

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 04/25/2012

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 12/06/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201111-0648-001
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0578

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: 04/30/2015

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	2,024,691	67,530	0
New	9,140	457	137,100
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	137,100
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-2,015,551	-67,073	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
Registration of Anglers			50 CFR 600 Subpart B
Registration of For-Hire Vessels			50 CFR 600 Subpart P

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.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities 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 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>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ 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
NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER AND STATE EXEMPTION PROGRAM
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0578**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

This request is for a revision and extension of this information collection. There is a program change: a \$15 registration fee.

The National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program (Registry Program) has been established to implement recommendations included in the review of national saltwater angling data collection programs conducted by the National Research Council (NRC) in 2005/2006, and the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act, codified at Section 401(g) of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (MSA), which requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program to improve recreational fisheries surveys, including establishing a national saltwater angler and for-hire vessel registry, by January 1, 2009. A final rule to adopt regulatory measures to implement the Registry Program (Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 0648-AW10) was published in the [Federal Register](#) on December 30, 2008, and became effective on January 29, 2009 ([50 CFR 600, Subpart P](#)).

The NRC review found that current recreational survey approaches, which rely on random contacts with residents of coastal county households to collect marine recreational fishing effort data, result in significant survey over-coverage since relatively few households contain active anglers, and under-coverage since some anglers do not live in coastal counties or they live in coastal counties but do not have landline telephones. The review advised that over-coverage results in severe sampling inefficiency and that under-coverage may lead to serious bias in the resultant effort estimates since anglers from non-coastal counties are likely to have different effort characteristics than those from coastal counties. To resolve these problems, the NRC Panel recommended the development of and subsequent sampling from a comprehensive national saltwater angler registry. Such a sampling frame could be developed either by implementing a federal registration requirement or by expanding current state saltwater licenses to include all saltwater anglers

In response to the NRC Panel's findings and recommendations, Congress passed MSA §401(g), which mandates the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program to: 1) improve the quality and accuracy of current estimates of marine recreational fishing catch and effort, 2) to do so in a manner that considers and, to the extent feasible, incorporates the NRC Panel's recommendations, and 3) to establish the program by January 1, 2009. As part of the program, MSA §401(g)(1) requires the Secretary to implement a federal requirement for anglers and for-hire vessels to register, and to provide identification and contact information, if they fish in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), for Continental Shelf Resources beyond the EEZ or for anadromous fish (i.e. those fish such as salmon, sturgeon, striped bass and shad which migrate from ocean and coastal waters to estuaries and freshwater rivers to spawn) in any waters. Further, the Secretary is to exempt from the federal registration requirement those anglers and vessels that are licensed or registered by a state if the state provides sufficient identification and

contact information for use in recreational surveys. The resultant federal Registry Program must address both the qualifications and procedures for exempting qualified states' anglers and vessels from the federal registration requirement and the process for federal registration of anglers and vessels that are not exempted.

Accordingly, the Registry Program collects identification and contact information from those anglers and for-hire vessels who are involved in recreational fishing in the US EEZ or for anadromous fish in any waters, unless the anglers or vessels are exempted from the registration requirement. The data collected includes: for anglers – name, address, date of birth, telephone contact information, e-mail address and region(s) of the country in which they fish; for for-hire vessels – owner and operator name, address, date of birth, telephone contact information, e-mail address, vessel name and registration/documentation number and home port or primary operating area. This information is compiled in a national and/or series of regional registries that are used to support surveys of recreational anglers and for-hire vessels to develop estimates of recreational angling effort.

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 data are used continuously by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and those states and regional data collection partnerships that conduct surveys of marine recreational angling. Anglers and for-hire vessels are randomly selected from the registries and asked to provide information about recent fishing activity. The identification, date of birth and address information in the registry data base is used to identify the resultant survey record, and to eliminate duplicative registrations that could bias resultant survey data. The contact information in the registry data base is utilized to make actual telephone or mail contact for the purpose of interviewing the anglers and for-hire vessel operators.

These survey-based data collection methods are described in a separate information collection request for the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey, which has been previously described and approved pursuant to OMB Control No. 0648-0052.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NMFS retains control over the information and safeguards 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 NMFS 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.

Registry information is collected electronically and by telephone. Angler and for-hire vessel owners are able to utilize that system to register online or by calling a toll-free telephone number. A registration number is electronically provided and a registration card is available for downloading and printing by, and will be mailed to, the successful registrants.

The information that is collected via the Registry program will not be made available to the public via the Internet or any other means. Because the data to be collected is entirely personal identification, address and contact information, it is not appropriate to make this data available.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The Registry program has been designed to prevent duplication of registration requirements. In order to serve the purpose of supplying identification and contact information for all anglers and for-hire vessels, it is only necessary for an angler or a for-hire vessel to submit that information to a single registry. If the information can be obtained from another source, the federal registration requirement can be waived.

