# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/10/2014

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Kirit Amin
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 09/24/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number)
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201409-0648-001
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Coastal Household Telephone Survey
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0707
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: 12/31/2017 DISCONTINUE DATE:

| BURDEN: | RESPONSES | HOURS | COSTS |
|---|---|---|---|
| Previous | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New | 228,000 | 7,600 | 0 |
| Difference | | | |
| Change due to New Statute | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change due to Agency Discretion | 228,000 | 7,600 | 0 |
| Change due to Agency Adjustment | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change due to PRA Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: This is a one-time approval of the Coastal Household Telephone Survey for three years to improve the accuracy of the Fishing Effort Survey (OMB Control No. 0648-0652). The expectation is that this collection will not be renewed.

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 |
| Coastal Household Telephone Survey | NA | Coastal Household Telephone Survey | |

# 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.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request
DOC/NOAA/NMFS

2. OMB control number b. [✔] None
a. 0648 -

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)
a. [✔] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [ ] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number
For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)
a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by ____/____/____
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify:____/____

7. Title Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS)

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*)

9. Keywords Fisheries, Fishery, Fishing

10. Abstract

This survey conducts random telephone interviews of residents of coastal county households to obtain marine recreational fishing effort. These data are used along with data collected from the Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) to calculate bi-monthly estimates of marine recreational fishing effort. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. P Individuals or households d. ___ Farms
b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government
c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)
a. [✔] Voluntary
b. [ ] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [ ] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden
a. Number of respondents 228,000
b. Total annual responses 228,000
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically 0 %
c. Total annual hours requested 7,600
d. Current OMB inventory 0
e. Difference 7,600
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change 7,600
2. Adjustment

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (*in thousands of dollars*)
a. Total annualized capital/startup costs 0
b. Total annual costs (O&M) 0
c. Total annualized cost requested 0
d. Current OMB inventory 0
e. Difference 0
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change 0
2. Adjustment 0

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management
b. ___ Program evaluation f. X Research
c. P General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance
d. ___ Audit

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (*check all that apply*)
a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [✔] Reporting
1. [✔] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [ ] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [ ] Other (describe) ____

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[✔] Yes [ ] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)
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## 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 |
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| | |

| 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<br>signed by Dr. Ned Cyr | Date<br>8/28/2014 |
| Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer | |
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**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**
**COASTAL HOUSEHOLD TELEPHONE SURVEY (CHTS)**
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-XXXX**

## A. JUSTIFICATION

This request is for a new information collection, to implement the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and all states along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, with the exception of Texas.

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

Collection of recreational fisheries catch and effort data is necessary to fulfill statutory requirements of Section 303 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1852 et. seq.), which requires that conservation and management measures prevent over fishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery, and also to comply with Executive Order 12962 on Recreational Fisheries. Section 303 (a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifies data and analysis to be included in Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), as well as pertinent data that shall be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce under the plan.

Recreational fishing catch, effort and participation statistics are fundamental for assessing the influence of fishing on any stock of fish. The quantities taken, the fishing effort, and the seasonal and geographical distribution of the catch and effort are required to assess the health of fish stocks and develop and evaluate national fisheries management policies and plans. Recreational fisheries data are essential for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries, the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Interstate Fisheries Commissions, State conservation agencies, recreational fishing industries, and others involved in the management and productivity of marine fisheries. The allocation of fishery resources depends on the results of these surveys.

Traditionally, recreational fishing effort data (number of fishing trips) have been collected through the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) (previously under OMB Control No. 0648-0052). The CHTS utilizes a list-assisted, random digit dialing (RDD) telephone survey approach to contact residential households and collect information about saltwater fishing activity. Contacted households are screened to determine if any household members participated in marine recreational fishing during the previous two months, and each active angler is asked to recall the number of saltwater fishing trips that were taken during the two-month wave, as well as provide details about each trip.

In recent years, the efficiency and effectiveness of RDD surveys in general, and the CHTS specifically, have been questioned due to declining rates of coverage and response. The NMFS has addressed these concerns by implementing the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and developing and testing alternative survey designs. Over the past several years, under OMB Control Numbers 0648-0052 and 0648-0652, NMFS has sequentially tested several alternatives to the CHTS with a goal of replacing the CHTS with a more accurate and efficient survey of recreational fishing activity. This testing has culminated in the most recent design of

the MRIP Fishing Effort Survey (FES) (OMB Control No. 0648-0652), which has been approved as an eventual replacement to the CHTS for monitoring recreational fishing effort.

