

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/27/2015

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Jerry Harper  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/27/2015

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201501-0648-006

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Marine Recreational Information Program Fishing Effort Survey

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0652

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: 10/31/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	153,000	25,500	0
New	153,000	25,500	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 PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Terms of the previous clearance remain in effect.

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
Resident Angler Survey	NA, NA	FES marked-up, Weather and outdoor activity survey	
Nonresident Angler Survey	NA, NA	FES marked-up, Weather and outdoor activity survey	
Validation follow-up study	NA, NA	Draft FES validation follow-up questions, Final validation follow-up study survey	

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE  
MRIP FISHING EFFORT SURVEY (FES)  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0652**

The MRIP Fishing Effort Survey (FES) is a household mail survey that collects information about recreational saltwater fishing activity. Specifically, the survey estimates annual fishing participation (number of individuals who participate in recreational saltwater fishing), as well as fishing effort (number of angler trips) for two-month reference waves. We propose minor modifications to the survey instrument to, 1) increase response to the survey by non-anglers; 2) differentiate between saltwater and freshwater fishing; 3) provide more specific instructions to define the scope of the survey; and 4) minimize reporting for time periods that are not included in analysis. These changes will not result in a change in estimated respondent burden or cost.

Specific changes are as follows:

- 1) Question 3: “In your area, how often do the advanced warnings you get for severe weather events allow you enough time to prepare properly: All of the time, some of the time, rarely, never?” This question was added to encourage response to the survey by non-anglers, which will minimize the potential for nonresponse bias. Given the geographic scope of the survey (coastal states), we believe this question will engage a broad audience, including both anglers and non-anglers.
- 2) Question 5 and Question 6: “During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household been freshwater fishing in <merge state>?” and “During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household been saltwater fishing in <merge state>?” These questions are asked to differentiate between saltwater and freshwater fishing. Questions 15 and 16 ask specifically about saltwater fishing activity, so we want to highlight different types of fishing activity before those questions are asked. Distinguishing between freshwater fishing and saltwater fishing will minimize the reporting of out-of-scope trips (e.g., freshwater fishing trips) in Questions 15 and 16.
- 3) Question 9: “How long have you lived at this address: 1 year or less, less than 5 years but more than 1 year, 5 years or more?” This question provides an additional non-fishing question to engage non-anglers, and survey responses can be used to adjust survey weights, for example, by post-stratifying response distributions to population control totals. This will ensure that survey data represent the target population.
- 4) Question 15 and Question 16: We provided additional instructions and definitions to highlight the scope of the questions, which will minimize reporting of out-of-scope fishing activity, such as freshwater fishing and fishing in other states. We also limited the reference periods to the two discrete periods for which we produce estimates, the two-month reference wave (e.g., January and February 2015) and the last 12 months, and we provided an “opt-out” check box for non-anglers. These changes will simplify the respondent task and minimize reporting error.

## 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.

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 4

11 What is this person's gender?

- Male  
 Female

12 How old is this person?

**If less than 1 year, mark 0 years**

Age in years

13 Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes, of Hispanic origin  
 No, not of Hispanic origin

14 What is this person's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White  
 Black, African American  
 Asian  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Please think only about recreational saltwater fishing in <Merged State>.**

15 How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from the shore in <Merged State>? The shore includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks, or any other shore-based place or area. Do NOT include freshwater fishing.

No shore recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to question 16**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

16 How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in <Merged State>? Do not include freshwater trips or trips where a paid captain or crew helped locate and catch fish.

No private boat recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to Household Member 5**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**If you have more household members, continue to household member 5.**

## HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 5

11 What is this person's gender?

- Male  
 Female

12 How old is this person?

**If less than 1 year, mark 0 years**

Age in years

13 Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes, of Hispanic origin  
 No, not of Hispanic origin

14 What is this person's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White  
 Black, African American  
 Asian  
 American Indian or Alaska Native  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Please think only about recreational saltwater fishing in <Merged State>.**

15 How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from the shore in <Merged State>? The shore includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks, or any other shore-based place or area. Do NOT include freshwater fishing.

No shore recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to question 16**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

16 How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in <Merged State>? Do not include freshwater trips or trips where a paid captain or crew helped locate and catch fish.

No private boat recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**Please return your survey to Gallup in the enclosed postage paid envelope.**

# <MERGED STATE>

## Weather and Outdoor Activity Survey



Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Rob Andrews, NOAA Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910.