Accordingly, if states can provide complete directories of anglers and/or for-hire vessels from their license or state registry data bases, the states can be granted Exempted State status under the Registry program, and their licensed or registered anglers and/or for-hire vessels are exempted from the federal registration requirement. Anglers who fish only on for-hire vessels are exempt, since the vessels themselves will be registered and surveyed. Also, any for-hire vessel that is required to obtain a NOAA license or permit via the NPS under other fishery management regulations is also exempt from the registry requirement, since the vessel information is in a NOAA database, and can be accessed and added to the registry directory. Similarly, individuals who hold NMFS-issued Highly Migratory Species Angling permits will also be exempt from the registration requirement.

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

The for-hire vessels that are required to register are small entities. Efforts utilized to minimize the burden on these entities include:

- a. minimizing the number of vessels that must register, by eliminating overlapping requirements as noted in response to Question 4 above;
- b. limiting the information that must be submitted to the minimal identification, address and contact information required for a complete registry;

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

If a complete, annual registry of saltwater anglers and for-hire vessels is not maintained, NMFS will not be able to correct the deficiencies in its marine recreational fishing effort surveys that were described by the NRC panel. This will result in continued oversampling by using random-

digit-dialing (RDD) approaches, and the attendant loss of efficiency that would result from using sample frames that only include licensed anglers. In RDD approaches, sampling efficiency is limited by using sample frames that include non-household numbers, non-working numbers and non-angling households. Currently, about 10 percent of all random-digit-dialing contacts result in interviews with eligible households. Of these, less than 10% are expected to be with households whose residents actually fished during the sampling period. Therefore, only about 1% of all dialed telephone numbers actually succeed in acquiring angler effort data. It is expected that use of an angler registry in lieu of RDD approaches will greatly increase the success rate of such contacts, rendering the survey much more efficient and therefore able to collect much more data for the same cost. Preliminary results from surveys that use angler license databases as sampling frames have demonstrated that between 45% and 65% of contacted individuals report fishing activity.

Continuation of the current use of RDD surveys will also fail to address the under sampling of certain angling households. Anglers who reside in non-coastal counties or who do not have landline telephones (i.e. cell-phone only) are not currently sampled in recreational fishing effort surveys. The NRC Panel concluded that this could cause serious bias in the effort estimates derived from the current surveys, and strongly recommended use of a universal saltwater angler registry to address this potential bias problem.

Collection of the registry data annually, rather than less frequently, is consistent with the annual cycle of state license issuance and NMFS for-hire permits. It is also consistent with the annual time frame for the surveys that will utilize the registry data. An annual requirement updates the identification and contact information annually, an appropriate time period to assure that address and telephone contact changes are incorporated into the registry directory.

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

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

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 notice titled Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2011. The public comment period ended on August 30, 2011. NMFS received no comments on the notice.

The Registry Program was developed by a team (“Registry Team”) that includes representatives of the states, NOAA, regional fishery management councils and stakeholders. Accordingly, the proposed registry approach reflects the diverse views of those persons. In addition, the proposed

elements of the program were presented to several meetings of interstate fisheries managers and regional fishery management councils.

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

No payments or gifts to respondents are given under this program.

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

Registrants' responses will be kept confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens and [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics](#), and will not be released for public use except in aggregate statistical form without identification as to its source. Section 402(b) stipulates that data required to be submitted under an FMP shall be confidential and shall not be released except to Federal employees and Council staff responsible for FMP monitoring and development or when required under court order.

In addition, the information is subject to the provisions of the [Privacy Act \(5 U.S.C. 552a\)](#) in that the information collected is retrievable by identifiable individual. The Registry data is included in Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Regulated Fisheries, for which a System of Records Notice, [COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), was published in the [Federal Register](#) on April 17, 2008.

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 are asked.

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

When this information collection was first submitted for review, there were significantly fewer coastal states having saltwater angler registries. Eight coastal states, in addition to Puerto Rico and the U.S Virgin Islands, did not have state registries. Now all coastal states except for Hawaii have state registries, and thus anglers in those states do not need to register with NOAA. Anglers on for-hire vessels who have registered so far are fewer than had been expected. Even doubling the number to account for lack of compliance yields a smaller number than originally estimated. Thus, there is a significant decrease in number of expected registrants, from three years ago.