The FES is less susceptible than the CHTS to biases resulting from non-sampling errors. However, current fishery management regulations, including allowable catch limits, are based upon estimates derived from the CHTS. Sole use of a different data collection design (e.g., the FES) to monitor fishing effort and catch relative to catch limits could result in over fishing (over exploitation) or premature closures of fishing seasons (under exploitation). In addition, the CHTS has provided an uninterrupted, 30-year time-series of recreational fishing effort (and catch[1]) estimates that are incorporated into mathematical models assessing the status of fish stocks and predicting how fish stocks will respond to management measures (e.g., catch limits, fishing season, etc.). As with most time-series analysis, the power of these models is dependent upon the length of the time series – the longer the time series, the more powerful the models. Interrupting the existing time series of estimates by switching directly from the CHTS to the FES will limit the effectiveness of assessment models. Consequently, we plan to continue the CHTS for a period of up to three years to benchmark CHTS and FES estimates and develop calibration methods to support the transition from the CHTS to the FES.

**2. <u>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</u>.**

CHTS estimates will be used to monitor recreational fishing effort. Recreational fishing catch and effort data are used on an ongoing basis by NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions and state natural resource agencies in developing, implementing and monitoring fishery management programs, per statutory requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Catch and effort statistics are fundamental for assessing the influence of fishing on any fish stock. Accurate estimates of the quantities taken, fishing effort, and both the seasonal and geographic distributions of the catch and effort are required for the development of regional management policies and plans.

In addition, information collected through the CHTS will be used as a comparison to assess the effectiveness of the FES data collection design for collecting recreational fishing effort data and subsequently estimating recreational fishing participation and effort. Overlapping the CHTS and FES will provide an opportunity to evaluate potential sources of survey error for the two survey designs. Finally, the two surveys will produce independent estimates of recreational fishing effort. Any measureable differences in estimates will be assessed within the context of survey errors. Results of the comparisons will be used to calibrate historical CHTS effort estimates and minimize disruptions to the historical time-series of recreational fishing estimates as NMFS transitions from the CHTS to the FES.

Specific data elements that will be collected in the CHTS include:

a) A screener question about recreational fishing activity to identify eligible fishing households,
b) Total number of household residents,

[1] Estimates of total fishing catch are the product of fishing effort (trips) and catch-per-trip.

c) Gender of respondent,
d) Total number of household landline telephone numbers,
e) Questions about fishing activity in the past 12 months and 2 months are used to screen for recent fishing activity and assist with recall,
f) The number of recreational fishing trips taken on privately owned boats, and number of shore fishing trips taken during the reference wave will be used to estimate fishing effort.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. NOAA Fisheries 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. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a 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.**

The CHTS will be conducted by telephone. This telephone survey requires interviewer-mediated reporting of data by respondents in order to minimize item non-response and maximize accuracy of the collected data. It also requires use of computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) methods which greatly reduce response errors and data entry errors.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collaborates with state natural resource agencies and regional interstate fisheries commissions on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to ensure that recreational fisheries data collections are not duplicative. Every five years, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) of the U.S. Department of the Interior conduct the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife – Associated Recreation (OMB Control No. 1018-0088). This survey collects minimal information about annual recreational saltwater fishing activity within the context of additional recreation activities. That survey does not provide the spatial or temporal resolution needed by managers of fishery resources to monitor and manage recreational fisheries landings.

The Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) will overlap with the MRIP Fishing Effort Survey (FES) (OMB Control No. 0648-0652), which is a dual-frame mail survey that collects similar information. Ultimately, the FES will replace the CHTS. It is expected that effort estimates derived from the FES may be very different from historical CHTS estimates. Failure to understand and account for these differences may result in undesirable consequences, such as shortened fishing seasons or quota overages. The surveys will overlap for a period of up to three years to benchmark estimates and develop appropriate calibration factors.

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

No small businesses will be impacted by this survey. Respondents are individuals or households.

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

If the CHTS is not conducted, the NMFS will have to rely exclusively on the new Fishery Effort Survey (FES) design to collect data and estimate recreational fishing effort. It is anticipated that effort estimates derived from the new survey may be very different from historical CHTS estimates. Failure to understand and account for these differences may result in undesirable consequences, such as shortened fishing seasons or quota overages. Benchmarking the CHTS concurrently with the FES will ease the transition from one design (CHTS), which was used to establish current fishery management actions (e.g. annual catch limits) to another (FES), which will be used to monitor fishing effort (and ultimately landings) against annual catch limits.

An ongoing survey of recreational anglers is required to monitor changing conditions in the fishery and support modifications in fishery regulations both within fishing seasons and among fishing years. In addition, a continuous time series of data is scientifically essential to assess the impact of recreational fishing on fish stocks. If the survey were not conducted or conducted less frequently, NMFS and state natural resource agencies would experience difficulty in effectively carrying out their responsibilities to meet statutory, administrative, and other obligations to end overfishing of marine fishery resources.