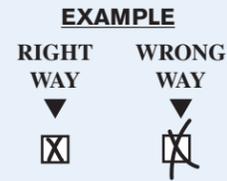
This is a voluntary survey, and responses are kept confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics, and will not be released for public use except in aggregate statistical form without identification as to its source. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

This survey should be filled out by an adult member of the household. Return this form even if no one in your household participates in any of these activities.

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Please carefully follow the steps below when completing this survey.

- Use only a blue or black ink pen that does not blot the paper
- Make solid marks inside the response boxes
- Do not make other marks on the survey



**1** How do members of this household obtain information about the weather, including current weather conditions, forecasts, and warnings? Mark all that apply.

- Television
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Internet
- Other

**2** During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household had to evacuate or seek shelter due to a severe weather event such as a tornado, hurricane, or thunderstorm?

- Yes
- No

**3** In your area, how often do the advanced warnings you get for severe weather events allow you enough time to prepare properly?

- All the time
- Some of the time
- Rarely
- Never

**4** During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household visited a public beach, national seashore, coastal state park, or other coastal nature reserve or protected area?

- Yes
- No

**5** During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household been freshwater fishing in <merge state>?

- Yes
- No

**6** During the past 12 months, has anyone in this household been saltwater fishing in <merge state>?

- Yes
- No

**7** Which category best describes the telephone service for you and members of the household?

- Regular or Landline phone only
- Cellular phone only
- Both Landline and Cellular phone
- No working phone service

**8** Which of the following best describes this house, apartment, or mobile home?

- Owned with a mortgage or loan
- Owned (without a mortgage)
- Rented
- Occupied without payment or rent

**9** How long have you lived at this address?

- 1 year or less
- Less than 5 years, more than 1 year
- 5 years or more

**10** How many people, including all adults and children, live in this household?

Number of people

**Continue answering the Household Member questions for each household member, starting with yourself. Please answer for all household members, including those who fish and those who do not fish.**

**If you have more than 5 people living at this address, answer for the oldest members of the household.**

**Please use the calendars to help answer question 15 and 16.**

JANUARY 2015							FEBRUARY 2015						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							

### HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 1 (YOU)

**11** What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

**12** How old are you?

**If less than 1 year, mark 0 years**

Age in years

**13** Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes, of Hispanic origin
- No, not of Hispanic origin

**14** What is your race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Please think only about recreational saltwater fishing in <Merged State>.**

**15** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from the shore in <Merged State>? The shore includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks, or any other shore-based place or area. Do NOT include freshwater fishing.

No shore recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to question 16**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**16** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in <Merged State>? Do not include freshwater trips or trips where a paid captain or crew helped locate and catch fish.

No private boat recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to Household Member 2**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**If you have more household members, continue to household member 2.**

**When you have completed for ALL household members, please return your survey to Gallup in the enclosed postage paid envelope.**

### HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 2

**11** What is this person's gender?

- Male
- Female

**12** How old is this person?

**If less than 1 year, mark 0 years**

Age in years

**13** Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes, of Hispanic origin
- No, not of Hispanic origin

**14** What is this person's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
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**Please think only about recreational saltwater fishing in <Merged State>.**

**15** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from the shore in <Merged State>? The shore includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks, or any other shore-based place or area. Do NOT include freshwater fishing.

No shore recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to question 16**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**16** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in <Merged State>? Do not include freshwater trips or trips where a paid captain or crew helped locate and catch fish.

No private boat recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to Household Member 3**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**If you have more household members, continue to household member 3.**

### HOUSEHOLD MEMBER 3

**11** What is this person's gender?

- Male
- Female

**12** How old is this person?

**If less than 1 year, mark 0 years**

Age in years

**13** Is this person of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- Yes, of Hispanic origin
- No, not of Hispanic origin

**14** What is this person's race? Mark one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African American
- Asian
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**Please think only about recreational saltwater fishing in <Merged State>.**

**15** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from the shore in <Merged State>? The shore includes docks, bridges, causeways, beaches, banks, or any other shore-based place or area. Do NOT include freshwater fishing.

No shore recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to question 16**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**16** How many days did you go recreational saltwater fishing from a private or rental boat that returned to shore in <Merged State>? Do not include freshwater trips or trips where a paid captain or crew helped locate and catch fish.

No private boat recreational saltwater fishing in last 12 months → **Go to Household Member 4**

Number of days in January and February of 2015

Total number of days in last 12 months, including Jan and Feb

**If you have more household members, continue to household member 4 on the back.**