NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/07/2016

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 11/30/2015

ACTION REQUESTED: New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number)
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201511-0648-009
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Expenditure Survey of Highly Migratory Species Tournaments and Participants
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0725
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: 01/31/2019 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	0	0	0
New	3,225	863	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	3,225	863	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

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
Operator survey	NA	HMS Tournament Operator Survey	
Participant survey	NA	HMS Tournament Participant 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/SF

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

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 Expenditure Survey of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournaments and Participants

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

9. Keywords Fishing

10. Abstract

This request is for a new collection of information. The objective of the study is to collect information on the earnings and expenditures of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) tournament operators and participants. The study will use two survey instruments to collect information from tournament operators and participants. One survey will ask tournament operators to characterize and quantify their operating costs and income sources in addition to describing their tournament participants. The other survey instrument will ask fishing tournament participants to estimate their expenditures associated with travel to, entering, and participating in the tournament.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. p Individuals or households d. ___ Farms
b. X Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government
c. X 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 3,225
b. Total annual responses 3,225
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically 75 %
c. Total annual hours requested 863
d. Current OMB inventory
e. Difference
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change
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
e. Difference
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change
2. Adjustment

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. ___ Application for benefits e. X Program planning or management
b. ___ Program evaluation f. P Research
c. X 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) 1 time survey

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)
Name: George Silva
Phone: (301) 427-8503

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

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 signed by Alan Risenhoover, Director, Sustainable Fisheries	Date 11/30/2015
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
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SUPPORTING STATEMENT
EXPENDITURE SURVEY OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES TOURNAMENTS AND PARTICIPANTS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-XXXX

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

This request is for a new information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages recreational fisheries, under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The MSA requires that fishery management plans be prepared using the best scientific information available and that each plan include a fishery impact statement assess, specify and analyze the likely effects, including the social, conservation and economic impacts of conservation and management measures for participants in the fishery and fishing communities.

Marine recreational fishing is a popular pastime across the United States that generates significant economic impacts to both local economies and the nation. One category of economic activity that is most directly supported by marine recreational fishing is fishing tournaments. Fishing tournament operations can be heavily impacted by spatial and temporal changes in recreational fishing participation caused by major storm events, contaminant spills, and fishing regulations such as fishery closures. NMFS is required to enumerate the economic impacts of the policies it implements on fishing participants and coastal communities. In order to fulfill this mandate and in recognition of the economic importance of businesses supported by recreational fisheries, NMFS will conduct regional cost and earnings surveys on highly migratory species (HMS) tournaments.

Tournaments are a uniquely large part of recreational fisheries for HMS. An annual average of 259 fishing tournaments targeting HMS have been registered on the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts over the last ten years. Tournaments are significant social events for HMS anglers, and provide a unique opportunity for anglers to interact with each other, making them significant events for the distribution of ideas and opinions. Additionally, tournament organizers and participants can incur significant expenditures associated with organization and participation in HMS tournaments which can have important economic impacts on local economies. HMS tournaments can offer significant payouts of cash prizes for the eventual winners. For example, the 2012 White Marlin Open issued a cash prize of approximately $1.2 million for the largest white marlin caught, and a total payout of $2.5 million for all prize winners. An updated and more comprehensive quantification of expenditures associated with HMS tournaments would be greatly helpful in assessing the potential economic effects of proposed regulations that could affect the frequency of and participation in HMS tournaments, and was identified as an objective under Goal 3 of the Atlantic HMS Saltwater Recreational Fishing Action Agenda (September 2013). The proposed data collection will be the first time NMFS will conduct a regional survey

to gather cost and earnings data on highly migratory species marine recreational fishing tournament operators and participants.

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>.

The information will provide fisheries managers with baseline quantitative information on the costs and earning of highly migratory species fishing tournaments. Fisheries managers, council staff, and the Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel members may refer to the information periodically to better understand the economic characteristics of HMS tournaments in their region.