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

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

**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 was published on June 2, 2014 (79 FR 31308) for the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) and public comments were solicited. The CHTS is an ongoing survey, but previously was included in the OMB Control No. 0648-0052.

Most of the comments received about this FRN notice questioned this survey being considered "new". Response to these comments explained that the CHTS has not changed and is not "new"; however the submission was for a new, self-standing PRA clearance, which appears as something new, even though it is just a continuation of the existing survey.

Other comments about the CHTS (included as supplementary documents) were about the survey design (see comments posted as supplementary documents). There are concerns about the use of landline surveys and excluding cellular phones from the data collection, which are consistent with the concerns of the National Research Council (NRC) and others who have reviewed the recreational fishing data collection programs administered by NOAA Fisheries. Responses were made directly back to the commenters in a timely manner with an explanation of what the plan is for the CHTS in the future. It was explained that the CHTS will be conducted concurrently with the new Fishing Effort Survey (FES) design for a period of time to ease the transition from one design (CHTS), which was used to establish current fishery management actions (e.g., annual catch limits) to another (FES), which will be used to monitor fishing effort (and ultimately landings) against annual catch limits. It is expected that effort estimates derived from the new survey may be very different from historical CHTS estimates and failure to understand and account for these differences may result in undesirable consequences, such as shortened fishing seasons or quota overages.

MRIP is a collaborative effort among government agencies, independent scientists, recreational fishing groups and conservation organizations to ensure scientifically rigorous collection of appropriate information that meets manager and stakeholder needs. Subsequently, MRIP staff members maintain regular communication with customers, through workshops, workgroup meetings and one-on-one consultations. For example, The MRIP Executive Steering Committee (ESC), which includes senior managers from NOAA Fisheries, the Executive Directors of the Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions, and a representative from the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, provides general oversight of MRIP and ensures that the program satisfies Federal, state and stakeholder needs for recreational fishing statistics. The ESC meets annually to review program activities, strategically allocate funds to addresses data needs and approve research priorities. Similarly, the MRIP Operations Team (OT), which is responsible for developing and testing improved data collection designs, includes representatives from NOAA Fisheries headquarters, regional offices and science centers, the Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions and state natural resource agencies. The OT meets 1-2 times each year to identify regional and state needs for recreational fishing statistics and develop research priorities. Finally, MRIP staff participate in numerous meetings sponsored by regional fishery management councils and state natural resource agencies to update fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders on program accomplishments and collect feedback about data needs and concerns about the program.

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

Neither payments nor gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors, are given under this program.

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

As stated on the questionnaire, responses are kept confidential as required by section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens 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. Section 402(b) stipulates that data required to be submitted under

an FMP shall be confidential and shall not be released except to Federal employees and Council staff responsible for FMP monitoring and development or when required under court order. Data such as personal addressed and phone numbers will remain confidential.

**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 sensitive questions are asked.

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

The estimated response burden in hours for the 2015 CHTS is 7,600 hours with an expected number of respondents of 228,000. Estimated burden hours were calculated using data from past CHTS wave reports which show that the average amount of respondent time per interview is two minutes. Household telephone numbers are not sampled more than once per calendar year.

**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).**

These data collections will incur no cost burden on respondents beyond the costs of response time.

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

Annual cost to the Federal government is approximately $1,762,440. The 2015 CHTS will be conducted under an existing Firm Fixed Price contract. The cost is a unit price of $7.73 which includes labor and operational expenses (equipment, overhead, and staff support) multiplied by the quantity of completed interviews required (228,000).

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

This is a new program.

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

Each year, the NMFS administers recreational fishing surveys for six discrete, two-month reference waves, beginning with wave 1 (January/February) and continuing through wave 6 (November/December). The CHTS will be administered alongside the FES for a period of up to three years to benchmark estimates and develop appropriate calibration factors.

Data collected and analyzed by the CHTS will be included in table format available on the Web page of the Fisheries Statistics Division, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service. The Web site address is https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/recreational-fisheries/index. The data collected and analyzed by the FES will be kept and used in-house as a comparison against the CHTS data and estimates. Findings from the studies will be presented at

appropriate professional meetings (e.g. American Fisheries Society, Joint Statistical Meetings) and will be submitted for publication in appropriate statistical or fisheries peer-reviewed journals.

**17. <u>If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate</u>.**

Not Applicable.

**18. <u>Explain each exception to the certification statement</u>.**

Not Applicable.