Recreational anglers: Pursuant to 50 CFR 600 Subpart P, all states and United States (U.S.) territories have now been designated as Exempted States except Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as these three do not yet have state/territorial registries. Anglers who are licensed/registered by Exempted States, or who are residents of Exempted States but are not required to be licensed or registered by such states, are not required to register with NOAA. Also, anglers who are fishing on a licensed for-hire fishing vessel are not required to register with NOAA.

There are no anadromous fisheries in the state territorial waters of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Accordingly, only anglers who fish on private (non-for-hire) vessels in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to those states/territories are required to register with NOAA. Since January of 2010, the unduplicated number of anglers who have registered with NOAA from non-exempted states, and who stated they intend to fish in Hawaii, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, is 4,538.

Presumably, not all anglers who are required to register with NOAA actually do so at present. Outreach and compliance initiatives may result in increasing the number of registrants. Therefore, it is estimated that the maximum number of potential annual registrants will be double the number who registered since January, 2010, or 9,076. Using this estimate of the number of anglers who would be required to register, the estimated potential burden hours are: $9,076 \times 3 \text{ minutes per registration} = 27,228 \text{ minutes} / 60 \text{ minutes} = 453.8 \text{ (454) hours}$.

For-hire vessels: Pursuant to 50 CFR 600 Subpart P, all states and U.S. territories have been designated as Exempted States for for-hire fishing vessels except Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For-hire vessels that are licensed/registered by Exempted States or by NOAA Fisheries are not required to register with NOAA.

There are no anadromous fisheries in the state territorial waters of Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Accordingly, only non-exempt for-hire vessels that fish in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to those states/territories are required to register with NOAA. Since January of 2010, the unduplicated number of for-hire vessels from non-exempt states that have registered with NOAA is 32.

Presumably, not all for-hire vessels that are required to register with NOAA actually do so at present. Outreach and compliance initiatives may result in increasing the number of registrants. Therefore, it is estimated that the maximum number of annual potential registrants will be twice the number who have registered since January, 2010, or 64. Using this estimate of the number of for-hire vessels that would be required to register, the estimated potential burden hours are: $64 \times 3 \text{ minutes per registration} = 192 \text{ minutes} / 60 \text{ minutes} = 3.2 \text{ (3) hours}$.

Total annual responses: 9,140

Total annual burden hours: $454 + 3 = 457$.

(c) Estimates of annualized labor costs to respondents

The estimate of annualized labor costs to respondents for the hour burden for complying with the annual registration requirement is summarized in the following table, assuming a labor rate equivalent of \$25 per hour.

Category	Maximum Burden Hours	Labor Cost of Burden Hours @ \$25
Anglers	454	\$11,350.00
For-Hire Vessels	3	\$75.00

Total	457	\$11,425.00
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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 Question 12 above).

As of January 1, 2011, an annual registration fee of \$15.00 has been required for registration with NOAA. Total annual cost burden is therefore:

Anglers: 9,076 registrations x \$15.00/registration = \$136,140
 For-hire Vessels: 64 registrations x \$15.00/registration = \$960
 Total = \$ 137,100.

There are no other reporting/recordkeeping costs.

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

The 2011 annual cost to the Federal government is approximately \$2,735,000 divided as follows: \$ 2,084,000 in contractual costs, \$386,000 line personnel costs and \$265,000 in distributed (indirect) costs.

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

Adjustment: The burden hours estimate is adjusted downward to reflect the designation of all states except Hawaii, and Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as Exempted States/Territories, along with actual experience in registering non-exempt anglers and for-hire vessels. This adjustment has reduced the estimated number of anglers and for-hire vessels that are required to register with NOAA from the original estimate of 2,022,300 and 2,391 (2,024,691) to 9,076 and 64, respectively (9,140), and hours, from 67,410 and 120 (67,530), to 454 and 3 (457).

Program change: As provided in 50 CFR 600, Subpart P, a registration fee of \$15 per year is required, effective January 1, 2011, adding a total of \$137,100 in reporting/recordkeeping costs (there were no costs, previously).

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

Neither the angler nor the for-hire vessel registration data will be published.

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 registry data collection does not employ statistical methods.

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ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Donna Franklin, (301) 713-0090 x141 or donna.franklin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision of a currently approved information collection. The StormReady Program, like the TsunamiReady and StormReady/TsunamiReady programs also in this information collection, is a voluntary program offered to provide guidance and incentive to officials who wish to improve their hazardous weather operations, e.g. community preparedness and local warning dissemination. Applicants fill out a detailed application that demonstrates how they meet certain guidelines that qualify them for StormReady recognition. The full StormReady recognition is not appropriate for all entities, yet they should still be recognized for their efforts in preparing for hazardous weather. To this end, the National Weather Service created the StormReady Supporter program. StormReady Supporter is a voluntary program offered to provide guidance and incentive to entities, such as local hospitals or businesses, who wish to improve their respective hazardous weather preparations. Entities will use the application to apply for a one-time StormReady Supporter recognition. The government will use the application form to determine whether an entity has met the guidelines for a StormReady Supporter recognition.

