

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/06/2013

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 12/04/2013

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

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201312-0648-002

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

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

The MRIP Fishing Effort Survey (FES) was designed to be a more accurate and cost effective alternative to the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS, OMB Control No. 0648-0652), the methodology historically used to collect recreational fishing effort data. We have completed a series of pilot studies testing design alternatives and examining potential sources of error in the FES design. Specifically, we have examined the impact of cash incentives and different versions of the survey instrument on survey response and survey measures and assessed the potential for bias resulting from nonresponse and under-coverage. These studies have resulted in improvements to the FES design and will help explain any observed differences between CHTS and FES estimates as we transition to the new design. We propose a supplemental information collection, the Validation Follow-Up Study that will further assess sources of error, specifically measurement error, in the FES design. The information collection will result in further improvements to the FES design and is critical for anticipating and explaining the impacts of transitioning from the CHTS to the FES.

The Validation Follow-up Study will coincide with the wave 2 and wave 3, 2014 North Carolina FES and consist of follow-up telephone interviews with FES respondents to ensure that reported information is accurate and that respondents fully understand the survey questions and instructions. Specifically, the validation study will confirm the number of household residents that fished during the reference wave, the number of trips by fishing mode (private boat fishing and shore fishing) taken by each household resident, and confirm that reported trips are within the scope of the survey (e.g. saltwater fishing trips within the study state). Results from the Validation Study will identify potential reporting error in the FES by quantifying the extent to which FES respondents provide accurate responses. This information will identify potential improvements to the FES questionnaire and instructions and may be used to adjust FES estimates to account for measurement error.

The anticipated burden for this request is approximately 260 responses¹ and 43 hours. We will accommodate this additional burden by uniformly reducing FES sampling levels among all states and reference waves such that there will be no net increase in overall annual burden. FES sampling will be reduced by less than 0.02% overall (0.017%), or fewer than 3 respondents per state and wave to accommodate the Validation Follow-Up Study.

¹ Respondents to the Validation Follow-Up Study previously responded to the FES.

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.

FES Follow-up Survey DRAFT Questions

1. Hi – I am calling from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to do a brief follow-up on the Weather and Outdoor Activity Survey completed in _____. Are you the person who filled out the survey? If not, could I speak to him or her?
2. You stated that there were _____ members of your household that fished during the ____ wave. Is this correct? If not, what was the number?
3. You stated that _____ trips were made by (applicable fishing modes) by each household member. Is this correct, or would you like to revise your answer?
4. Can you confirm that the trips were made within _____ (state) ? If some were not, please give us the number, so we can subtract those from the study results.

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.