

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 11/28/2012

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 08/28/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201208-0648-006
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Implementation of Vessel Speed Restrictions to Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions with North Atlantic Right Whales
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0580

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: 12/31/2013

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	3,047	254	0
New	3,047	254	0
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:

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
Logbook entry when necessary to exceed speed limit			50 CFR 224.105

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.

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

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
IMPLEMENTATION OF VESSEL SPEED RESTRICTIONS TO REDUCE THE
THREAT OF SHIP COLLISIONS WITH NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALES
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0580**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

This request is for extension of this information collection.

The North Atlantic right whale is a highly depleted species; only about 300-400 individuals exist. Collisions with vessels (i.e., “ship strikes”) are a major cause of serious injury and death, and therefore are the greatest threat to the species: From 2005 through 2009, the average reported mortality and serious injury to right whales due to ship strikes was 1.6 whales per year; the actual number is almost certainly higher as not all carcasses are detected. Evidence implicates vessel speed as a primary factor in the strikes and indicates that the occurrence and severity of ship strikes can be reduced if vessels are traveling 10 knots or less. As a result, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has promulgated regulations to restrict vessel speed in certain times and locations along the United States (U.S.) eastern seaboard to reduce the threat of lethal ship collisions with North Atlantic right whales. Ships are required to travel at 10 knots or less in certain key areas where right whales occur.

In a proposed rulemaking in keeping with the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), NMFS requested comments on the vessel speed restrictions. Public and interagency comment on a proposed rule indicated that in certain sea and weather conditions, a large ship may lose maneuverability at such speeds. Therefore, NMFS decided that under such conditions a ship, at the captain’s discretion, may opt not to abide by the speed restrictions. If she/he chooses this option, she/he is required to make an entry into the ship’s log, providing such information as: the reasons for the deviation, the speed at which the vessel is operated, the area, and the time and duration of such deviation. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) will collect information from the log book during random, routine port boardings.

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 from the required recording into the ships’ logs will be collected by USCG personnel, or in some cases NOAA’s Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), during random, routine ship boardings. The USCG or OLE staff boarding the vessel will note from the log, the location(s) and circumstance(s) for not adhering to speed restrictions and provide the information to the NMFS and/or NOAA’s OLE. NMFS will review the information and if warranted (i.e., failure to adhere to required speed limits in situations when to do so would not affect maneuverability) will issue a letter for each violation reminding the ship captain and agent the

need for the restrictions and possible fines that could be levied for subsequent violations. If failure to adhere to the restrictions was warranted (i.e., sea and wind conditions threatened vessel maneuverability), NMFS will retain the information for later analysis of the number of times conditions prevented captains from adhering to the restrictions.

Logbooks must be kept available for review by a marine inspector for a period of 1 year after the date to which the records refer. Separate records of tests and inspections of fire fighting equipment must be maintained with the vessel's logs for the period of validity of the vessel's certificate of inspection.

NMFS 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 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.

There will be no use of electronic, automated, or mechanical techniques used in information collection. The information will be noted in the ship's log and retained as vessel records.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The restrictions promulgated by this rulemaking were implemented in December 2008. No such restriction existed prior to this rule; and no additional subsequent restrictions have been implemented. Therefore, duplication of this type of recordkeeping is not possible.

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

Approximately 15 per cent of affected vessels are considered small businesses. This requirement does not create undue burden for small businesses. It is the minimum requirement necessary for this purpose.

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

This recordkeeping is essential to the program and to the protection of endangered north Atlantic right whales.

As noted above, vessel speed restrictions are vital to reducing the threat of ship strikes to right whales. Exceptions have been granted in certain circumstances. Logbook notations will be the

only means to assess if, when and how often restrictions were not adhered to due to poor weather or high sea state. Also, it is the only means through which NMFS will be able to assess whether a lack of compliance was legitimate. Without this measure, ship's captains may choose not to comply, and the promulgating and regulation enforcing agency would have no recourse. Conducting the recordkeeping less frequently would vitiate the purpose of providing the exemption. As noted below, logbook entries for this purpose are expected to take on the order of minutes, in situations and by means that are routinely and periodically made by ships' crews. Therefore, the requirement is not expected to be overly burdensome and conducting it less frequently is not expected to significantly relieve burden to recordkeepers.