The study will use two survey instruments to collect information from tournament operators and participants. One survey will ask tournament operators to characterize and quantify their operating costs and income sources in addition to describing their tournament participants. The first section of the tournament operator survey collects information regarding general tournament operations, such as tournament location, dates, number of participants, and species for which prizes were awarded. The purpose of this information will be to categorize the different types and sizes of HMS tournaments. Section B asks for funding sources, such as registration fees, sponsorships, concessions, and the sale of merchandise. This data will be used for calculating tournament revenues and estimating the regional economic impacts of operating these HMS fishing tournaments. Section C asks for tournament expenses, such as labor, tournament prizes, site fees, local licensing, equipment, and entertainment. This data will be used for estimating the regional economic impacts of operating these HMS fishing tournaments.

The other survey instrument will ask fishing tournament participants to estimate their expenditures associated with travel to, entering, and participating in the tournament. Section A of the participant survey asks for general information regarding where the angler participated in the fishing tournament, how long they participated, and whether travel was involved for this event. Section B lists the most common types of expenses associated with tournament trips and asks participants to provide the amount their team spent and the primary state the money was spent. This data will be used for estimating the regional economic impacts associated with the expenditures made by the participants of HMS fishing tournaments. Section C is similar to Section B but focuses on tackle and durable equipment expenses such as fishing rods, reels, and other tackle that might be acquired for tournament participation. Section D gathers some basic demographic information, such as age, sex, and fishing avidity, that will be used for characterizing participants and testing for non-response bias.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information as with the results of previous economic surveys of the recreational fishing community (i.e., angler expenditure surveys and for-hire cost and earnings studies). NMFS 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.

This information collection survey will involve the use of electronic reporting and automation. The primary data collection vehicle will be an internet-based survey forms delivered at tournament events. The web-based forms will be designed to be mobile device friendly, so respondents can either use a personal computer, mobile phone or tablet to complete the survey. Respondents will have the option to request a paper-based survey that can be returned via a self-addressed postage-paid envelope. Some use of mail merge automation will be involved in mailings associated with this survey. The survey contractor may also utilize automation when conducting follow up calls for survey reminders.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Based on discussions with other NOAA economists, there is no duplication of effort within NOAA. This is the only regional HMS tournament expenditure survey conducted that gathers information on costs and earnings for both tournament operators and tournament participants. This survey collects similar information to the NMFS Angler Expenditures survey but does so only for participants of HMS tournaments. Coordination between the HMS tournament participant survey and the Angling Expenditure survey will occur to avoid oversampling individual anglers.

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

Tournament participants are primarily individuals or households and are not considered small business entities. Many tournament operators, however, are small businesses or nonprofit small entities. Several steps have been taken in this survey to minimize burden. First, we have kept the survey to 5 pages of questions to ensure it can be completed in the shortest amount of time possible. Second, we are allowing respondents to either use a web-based form or a paper-based form to respond. Third, we will provide a phone number for respondents to call for more information and assistance with responding to the survey. Finally, this reporting is completely voluntary, and all selected tournament operators will be made aware of this fact in every cover letter accompanying the questionnaire.

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

As stated above, NMFS is required to collect economic data that can be used to describe the economic effects on local communities and participants from changes in fisheries management policies. It is vital to collect cost and earnings data via a survey of HMS fishing tournaments because there are no other sources of this information that provide the level of detail required.

Without this type of information, fisheries managers will not be able to assess the economic effects that result from changes in recreational fisheries policies that can affect HMS tournament operations and participation, and therefore, the effects on local and regional communities. Without this study, no other contemporary detailed economic description and characterization of regional HMS tournament operations and participants will be available.

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

The collection will be conducted in a manner 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 record keeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on August 25, 2015 (80 FR 51538) and solicited public comment. The Billfish Foundation provided a comment in response to that Federal Register Notice stating that HMS tournament participants may not complete the survey regarding fishing expenditures, in part, due to their mistrust of government entities. The Billfish Foundation is concerned that a low response rate could produce an inadequate picture of this recreational fishery and its economic worth. They also noted that tournament directors will likely complete the HMS tournament operators survey to varying degrees. NMFS acknowledges these concerns and hopes to work with The Billfish Foundation and other groups to improve outreach to fishing tournament participants on the value and importance of this survey. While there could be some challenges regarding response rates, NMFS experience with the HMS Angler Expenditure Survey in 2011, which had a 57% response rate, seems to indicate that HMS fishermen are willing to report their fishing expenditures to NMFS during a survey.