II. Method of Collection

Applications will be submitted on paper (faxed or mailed) or electronically.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0419.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 270 (30 for new form).

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 510 (30 for new form).

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$123 (\$15 for new form).

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 27, 2011.

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; National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Gordon Colvin (301-427-8118) or Gordon.Colvin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is an extension of a currently approved collection.

The National Saltwater Angler Registry Program (Registry Program) was established to implement recommendations included in the review of national saltwater angling data collection programs conducted by the National Research Council (NRC) in 2005/2006, and the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act, codified at Section 401(g) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), which require the Secretary of Commerce to commence improvements to recreational fisheries surveys, including establishing a national saltwater angler and for-hire vessel registry, by January 1, 2009. A final rule that includes regulatory measures to implement the Registry Program (Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 0648-AW10) was adopted and codified in 50 CFR 600.1400 to 600.1417.

The Registry Program collects identification and contact information from those anglers and for-hire vessels who are involved in recreational fishing in the United States Exclusive Economic Zone or for anadromous fish in any waters, unless the anglers or vessels are exempted from the registration requirement. The data that is collected includes: for anglers—name, address, date of birth, telephone contact information and region(s) of the country in which they fish; for for-hire vessels—owner and operator name, address, date of birth, telephone contact information, vessel name and registration/documentation number and home port or primary operating area. This information is compiled into a national and/or series of regional registries that is being used to support surveys of recreational anglers and for-hire vessels to develop estimates of recreational angling effort.

The Secretary is to also exempt from the federal registration requirement those anglers and vessels that are licensed or registered by a state if the state provides sufficient identification and contact information for use in recreational surveys.

II. Method of Collection

Persons may register in two ways: Via a toll-free telephone number or on line

at a NOAA-maintained Web site. Registration cards, valid for one year from the date of issuance, are mailed to registrants.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0578.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,024,691.

Estimated Time per Response: Anglers and spear fishers: 2 minutes; for-hire fishing vessels: 3 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 67,530.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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 28, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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International Fisheries; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Bluefin Tuna Import, Export, Re-Export

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of non-compliance with international commission standards.

SUMMARY: Through the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), it has come to the attention of NMFS that Libyan vessels may not be meeting ICCAT requirements for Atlantic bluefin tuna fishing in the Mediterranean. NMFS advises importers to take great care with respect to any import of Atlantic bluefin tuna harvested by Libyan vessels in 2011, as these shipments may have been illegally harvested and could be subject to increased scrutiny and potential liability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions relating to permits or regulations may be directed to Margo Schulze-Haugen at (301) 713-2334, and questions relating to ICCAT requirements may be directed to Rebecca Lent at (301) 427-8368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Libya's inability to participate in the ICCAT regional observer program this year as confirmed by the ICCAT Administration, and its current failure to transmit vessel monitoring system (VMS) data is of primary concern. ICCAT requires that large scale (> 24 m) purse seine vessels fishing for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna carry an ICCAT-assigned regional observer and transmit certain data directly to ICCAT using a satellite-based vessel monitoring system. ICCAT requirements provide that such purse seine vessels without an ICCAT-placed observer shall not be authorized to fish or to operate in the bluefin tuna fishery. Thus, any product taken by Libya's purse seine fleet under these conditions in 2011 would not be in compliance with ICCAT conservation and management measures.

Failure to implement these ICCAT requirements is subject to action at the national and international levels. In that regard, other ICCAT members that import bluefin tuna, in particular Japan and the European Union, have indicated that they will prohibit the import of Libyan-caught bluefin tuna if harvested in 2011 contrary to the requirements of ICCAT. The United States has implemented through regulation its obligation under ICCAT's Bluefin Catch Document program to require, as a condition of importation into the United States and conduct of other transactions (such as export and re-export), that all bluefin tuna shipments be accompanied by a properly completed catch document that has been validated by a

government official or other authorized individual of the flag or exporting State (unless the fish are tagged) (73 FR 31380, June 2, 2008). Improperly documented bluefin tuna may be prohibited from importation into the United States or be subject to other sanctions.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Advisory Panel, in July, 2011, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; *telephone:* (508) 339-2200; *fax:* (508) 339-1040.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Panel will discuss measures to minimize the adverse effects of fishing on EFH and measures to protect deep-sea corals as well as review the decision document prepared by the Plan Development Team. The Panel will also provide guidance to the Committee on these issues. Other topics may be discussed at the Chair's discretion.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those