

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/01/2016

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Jennifer Jessup

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/21/2016

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

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201601-0648-014

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey (MRFE)

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0693

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: 04/30/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	32,958	3,804	0
New	32,958	3,804	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
APAIS trip-based expenditure add-on	NA	Socio-economic add-on survey	
Trip based expenditure mail survey	NA, NA	Trip-based expenditure survey, TX version - online, Marine Rreational Fishing Expenditure Survey	
Durable Goods Survey	NA, NA	MRFES (durable goods), Durable goods survey: California	
HMS survey	NA	MRFE survey (HMS)	

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING EXPENDITURE SURVEY
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0693

This request is to add a web-based survey version to the Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey that has been previously approved under this OMB Control Number. As more and more surveys are being conducted via the internet and mobile devices, it is important to add this component to our surveys for those respondents who prefer to take surveys online versus in the mail in order to ensure better response rates. This is particularly true for younger respondents. Respondents will have the option of responding both by web and by mail. Respondents for whom we have email addresses from angler fishing license databases or field intercepts will first receive an email invitation to the web survey. They will be provided with a unique username and password that takes them directly to the survey using a secure server. If after 3 days, they do not respond, an email reminder will be sent, and another reminder after 1 week. At that time, if there is still no response, they will be routed into the mail sample and receive a hard copy in the mail. Mail cover letters will also include a link to the web survey with a secure username and password if they prefer at that time to use the web-based version instead of mailing back the paper copy. Data entered via the web will be captured electronically at the time of entry, and should reduce errors in compiling the data in comparison to the mail surveys where data may be hand entered by data entry staff.

We do not expect the burden hours to change with this update, as this is just a different mode of reaching the angler. The questions on the web survey and the mail survey will be identical.

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.

Dear <angler>,

We know recreational fishing is important to you. We would like your help in showing just how important recreational fishing is to coastal economies across the United States. NOAA Fisheries Service, the federal agency responsible for the conservation of our ocean resources, is conducting a survey about the economic importance of saltwater recreational fishing in the United States.

We are inviting anglers who went fishing in Texas during 2016 to participate. Your name was randomly drawn from a list of anglers who have a Texas fishing license. This sample is used to represent all anglers who fish in Texas, so your help is critical. The survey asks about your most recent fishing trip in Texas and related expenses. Information on what anglers spend to go fishing helps us to understand the contribution that saltwater fishing makes to both the Texas and national economies, and allows policy makers to make well informed decisions affecting fishing resources.

This short survey is completely voluntary, confidential, and easy to complete. Please complete it no later than <date>. Click on the link below to get started:

<Included secure, individual link with username and password>

For questions about the survey or if you have technical difficulties while completing the survey please contact XXX@xxx.com.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to receiving your responses.

Sincerely,

Sabrina Lovell
Office of Science and Technology
National Marine Fisheries Service
Silver Spring, MD 20910

1st Reminder Email

Recently you should have received an e-mail message from <contractor's company name> regarding a survey about your 2016 fishing trips and trip expenses in Texas. If you have already completed the survey, please accept our sincere thanks. The survey is located on the Internet at the following address:

<Included secure, individual link with username and password>

The survey was sent to a select sample of recreational anglers, so it is important that your answers be included in the study to accurately reflect the fishing community. Please respond by <date>.

You can access the survey from any computer that has Internet access by clicking on the above Internet address or by copying the Internet address into your browser. The web address above includes a password that will enable you to exit the survey and re-enter at a later time. It will also protect any data you have entered if you experience any computer disruptions.

If you have any questions about the survey administration or experience technical difficulties while completing the survey please contact XXX@xxx.com.

Sincerely,

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2016 Texas Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey

Survey progress 

Your response to this voluntary survey is important and will provide valuable information on the economic importance of marine recreational fishing in the United States. All responses are confidential. For questions on this survey please contact ICF at 844-842-7506 or email 2016NES@icfsurveysupport.com.

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Please use the NEXT or PREVIOUS button to navigate through the survey. Do not use the BACK button of your browser as this may cause you to exit the survey and your responses will be lost.

Questions? ICF International is an independent research firm that is helping us conduct the survey. Please call them at their toll-free number (1-844-642-7506) or email at 2016NES@icfsurveysupport.com.

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 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 Sabrina Lovell, 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.

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2nd Email Reminder

About a week ago, we sent an e-mail message asking you to participate in an Internet survey about your fishing experiences in Texas. If you have already completed your survey, thank you very much for your cooperation.

This survey is a high priority for NOAA Fisheries and for the recreational fishing community who have asked for improved economic information on marine recreational fishing. The survey results will improve our understanding of the contributions of marine recreational fishing to the economies of coastal states and to the nation.

We are writing to you because your personal responses are very important to the validity of the research. In order for the results of this survey to be truly representative of all anglers, it is essential that each angler complete his or her survey questionnaire. We value your privacy. Your answers are strictly voluntary and confidential.

The survey is located on the Internet at the following address:

<Included secure, individual link with username and password>

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this study. If you have any questions about the survey administration or experience technical difficulties while completing the survey please send an email to xxx@xxx.com.

Sincerely,

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