Members of the NMFS Atlantic HMS Management Division also attended six tournaments during the summer and fall of 2015. At these tournaments, staff gave short presentations on the planned HMS tournament survey during the tournaments captain's meetings and Agency staff was available to answer questions and receive feedback during the tournaments. The feedback and observations made during these tournament site visits led to changes in the survey forms to address charitable contributions made by tournaments, the team nature of participant expenses, and how some teams receive sponsorships to participate in tournaments.

In addition to the Federal Register Notice and site visits, the Agency conducted a breakout session at the September 9, 2015, Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel meeting specifically to discuss the expenditure survey of Atlantic HMS tournaments and participants. Members of the Advisory Panel provided general support for the study. They encouraged us to provide respondents with information as to why this study is important for tournament operators and participants. In

addition, we received feedback on the appropriate cost categories to include in the survey. In addition to the feedback received at that meeting, NMFS received three written comments from Advisory Panel members following the meeting. Those comments are summarized below:

Comment #1: This commenter noted that many tournaments are not boat-based tournaments and are configured as angler tournaments. Those tournaments may also include bay, near-shore, and offshore categories. The commenter also notes that it might be more relevant to specifically ask the tournament operator the number of offshore boats fishing for HMS in the tournament. On a similar note, they also suggest that instead of just asking for the number of participants in the tournament, NMFS should decide if the question should instead ask for the number of anglers targeting HMS in the tournament. In regards to asking about the number of spectators at the tournament, the commenter notes that some tournaments are web-based, and therefore instead of just asking about the number of spectators at weigh-ins, NMFS should also consider asking about the number of webcast viewers. The commenter also suggests removing the question regarding funding from Optional Entry Fee/Calcutta since this can be a touchy subject to some tournaments, and could therefore impact response rates. They also suggest making the monetary awards category optional for the same reason. The commenter notes that some tournaments make contributions to specific items other than charitable donations, such as educational scholarships, so NMFS should consider adding an "other" contributions category for this question.

Response: NMFS recognizes that many tournaments are not solely boat-based. The survey addresses this issue by asking both how many boats fished and the estimated total number of participants in the tournament. NMFS has modified the survey to clearly ask for the number of boats fishing offshore for HMS in the tournament and the survey now asks for the estimated total number of participants in the tournament.

In regards to the number of spectators, the survey is focused on regional economic impacts so the survey is focused on only the number of local spectators at the weigh-ins. Web-based viewers are outside the current scope of this study.

NMFS acknowledges that the term Calcutta can be a sensitive topic for some tournament operators, but other tournaments visited by NMFS staff are still using that term. To reduce the potential for this question to reduce response rates, it now states that this is an optional field and also uses the terms "Optional entry fees" and "Tournament within a Tournament" in addition to Calcutta.

NMFS has added a question to address contributions to other causes, such as educational scholarships.

Comment #2: The commenter notes that it should be clear on the form regarding whether or not this survey is voluntary. Many tournaments do not routinely collect information on the total number of participants in the tournament (including anglers, crew, and captains) and the commenter asks if NMFS is interested in an estimate of participants. The commenter highly recommends not using the term Calcutta, since this is perceived as illegal gambling (game of chance) by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In some events, it is called a Tournament within

a Tournament (TWT) and the IRS is fine with that description. In the tournament expenses page, the commenter recommends that NMFS should be clear in its wording that this information is confidential and will not be provided on an individual tournament basis to anyone. Regarding the HMS tournament participant form, the commenter made suggestions to remove references to "on this day" and instead reference this tournament, since many tournaments run for several days. When asking about whether participants took time off work without pay, the commenter suggests that the question should ask whether all fishing party members took time off work to participate in the tournament. Instead of asking about expenses individually on ice, bait, and fuel, the commenter notes that, in most events, participants just pay a total bill to the marina for these at the end of the event. At many events, not all boats stay at the marina but rather are scattered up and down the coast. The commenter asks how NMFS plans to normalize the responses since staying at a private dock or at a home port may be vastly less expensive in terms of travel.

Response: The survey forms now clearly indicate that this is a voluntary survey.

NMFS does want an estimate of the number of participants in the tournament, so the word "estimate" has been added to this question.