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## B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

**1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.**

The Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) is a bi-monthly (wave), random digit dial (RDD) telephone survey designed to estimate the number of recreational shore and private boat fishing trips taken by residents of coastal counties. Each year, the CHTS will be conducted for six, two-month reference waves in 17 states bordering the Atlantic Coast and Gulf of Mexico, with the exception of Texas, as well as in Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

The target population for the CHTS is the population of full-time, residential households located in the coastal counties of the survey states[1]. To represent this population, we will sample a sufficient number of telephone numbers to achieve a target of 228,000 completed household interviews. Table 1 provides the estimated size of the target population, the expected number of sampled telephone numbers and completed household interviews, and the expected response rates[2], overall and by reference wave.

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[1] In general, coastal counties are those within 25 miles of ocean coastline (including coastlines of major bays or estuaries). In the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico during May through October coastal counties are those within 50 miles of the coast. Sampling in North Carolina is increased to counties within 50 miles of the coast during November to April and within 100 miles of the coast during May through October. Data collected from the complementary Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (OMB Control No. 0648-0659) demonstrate that 70-90% of saltwater fishing trips are taken by residents of the counties covered by the CHTS.

[2] Response rates based upon results from 2013 CHTS.

Table 1. Estimated size of the target population, number of sampled telephone numbers, expected percentage of sampled telephone numbers that are residential, expected response rates and estimated number of completed household interviews per wave for the Coastal Household Telephone Survey.

| Reference Wave | Estimated Number of Households in Target Population[3] | Estimated Number of Sampled Telephone Numbers | Expected Percent of Sampled Telephone Numbers that are Residential | Expected Response Rate | Expected Number of Completed Household Interviews |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 (Jan/Feb) | 11,623,764 | 551,694 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 19,861 |
| 2 (Mar/APR) | 27,784,857 | 819,278 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 29,494 |
| 3 (May/Jun) | 30,107,559 | 1,312,806 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 47,261 |
| 4 (Jul/Aug) | 30,107,559 | 1,635,972 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 58,895 |
| 5 (Sep/Oct) | 30,107,559 | 1,182,611 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 42,574 |
| 6 (Nov/Dec) | 27,784,857 | 830,972 | 12.0 | 30.0 | 29,915 |
| **Overall** | | **6,333,333** | **12.0** | **30.0** | **228,000** |

**2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

2.1. Sampling Design

The CHTS utilizes a list-assisted RDD approach. The sample frame for the survey includes all telephone numbers in hundred-banks (the set of numbers with the same first eight digits) that contain at least one number listed in the white pages directory. Consequently, the frame includes both listed and unlisted telephone numbers. The sample frame excludes telephone exchanges that are known to be assigned only to cell phones and is updated each wave to ensure that working blocks of telephone numbers are not inappropriately excluded.

Sampling for the CHTS is stratified by state and county. For each wave and stratum, a simple random sample of telephone numbers is selected from county-specific sample frames. Within a wave and state, sample is allocated among counties in proportion to the square root of the county population. This approach ensures that counties with small populations receive sufficient sample to detect saltwater fishing activity. Following sampling, telephone numbers are pre-dialed to identify and eliminate non-working numbers. Approximately 85% of working numbers in the sample are loaded into the Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) system for

[3] The target population for the CHTS is full-time occupied households in coastal counties. Because the CHTS is an RDD survey, the sample frame excludes households without landline telephone service. The CHTS assumes that landline and non-landline households are similar in terms of recreational fishing activity. This assumption is being evaluated by the MRIP Fishing Effort Survey (OMB Control No. 0648-0652). CHTS sample weights are post-stratified to the estimated total number of occupied households within coastal counties to account for this source of under-coverage.

dialing. The remaining 15% are held in reserve in the event that sample yields fall below expectations. Productivity of the sample is monitored throughout the data collection period, and additional sample is released as needed to complete the required number of interviews.

## 2.2. Data Collection Procedures

The CHTS collects fishing information for fixed, two-month reference waves. Data collection for each wave begins one week prior to the end of the wave and continues for a period of two weeks. All interviews are conducted via a CATI system that automatically dials sampled telephone numbers, schedules call-back interviews, ensures that dialing protocols are satisfied for each sampled number, navigates the interview through complex skip patterns, and verifies suspect or illogical responses at the point of data entry.

Once a number has been loaded into the CATI system, a minimum of five contact attempts are made to categorize the number as an interview (partial or complete), nonrespondent, ineligible or unknown eligibility. Once dialed, each telephone number is allowed to ring five times before the number is classified as "no answer." Telephone calls are distributed among weekend/weekday and day/evening, such that the following criteria are satisfied:

- Each number receives at least one weekday attempt and three night or weekend attempts. The time delineating day and night is 5 pm.
- At least one of the night-time attempts must also be a weekend attempt.
- Calling is completed between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 PM local time for the geographic area being dialed.

