

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 11/20/2015

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 11/19/2015

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

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201511-0648-007

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Regional Economic Data Collection Program for Southwest Alaska

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0722

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: 11/30/2018

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	2,072	602	0
New	2,072	602	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
Mail surveys	NA	Trawl catcher vessel questionnaire	
Phone calls to set up interviews, follow-up for missing information and conduct surveys (hours for surveys already counted)			
Interviews with input suppliers and processors	NA, NA	Personal interview worksheet for shorebased processors, Personal interview worksheet for supplier and support businesses	

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0722
REGIONAL ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM FOR SOUTHWEST
ALASKA

We have reconsidered the internet-based response option for fishing vessel owners. In the approved ICR's supporting statement, we stated we would make an internet-based response option available to mail-out survey recipients. Our original plan was to provide all mail-out survey recipients with the option to fill out and respond to the survey online.

However we have recently learned that setting up a secure, internet-based, survey response option is much more expensive than anticipated. In addition, recent studies indicate that an internet-based option does not significantly increase response rates when conducted as part of a mail-out survey of fishing vessel owners.

We have concluded that the likely very small, if any, increase in the response rate does not justify the added cost and complexity of providing an online response option. Therefore, we are requesting that the originally proposed internet-based response option not be a component of the Regional Economic Data Collection Program for Southwest Alaska. We will use only a mail survey with follow-up phone calls / interviews.

There is no change to burden or cost.

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.