NMFS acknowledges that the term Calcutta can be a sensitive topic for some tournament operators, but other tournaments visited by NMFS staff are still using that term. To reduce the potential for this question to reduce response rates, it now states that this is an optional field and also uses the terms "Optional entry fees" and "Tournament within a Tournament" in addition to Calcutta.

The survey form now notes that the information provided is confidential and will not be provided on an individual tournament basis to anyone.

NMFS removed references to "on this day" and instead references this tournament in the survey questions.

NMFS changed the question regarding time taken off work without pay to address the entire fishing party.

While it may be common for some to pay ice, bait, and fuel at the marina, many tournament participants leave from private docks and may acquire these items separately. NMFS believes most participants will be able to estimate the portion of their marina bill dedicated to each of these items.

NMFS acknowledges that many boats that participate in a tournament may depart from different locations. NMFS would like to obtain a representative sample of tournament participants so we can estimate average expenses over both marina and home port vessels.

Comment #3: This commenter recommended that distribution of a hard copy paper survey form would be most advantageous at each tournament's captain's meeting. If possible, the person distributing the survey, hopefully tournament director, will take a few minutes during the

meeting to explain the importance and use of the survey. The commenter recommends a tangible incentive be given to teams that complete the survey. If this option cannot be put forth by the government, then coordinating with tournament directors to require completion of the form might generate some completed form. The commenter suggests that the survey should also ask whether the respondent is the boat owner, captain, or both. The respondent should also be asked whether they are a full-time paid private boat captain or a for-hire boat owner/captain. A category that allows for reporting of dockage fees for boats that travel to the tournament location from their home port should be helpful in better understanding the full scope of expenditures, especially in a multiple day tournament. Another consideration might be to include an additional column that reflects any expenses incurred during the tournament for unscheduled boat care, maintenance, repairs, etc. In addition to asking the number of tournaments fished, the commenter recommends asking what other species they target in other tournaments.

Response: NMFS plans to distribute fliers to tournament participants regarding the study with instructions of how to complete the survey online and also plans to produce hardcopy versions of the survey that can be provided on request.

NMFS will be contacting tournament operators to facilitate in person distribution of the survey information to participants at captain's meetings.

While a tangible reward would potentially increase response rates, it is not possible for NMFS to provide or facilitate such a reward.

A category that allows for reporting of dockage fees for boats will be added to the survey and an additional column that reflects any expenses incurred during the tournament for unscheduled boat care, maintenance, repairs, etc. may also be added after some additional field testing of the survey instrument.

While it would be interesting to find out what other species a tournament participant targets in other tournaments, NMFS considers this additional information will add to complexity of the survey and will not provide any significant additional information in regards to the objectives of this HMS tournament study.

9. <u>Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees</u>.

No payments or gifts are made.

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

As stated on the survey instruments, the information collected by this survey will be protected in part by the Trade Secrets Act. Any confidential business information protected by the Trade Secrets Act will only be released for public use in aggregate statistical form unless disclosure of raw data is required under applicable law. If the individual survey data are requested, NMFS will

apply exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act to protect confidential business information.

11. <u>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</u>.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature.

12. <u>Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information</u>.

NMFS will collect cost and earnings data from all HMS tournaments registered within the year. There are approximately 260 Atlantic HMS tournaments annually, based on recent years' tournament registration data, and an additional 40 tournaments may be sampled in the Pacific region. In addition, NMFS will select 50% of registered tournaments to distribute expenditure surveys to anglers registered for those tournament events. We anticipate a 75% response rate from tournament operators and a 40% response rate from tournament participants based on past surveys.

Tournament operators:	300 tournaments
Total responses:	225 completed surveys (75% response rate)
Completion time:	30 minutes per survey
Total hours:	113 hours
Tournament participants:	50 participants estimated per tournament (50 x 150)
Total responses:	3,000 completed survey (40% response rate)
Completion time:	15 minutes per survey
Total hours:	750 hours
Total responses:	3,225 responses
Total annual hours:	863 hours

Using an hourly rate of $22.71 for tournament participants based on the average wage for all civilian workers from the May 2014 National Employment and Wage Estimates (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm) 750 burden hours are estimate to result in approximately $17,033 in opportunity costs. Using an hourly rate of $46.75 for tournament operators based on the average wage for management occupations from the May 2014 National Employment and Wage Estimates (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm) 105 burden hours are estimate to result in approximately $5,283 in wage costs. A total of 863 burden hours are anticipated across all parts of the survey, resulting in a cost to respondents of approximately $22,316. There are no other costs to respondents.