Once a household has been contacted, the interviewer determines if any household residents participated in saltwater fishing during the reference period and then attempts to interview each individual angler to collect detailed information about recent saltwater fishing trips. In the event that interviews with all anglers within a household cannot be completed during the initial contact, up to five additional attempts are made to complete the interview. Appointment interviews are scheduled to facilitate the collection of complete household data. If an individual angler cannot be contacted after five additional attempts, data can be accepted from another household member.

## 2.3. Estimation Design

The estimation weights for the CHTS are formed in stages. The first stage is the creation of a base weight for the household, which is the inverse of the probability of selection of the telephone number. The second stage is the adjustment of the base weights for households with multiple telephone numbers. The third stage is a non-response adjustment. The fourth stage is the poststratification adjustment of the weights to estimates of household totals within the survey area[4]. These household-level weights implicitly include nonresponse and undercoverage adjustments, resulting, for example, from the exclusion of non-landline households from the

[4] Estimates provided by Nielsen Company, Inc.

sample frame. Estimates of total fishing effort by residents of coastal counties ($\hat{Y}_c$) are produced using these poststratified household weights.

$$\widehat{Y_c} = \sum_{h=1}^{H} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \omega_{hi}^{*} y_{hi}$$

where $\omega_{hi}^{*}$ and $y_{hi}$ are the final, poststratified weight and reported number of recreational fishing trips, respectfully, for household *i* of stratum *h*.

Total fishing effort ($\hat{Y}_t$) is estimated by multiplying coastal resident effort by correction factors derived from a complementary survey, the Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS, OMB Control No. 0648-0659). Specifically, APAIS respondents are asked for their state and county of residence. CHTS estimates are then expanded by the ratio of total intercepted trips to intercepted trips taken by residents of coastal counties.

$$\widehat{Y_t} = \widehat{Y_c}\widehat{\mathrm{R}}$$

where $\hat{R} = \frac{Total\ APAIS\ Intercepts}{APAIS\ Intercepts\ with\ Coastal\ Residents}$.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.**

Intensive interviewer training and tested methodological approaches are employed to maximize response rates. Interviewers are tested for skills in effective communication with potential respondents, and/or accurate coding of responses before they are hired for training. Training familiarizes interviewers with a procedures manual and develops their interviewing skills through role-playing exercises. Supervision and additional training of interviewers occurs during the conduct of all telephone surveys. Call-center supervisors monitor in-progress interviews and provide immediate feedback and additional training as needed. Refusal rates for the telephone surveys have rarely exceeded five percent during the 30 years of the survey.

Nonresponse will be handled through nonresponse weighting adjustment. Specifically, the weights of nonrespondents will be transferred to respondents within adjustment cells. Generally, nonresponse adjustment cells will be defined at the stratum level. Weights will also be post-stratified to population control totals within strata, which will ensure that sample data represent the entire population of households within the geographic coverage area of the CHTS.

**4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.**

No additional testing is planned.

**5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.**

Anjunell Lewis, NOAA Fisheries Service, Office of Science and Technology, 301-427-8145 is the point-of-contact for the Agency. The current contractor for the CHTS is ICF International, of Fairfax, Virginia. Data collections are performed under contract; NMFS staff performs analyses.

**From:** Capt. Mark Hubbard [mailto:mhubbard@hubbardsmarina.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2014 12:14 PM
**To:** Jessup, Jennifer
**Cc:** "'Bob Zales 2 '"@domain.invalid
**Subject:** Jennifer Jessup, Departmental comments on the random calling of "Coastal Households Phone Survey"

TO ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments for Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal Household Telephone Survey 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).
Coastal Household Telephone Survey

the random calling of "Coastal Households Phone Survey" to obtain saltwater recreational fishing data is a complete waste of time, tax dollars, and a complete failure in obtaining recreational fishing data. This system is destroying the open access to the Gulf of Mexico recreational fishing industry and must be replaced!