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

None.

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 March 9, 2012 (77 FR 14346) solicited public comments.

One comment was received from the Humane Society of the U.S. in support of continued collection of this information, but expressed concern that inadequate monitoring may be resulting in widespread violations of requirements without adequate substantiation. The commenters also expressed an interest in NMFS reporting the results of this monitoring to the public. However, given the confidentiality of this information (see section 2, above) and its possible sensitivity to law enforcement actions, NMFS believes the reporting of this information is ill-advised at this time. In regards to the commenter's concerns, however, NMFS has been conducting an extensive monitoring program of ship behavior, and has developed a report, entitled "An Assessment of the Final Rule to Implement Vessel Speed Restrictions to Reduce the Threat of Vessel Collisions with North Atlantic Right Whales", accessible at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/shipstrike/assessment_nmfsopr48.pdf. This report summarizes the information collected through the agency's monitoring program, and provides information on vessel compliance with the regulations.

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

None.

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

Information provided by respondents will not include personal or other confidential or private data. In addition, once recorded by the respondent, the information will be gathered only by USCG personnel or NOAA OLE officers. These government officers are accustomed to handling information confidentially and their agency policies stipulate information be held in confidence. For NMFS personnel, confidentiality of the information is authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), Section 402(b). The Coast Guard ensures that personally identifiable information remains confidential in a few ways: a) The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy offers guidelines for safeguarding PII (http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/privacy/privacy_guide_spii_handbook.pdf) which is specifically addressed and tailored to Coast Guard missions in the Coast Guard Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Manual, COMDTINST M5260.3 (http://www.uscg.mil/directives/cim/5000-5999/cim_5260_3.pdf); and b) in 74 FR 30308 (25 JUN 09), the Coast Guard provided a system of records notice covering logbooks and mariner information.

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 such information will be collected.

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

An estimated 3,047 respondents are expected to make the required notations/records, annually, with each response taking approximately 5 minutes. Therefore, NMFS estimates the annual burden of information collection is **254 hours**, annually.

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).

There is no cost to the respondents other than the labor cost of making the logbook entries.

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

The recordkeeping requirement is expected to have no cost to the Federal government that is not already subsumed in ordinary Federal personnel duties: approximately 25 hours per year in reading/following up on logbook entries of boats boarded, at \$ \$35 per hour equals \$875 per year.

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

There are no changes or adjustments.

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

The information will not 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.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

No statistical analysis will be performed on the collected information.

(*An Introduction to Lateral Critical and Train Torsional Analysis and Rotor Balancing*), 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 687, *Rotor Repair*, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 688, *Pulsation and Vibration Control in Positive Displacement Machinery Systems for Petroleum, Petrochemical, and Natural Gas Industry Services*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 691, *Machinery Risk Based Inspection*, 1st Edition.

Standard 692, *Compressor Dry Gas Seals*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 751, *Safe Operation of Hydrofluoric Acid Alkylation Units*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 756, *Management of Hazards Associated with Location of Process Plant Tents and Fabric Structures*, 1st Edition.

Standard 780, *Security Vulnerability Assessment Methodology for the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 1st Edition.

Recommended Practice 932-B, *Design, Materials, Fabrication, Operation, and Inspection Guidelines for Corrosion Control in*

Hydroprocessing Reactor Effluent Air Cooler (REAC) Systems, 2nd Edition.

Recommended Practice 934-A, *Materials and Fabrication Requirements for 2-1/4/3Cr Alloy Steel Heavy Wall Pressure Vessels for High Temperature, High Pressure Hydrogen Service*, Addendum 2, 2nd Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Soffrin, Standards Department, email: (soffrind@api.org).

