

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 04/12/2011

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 12/30/2010

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201012-0648-018  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: NMFS Observer Programs' Information That Can Be Gathered Only Through Questions  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0593

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: 09/30/2012

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	20,294	25,561	1,135
New	20,643	26,172	1,160
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	349	611	25
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
		gear characteristics, Beach seine/beach anchored gillnet haul log, Clam/Quahog Dredge Haul Log, Gillnet Characteristics Log	
North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program	NA, NA, NA, NA	Vessel/Plant Operator Comment Form, Vessel/Plant Operator Comment Card Follow-up Form, Safety checklist, Tagged Fish and Crab Form	50 CFR 679.50
Alaska Marine Mammal Observer program	NA, NA	Data release form, Fishermen's comment card	50 CFR 600.746, 50 CFR 229 Subpart A
At-Sea Hake Observer Program (Northwest)	NA, NA	Safety checklist, Fishermen's Data Request Form	50 CFR 660.314
WCGOP: West Coast Groundfish Observer Program	NA, NA	Safety checklist, Fishermen's data request form	50 CFR 660.314
Pacific Islands Region Observer Program	NA, NA, NA, NA, NA	Post cruise observer evaluation, Longline Gear Configuration, Placement meeting questions and checklist, Longline trip expenditures for Hawaiian Islands, Longline trip expenditures for American Samoa	50 CFR 665.28
Southeast Shark Fishery Observer Program	NA, NA, NA, NA	Reimbursement form, Observer evaluation form, Safety checklist, Observer notification form	50 CFR 222.401
Southeast Pelagic Observer Program	NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, NA	Reimbursement for insurance expenses, Reimbursement for equipment expenses, Reimbursement for for assistance with bluefin tuna samplin, Observer evaluation form, Safety checklist, Observer Notification Form	50 CFR 622.8, 229.7, and 222.401
Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and Shrimp Observer Program	NA, NA, NA, NA	Observer notification form_shrimpm, Observer notification form_reef fish, Reef fish and shrimp observer evaluation form, Reef fish and shrimp safety checklist	50 CFR 622.8, 229.7, and 222.401

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IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Southwest Region Observer Program - Funded	NA, NA	Safety checklist, Drift gillnet trip expenditure form	50 CFR 229 Subpart A
Southwest Region Observer Program - currently unfunded but requesting burden approval	NA, NA	Drift gillnet trip expense form, Safety checklist	50 CFR 229 Subpart A

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES FOR  
SOUTH ATLANTIC SNAPPER-GROUPER OBSERVER PROGRAM  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0593**

The purpose of this request is to complete the consolidation of the Southeast Region observer programs into the information collection “Observer Programs’ Information That Can Be Gathered Only Through Questions” (OMB Control No. 0648-0593). The Final Rule for Amendment 15B to the South Atlantic snapper-grouper FMP, published on November 16, 2009 (74 FR 58902), requires an observer program for selected commercial, for-hire, and private recreational vessels in the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery. This information collection was approved under OMB Control No. 0648-0603 on January 4, 2010 and approval expires on December 31, 2012.

Amendment 15B to the South Atlantic snapper-grouper FMP requires an observer program for selected commercial, for-hire, and private recreational vessels in the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery. This information collection includes information collected by observers through standardized questions.

Each selected vessel would be notified via a registered letter one to two months before the observer is to board. This selection notification form will provide a time period during which a vessel would be required to notify NMFS 24 hours in advance of fishing so that an observer may accompany the trip. Vessels which inform NMFS they do not plan to fish would be placed in a holding pattern. Those vessels would be asked to notify NMFS via the **fax notification form** when they next plan to fish so they can be assigned an observer. Once selected to carry an observer, a vessel must obtain a Coast Guard safety inspection through a dockside examination. This will require that a **safety form** be completed and submitted prior to the observer trip. Observers will ask necessary **questions** during the trip. Upon completion of the observed trip the vessel representative will complete and submit an **observer evaluation form**. Questions and forms are those used for the Southeast Region Shrimp and Reef Fish observer programs, already included in OMB Control No. 0648-0593, and burden and cost will be added to that information collection in OMB Control No. 0648-0593 (NMFS administration and regulations are the same for both).

Table 1. Public response hours involved per trip for proposed observer data collection programs.

	Safety Form	Fax Notification Form	Observer questions	Observer Evaluation	Total
South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Observer Program	35 minutes	15 minutes (plus \$0.08 average per fax)	40 minutes	15 minutes	105 minutes (1.75hours)

Table 2. Number of South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper permitted vessels, trips, observed trips, for proposed data collection actions in Amendment 15B. (2009 Data).

<b>Respondents and Totals</b>	<b># Permitted Vessels</b>	<b># Trips</b>	<b># Observer Trips (349)</b>	<b># Public Hours (611)</b>
<b>Commercial</b>	721	15,086	71	124 (1.75x71)
<b>For-Hire</b>	1,533	9,607	150	263 (1.75x150)
<b>Headboat</b>	85	11,665	128	224 (1.75x128)
<b>Recreational</b>	Not available	1,243,576	0	

*Total additional costs: 349 x \$0.08 = \$28.*

## 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.