**Mark Hubbard Home address;**
**931 79th St South**
**St Petersburg Fl 33707**
**727-709-1724**
FISHING MATTERS to me:
-Family activity with my daughters, Son and Wife

-Food source, we love to eat fish, We rely on this resource industry for our way of life
-Boat owner for 38 years many vessels ran and owned. Licensed Charter Captain for 30 years
-Education; High school Graduate with two years college no AA, bought own boat to start net fishing for mullet commercially, stone crabbing commercially and a six pack charter business.
- Avid angler, Certified Advanced SCUBA diver and spear fisherman- My target species: everything that swims in the Gulf of Mexico

I was born right on the Tampa Bay beaches in 1963, and as a kid, I played on the fishing boats and docks, and developed a natural instinct for fishing, boating and the water. Captain Wilson Hubbard, my father, was a life long Salt water Guide, licensed Captain, Pilot, out door writer, and very active in the state and fed fishery.

Since I have become involved in the fishery management process, I have become very angry, confused, and bewildered as a citizen of this country, state, and county that our fishing rights can be taken away with such disregard of the facts and common-sense over fatally flawed best available science.

I own and manage a charter party boat center Hubbard's Marina with two 80 passenger Party Head boats and one 12 pack charter boat. We sub contract many local charter boats in area. This operation started two generations ago in 1928, and was incorporated in 1957. I take customers, guests, recreational anglers, residents and visitors out on charter party boat trips so they can fish off shore and enjoy the fishery Florida has to offer

I want our fish population managed correctly with science, economic impacts and common sense in mine. As a charter boat captain and owner I know the damage restrictive regulation and programs have on my business, recreational fishing community and those in the Florida charter boat industry

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

Thank you for your comment about the proposed implementation of the Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS). In the years following the National Research Council's (NRC) review of the recreational fishing data collection programs administered by NOAA Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries established the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) and began developing and testing improved survey designs. The MRIP has tested several alternatives to the CHTS. These pilot studies have resulted in a new survey design that we plan to implement in the states bordering the Atlantic and Gulf coasts in 2015. I have attached a series of three news releases that describe the evolution of the new survey, or you can read the justification for the new survey on the Office of Management and Budget website (http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/DownloadDocument?documentID=354502&version=1).

We are not planning to conduct the CHTS as the standard methodology for estimating recreational fishing effort. Rather, we are proposing to conduct the CHTS concurrently with the new survey design for a period of time to ease the transition from one design (CHTS), which was used to establish current fishery management actions (e.g. annual catch limits) to another, which will be used to monitor fishing effort (and ultimately landings) against annual catch limits. Concerns have been that CHTS estimates may be inaccurate as a result of the drastic decline in landline telephone usage, among other reasons. Consequently, effort estimates derived from the new survey may be very different from historical CHTS estimates. Failure to understand and account for these differences may result in undesirable consequences, such as shortened seasons or quota overages. Our main focus over the past few years has been to develop and design surveys that will provide the most accurate estimates to be used for fishery management purposes.

Thanks again for your comments.

Regards,

Anjunell Lewis

On Sat, Jul 12, 2014 at 12:29 PM, Michael Jackson <mjackson@ez-tender.com> wrote:

Rob,

Sorry for the delayed response. Between my day job and vacation this overdue response was set aside. Nonetheless, hoping you are doing well!

I appreciate your offer to include me in your distribution regarding MRIP updates and newsletters. I would certainly value this and could then review and comment as appropriate.

As to your curiosity regarding my inclination that estimates will be higher once the new designs are implemented I would offer the following as both a statement and a few questions:

- I'm already hearing that the additional hours of ramp surveys indicate that we are 'catching more fish than previously thought'. Are there any plans to survey anglers who never bring their landings to a ramp? For instance, my boat is on a lift behind my home in Clearwater. I have never been surveyed with the exception of one year relating to my highly migratory species license. I believe I received two (2) calls that year (2005+/-).

- Do you have actual data that indicates the last 20 years of my (Pinellas) county's % of households with land lines? I would expect to see a dramatic drop in usage of land-lines year-over-year. In fact, as I was penning this response I just did a quick search attempting to back into the number by looking at the exponential growth of cell phone usage. The numbers are astonishing in fact. Take a quick look at an on-going PEW research project at this web address: http://www.accuconference.com/blog/Cell-Phone-Statistics.aspx. Note that 97% of adults have a cell phone. Note also that in 2013, 34% of households are "mobile only". This number was up 9% over the 2012 statistics, so we can anticipate exponential growth in "mobile only" homes. These statistics simply cannot be ignored and must be factored in as a major consideration when looking at any continuation of MRIP and CHTS. It seems to me clear that this has become a blinding flash of the obvious and quickly renders the CHTS ineffective and completely unreliable. So this data begs the question "How would the continued methodology provide a stable reference if the universe of potential respondents continues to decline in both number and percentage of the entire population"?

I think these are the more salient point to consider, the answers to which would help me understand how MRIP could ever be considered reliable. I look forward to learning more about the transition team, its makeup as to the specific participants and most importantly, their willingness to look at and perhaps even embrace new and emerging technology that will more accurately account for the true landing effort.