Meetings/Conferences: The Spring Refining and Equipment Standards Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, April 23–27, 2012. The Fall Refining and Equipment Standards Meeting will be held in Los Angeles, California, November 12–16, 2012. Interested parties may visit the API Web site at <http://www.api.org/meetings/> for more information regarding participation in these meetings.

Safety and Fire Protection

Recommended Practice 2001, *Fire Protection in Refineries*, 9th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2009, *Safe Welding, Cutting and Hot Work Practices in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 8th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2027, *Ignition Hazards Involved in Abrasive Blasting of Atmospheric Storage Tanks in Hydrocarbon Service*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2030, *Application of Fixed Water Spray Systems for Fire Protection in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industries*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2207, *Preparing Tank Bottoms for Hot Work*, 7th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2218, *Fireproofing Practices in Petroleum and Petrochemical Processing Plants*, 3rd Edition.

Recommended Practice 2219, *Safe Operation of Vacuum Trucks in Petroleum Service*, 4th Edition.

Recommended Practice 2350, *Overfill Protection for Storage Tanks in Petroleum Facilities*, 4th Edition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Soffrin, Standards Department, email: (soffrind@api.org).

For Additional Information on the overall API standards program, Contact: David Miller, Standards Department, email: miller@api.org.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implementation of Vessel Speed Restrictions To Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions with North Atlantic Right Whales

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 May 8, 2012.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Gregory Silber, Ph.D., greg.silber@noaa.gov or Shannon Bettridge, Ph.D., shannon.bettridge@noaa.gov,

Fishery Biologists, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-427-8402.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. On October 10, 2008, NMFS published a final rule implementing speed restrictions to reduce the incidence and severity of ship collisions with North Atlantic right whales (73 FR 60173). That final rule contained a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Specifically, 50 CFR 224.105(c) requires a logbook entry to document that a deviation from the 10-knot speed limit was necessary for safe maneuverability under certain conditions: because the vessel is in an area where oceanographic, hydrographic and/or meteorological conditions severely restrict the maneuverability of the vessel and the need to operate at such speed is confirmed by the pilot on board or, when a vessel is not carrying a pilot, the master of the vessel.

II. Method of Collection

This information collection requires an entry into the ship's logbook.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0580.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,047.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 254.

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: March 5, 2012.

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; Reporting of Sea Turtle Incidental Take in Virginia Chesapeake Bay Pound Net Operations

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 May 8, 2012.

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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 Carrie Upite, (978) 282-8475 or carrie.upite@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection. This action would continue the reporting measure requiring all Virginia Chesapeake Bay pound net fishermen to report interactions with endangered and threatened sea turtles, found both live and dead, in their pound net operations. When a live or dead sea turtle is discovered during a pound net trip, the Virginia pound net fisherman is

required to report the incidental take to National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and, if necessary, the appropriate rehabilitation and stranding network. This information will be used to monitor the level of incidental take in the state-managed Virginia pound net fishery and ensure that the seasonal pound net leader restrictions (50 CFR 223.206(d)(10)) are adequately protecting listed sea turtles. Based on the number of sea turtle takes anticipated in the Virginia pound net fishery and the available number of Virginia pound net fishermen and pound nets, the number of responses anticipated on an annual basis is 483.

II. Method of Collection

Reports may be made either by telephone or fax.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0470.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27.

Estimated Time per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 81.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,208.

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: March 6, 2012.

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; NOAA Restoration Center Performance Progress Report

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 May 8, 2012.

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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 Robin Bruckner, (301) 427-8657 or Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

NOAA funds habitat restoration projects including grass-roots, community-based habitat restoration; debris prevention and removal; removal of barriers to migrating fish; and large-scale, targeted restoration through individual projects and restoration partnerships. Awards are made as grants or cooperative agreements under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, as amended by the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970.

NOAA requires specific information on habitat restoration projects that we fund, as part of routine progress reporting. Recipients of NOAA funds submit information such as project location, restoration techniques used, species benefited, acres restored, stream miles opened to access for diadromous fish, volunteer participation, and other parameters.