

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/29/2010

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Suzanne Hilding  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/26/2010

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201001-0648-010  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: Alaska Crab Report Forms  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0570

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: 11/30/2010

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	2,438	1,142	7,341
New	38	350	81
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-2,400	-792	-7,260
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

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
Eligible Crab Community Organization Annual Report			50 CFR 679.1
Crab Rationalization Crab Buyer Report	NA	Crab Rationalization Crab Buyer Report	

**CHANGE REQUEST  
ALASKA CRAB REPORT FORMS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0570**

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: A program change associated with a final rule, RIN 0648-AY28, “Groundfish Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program; Recordkeeping and Reporting,” to remove reporting requirements for a crab offload report and shoreside weighing requirements**

The Crab Rationalization (CR) Program is a limited access system that allocates Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) crab resources among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities.

Currently, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires that: 1.) all crab individual fishing quota (IFQ) harvested and processed by catcher/processors be weighed at sea prior to processing and 2.) crab weights obtained from at-sea scales be audited at the point of offload. This requires a crab catcher/processor to offload all product shoreside at a designated port and weigh that product again on a scale approved by the state in which the CR crab is removed from the vessel.

In addition, the owner or operator of a catcher/processor that harvested and processed CR crab must complete a catcher/processor offload report at the time of offload of CR crab, and attach a scale printout showing gross product offload weight.

Advancements in at-sea reporting (eLandings, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control No. 0648-0515) and the reliability of the at-sea motion-compensated hopper scales have changed the need for CR catcher/processor offload reporting. Catcher/processors use eLandings to report total harvest of CR crab to NMFS weekly while at sea, which provides NMFS with up-to-date accounting of total crab harvested.

NMFS Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) has the ability to conduct inspections and audits at the offload of any vessel. OLE has found eLandings reports, the printouts from the hopper scales showing the total weight of crab harvested, and their own auditing methods more useful for the monitoring and enforcement of CR quota accounting than the catcher/processor offload reports.

To avoid redundancy in accounting and to reduce costs to NMFS and the industry, NMFS removes the requirement to weigh all offloaded crab on a state-approved scale and removes the requirement to report this information to NMFS on a catcher/processor offload report.

This change request removes 2,400 responses, 792 hours and \$7,260 from this information collection.

## 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.