downgrade in their baseline specifications to their current vessel specifications. This one-time downgrade provides greater flexibility for vessels to lease their DAS.

**II. Method of Collection**

Applicants can submit a DAS leasing request either through mail or electronically. Fillable applications may be completed online, but must be printed and signed to complete and the originals must be mailed. Applicants may choose to submit a lease electronically by logging into their personal fish-on-line accounts at <https://www.nero.noaa.gov/NMFSlogin/>

*login/login* and clicking on the Days At Sea Leasing section.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0475.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 505.

*Estimated Time per Response:* DAS Leasing Application, 5 minutes; Request to Downgrade, 1 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 88.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$495.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 5, 2013.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XC717**

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision and availability of decision documents on