Respectfully yous,
Mike

On Fri, Jun 20, 2014 at 2:50 PM, Rob Andrews - NOAA Federal <rob.andrews@noaa.gov> wrote:
Mr. Jackson,

MRIP is a Federal program, so NOAA is ultimately responsible for the estimates, as well as understanding and communicating the impacts of estimates (and the impacts of changes in survey designs). MRIP recently established a Transition Team to address the very questions you raise. Once operational, the team will be represented by individuals from throughout NOAA (headquarters offices, regional offices and science centers), as well as the regional fishery management councils, interstate fishery commissions and state natural resource agencies. The goal of the Transition Team is to compare estimates derived from different survey designs and assess the impacts of any differences on stock assessments and management actions. This will be facilitated by conducting new designs concurrently

with old designs, as I suggested in my previous message. Ultimately, the Team will recommend actions that attempt to minimize any negative consequences, such as the scenario you described. My previous reference to "undesirable consequences" was not a warning, but a justification for continuing the CHTS.

Your questions are extremely insightful, and you are obviously very well informed about fisheries issues. With your permission, I can add your name and email to a distribution list that receives regular MRIP updates and newsletters. These will undoubtedly focus on implementation and transition issues over the next several months. I'm also very happy to directly answer any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Rob

P.S. Just out of curiosity, is there some reason you expect estimates to be higher once new designs are implemented?

OMB Control No. 0648-xxxx
Expiration Date: xx/xx/xxxx

**Coastal Household Telephone Survey**
**CATI Instrument**

Hello, I'm calling to conduct a survey for the NOAA Fisheries of the U.S. Department of Commerce. We are collecting information for use in conservation of coastal resources, and we would appreciate your help with this important study. [As needed: May I please speak with an adult in the household?]

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needs, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Anjunell Lewis, 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.

Q1. How many people in this household go fishing?

Q2. To help me assign your information to the correct location, is the telephone number I've reached you at located in {restore name from sample} county / parish / island / municipality?

Q3. Is this your permanent residence? [Interviewer prompt if needed: "Where you live at least 6 months out of the year."]

Q4. How many people in total, including yourself, live in your household?
Please include those people who fish and don't fish.

[At this point, if the response to number of anglers in the household is equal to zero then the questionnaire skips to the final quality control question (gender) and skips the additional marine recreational 2-month and 12-month fishing screeners.]

We want to gather information from people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. Saltwater fishing includes fishing in oceans, sounds, or bays, or in brackish portions of rivers. This does not include fishing in freshwater, or for shellfish, such as crabbing. Recreational fishing means the primary purpose of the fishing is for fun or relaxation, as opposed to providing income from the sale of fish.

Q5. How many people in your household, including children and adults, have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 12 months anywhere in the U.S. (including Hawaii and the mainland) or in a U.S. territory?

Q6. Thinking just about the past 2 months, how many of the people living in your household, including children and adults, have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months in the U.S. or a U.S. territory?

Q7. Record gender of respondent.

Q8. I'd like to ask each person who has been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months a few questions about their fishing trip(s). What are the first names of the people in your household who have been recreational saltwater fishing in the past 2 months?

**Angler Screening**

[Angler screening questions must be repeated for each new angler interviewed.]

Hello, I'm conducting a survey on recreational saltwater fishing for the NOAA Fisheries. We want to gather information from people who have been recreational saltwater fishing. Saltwater fishing includes fishing in oceans, sounds, or bays, or in brackish portions of rivers. This does not include fishing in freshwater, or for shellfish, such as crabbing. Recreational fishing means the primary purpose of the fishing is for fun or relaxation, as opposed to providing income from the sale of fish.

I understand that you've been saltwater fishing in the past 2 months. I'd like to ask you a few questions about your most recent fishing trips. All of your answers will be kept confidential, and this survey is voluntary, so you are not required to answer any question that you feel is an invasion of your privacy.

Q9. Did all of the anglers in your household take all of their fishing trips together over the past 2 months?

**Trip Profiling Instructions**

[All anglers in the household must be interviewed separately about their fishing trips in the past 2 months.]

[2-Month Trips: The first questions determine the total number of days in which the angler took fishing trips in the past 2 months. For estimation purposes, it is necessary to separate in-state trips from out-of-state trips.]

QT1. On how many days in the past 2 months, between {TODAY – days in wave} and {TODAY – 1}, did you (s/he) go recreational saltwater fishing in {state of residence} or in a boat launched from {state of residence}?

QT2. On how many days in the past 2 months, between {TODAY – days in wave} and {TODAY – 1}, did you (s/he) go saltwater fishing in any coastal state or territory of the U.S. other than {state of residence} or from a boat launched from another coastal state or territory of the U.S.?

[The following questions are then asked for each fishing day (total of QT1 and QT2) in the wave until all trips are profiled.]

[Date of Trip: Beginning with the most recent trip, the interviewer must record the date (month and day) of the fishing trip. If the respondent cannot recall the exact day of the month, the interviewer should probe for the month, and whether it was a weekday or a weekend day (including holidays). The CATI system should display allowable dates, and interviewers must have a calendar available to help respondents determine dates.]

QT3. [Ask for 1st trip] When did you (s/he) last go saltwater fishing? Or [Ask if not 1st trip] Can you tell me the date of the saltwater fishing trip prior to that one? I have a calendar with me in case we need to look up some of the specific dates.

QT3a. [If respondent is unable to remember the date in Q3, ask] Was that a weekday or weekend?

QT4. On that day, did you (s/he) fish from a boat?

If no, skip to QT5 for shore fishing.

QT4a. [Ask if QT4 = yes] Was that from a …[read]

1. Party or head boat – CATEGORY B
2. Charter boat – CATEGORY B
3. Private boat – CATEGORY C
4. Rental boat – CATEGORY C
5. Boat – don't know what type – CATEGORY C

QT5. On that day, did you (s/he) fish from the shore?
Or
On that day, did you (s/he) also fish from the shore? (If QT4 = yes)

QT5a. [Ask if QT5 = yes] Was that from a …[read]

1. Pier
2. Dock
3. Jetty / Breakwater
4. Bridge / Causeway
5. Other manmade structure
6. Bank / Beach

QT6. [For boat trips, use:] To what coastal state or U.S. territory did the boat return?
[For shore trips, use:] In what state or U.S. territory were you fishing?
[Prompt as needed with a list of states]

QT7. [For boat trips, use:] To what coastal county / parish / island / municipality did the boat return?
[For shore trips, use:] In what coastal county / parish / island / municipality were you fishing?

QT8. Does the public have access to the place from which the boat left, or is it private access?

QT9. At what time did you stop fishing?

QT10. Was most of your fishing effort that day in the ocean, a sound, a river, a bay, or an inlet?

At the end of each trip profile, the CATI program should loop to the next logical action:

1. Profile the next most recent fishing day and trip, or
2. If all trips are profiled, thank the respondent and either terminate the interview or ask for the next available angler.

QP1. Not including cell phones, how many different telephone numbers are there in your home?

QP2. Of these {restore QP1} telephone numbers, how many are never used for talking and instead are always connected to a fax machine or computer modem?

QP3. Of the remaining {restore QP1 – QP2} telephone numbers, how many are for business use only?

QP4. I calculate that you have {QP1 – QP2 – QP3} residential telephone lines. Does this sound right?

That concludes the questions that I have about your fishing. Thank you very much for your time and assistance.

If there are additional anglers in the household who still need to be interviewed, ask:

"Now may I please speak to: "

If respondent indicates that one or more of the people listed are children, ask current respondent to continue answering the questions based on the child's fishing activities.

requirements. Consult the Department's regulations for information regarding the Department's conduct of Sunset Reviews. Consult the Department's regulations at 19 CFR part 351 for definitions of terms and for other general information concerning antidumping and countervailing duty proceedings at the Department.

This notice of initiation is being published in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(c).

Dated: May 13, 2014.

**Christian Marsh,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal Household Telephone Survey

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 August 1, 2014.

**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 Anjunell Lewis, (301) 427–8145 or *Anjunell.Lewis@NOAA.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

Marine recreational anglers are surveyed for catch and effort data, fish biology data, and angler socioeconomic characteristics. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), as amended, regarding conservation and management of fishery resources.

The Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) utilizes a computer-assisted, random-digit-dialing (RDD) approach to contact full-time, residential households located in coastal counties and collect information about recent recreational fishing activity. Respondents are asked to recall the number of recreational saltwater fishing trips taken during a specific time period and to provide details about each fishing trip. Data collected from the CHTS are used to estimate the total number of recreational saltwater fishing trips by residents of coastal counties. CHTS estimates are combined with estimates derived from an independent survey, the Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS), to estimate total, state-level fishing effort and catch, by species. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the National Marine Fisheries Service, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies.

#### II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected through a random-digit-dialing telephone survey of coastal county households.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–XXXX.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 214,398.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 minutes per household.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,147.

*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: May 27, 2014

**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; Southeast Region IFQ Programs

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

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

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management authorizes the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and South