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).

There are no start-up, capital, or maintenance costs associated with this collection. No new or specialized equipment is needed to respond to this collection. A basic computer or mobile device connected to internet may be used to respond. The survey will be provided online at a mobile-friendly designed website and respondents will also have the option of requesting paper forms with postage-paid envelopes included.

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

Based on the cost of conducting the 2014 survey, the estimated cost to the Government is a one-time cost of approximately $160,000 for conducting the online and mail surveys, telephone follow up calls, developing and cleaning the sample frame, developing the web based survey, printing and mailing, and entering the data from the survey into a database. All analysis of the data and reporting, and any scientific publications will be developed by NMFS staff as part of their regular federal duties. The labor cost of this staff time is estimated to be approximately $100,000.

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

This is a new submission.

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

All results will be entered in a database using standard QA/QC procedures in survey research. Economists from NMFS will analyze the data using standard software (i.e., SAS) and standard statistical procedures that are appropriate for survey data. Results from this collection may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications, and would follow prescribed statistical tabulations and summary table formats.

A technical memorandum detailing the results will be developed and be included on the web page of the Atlantic HMS Management Division of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS. The Web site address is http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/tournaments/index.html. The report will also be referenced at the NMFS Office of Science and Technology recreational fisheries economics web page at http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/economics/fisheries/recreational/index. Data from this survey may support research and analyses to be presented at appropriate professional meetings and may be submitted for publication in appropriate economic or fisheries peer-reviewed journals. A full report of the survey results will also be produced and a preliminary summary will be provided in the annual Atlantic HMS Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation Report.

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.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
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OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-XXXX

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 potential respondent universe consists of highly migratory species (HMS) fishing tournaments held in state and federal waters of the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, U. S. Caribbean, and Hawaii. The sample frame will be based on a list of registered HMS tournaments. Since 1999, Federal regulations have required that tournament registration with NMFS take place at least four weeks prior to the commencement of tournament fishing activities. Between 2004 and 2014, an average of 260 Atlantic HMS tournaments have been registered each year with a range of 218 to 296 tournaments registered per year. Additionally, approximately 40 tournaments are held each year in Hawaii each year. We will survey both tournament organizers and participants. All tournament organizers will be asked to participate in the survey, and we anticipate a 75% response rate for this group. We will sample tournament participants by using a stratified random sample of registered tournaments by region. Fifty percent of tournaments held in North Atlantic (Maine to Virginia), South Atlantic (North Carolina to east Florida), the Gulf of Mexico (west Florida to Texas), U.S. Caribbean, and Hawaii will be randomly selected for electronic distribution of surveys to tournament participants. Based on historic reporting in the last 10 years, we estimate an average of 50 participants per tournament, and a 40% response rate matching the response rates of HMS Angling Permit holders surveyed in the 2011 and 2014 Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Surveys. Expected sample sizes for organizers and participants are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Estimated sample sizes for tournament organizers and participants by region.

Column A. Respondent	Column B. Number of Tournaments	Column C. Number of Tournaments Selected for Reporting	Column D. Number of tournament participants	Column E. Maximum anticipated response rate	Column F. Expected number of respondents (Column D * RR%)
Organizers	300	300		75	225
Participants					
North Atlantic	66	33	1,650	40	660
South Atlantic	88	44	2,200	40	880
Gulf of Mexico	88	44	2,200	40	880
U.S. Caribbean	24	12	600	40	240
Hawaii	40	20	1000	40	400

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.

Given the manageable number of tournaments held each year, we will endeavor to conduct a full census of tournament operators and their costs and earnings. However, we realize on a practical level that full participation is unlikely, and based on our discussions with tournament organizers we expect approximately 75% will be willing to participate. Tournament operators will be notified of the study following their registration, and will be emailed a link to the web-based cost and earnings survey approximately two weeks following completion of the tournament.

We will randomly sample 50% of tournaments in each region to ensure we collect data from a representative distribution of tournaments. We will use a sequential sampling approach as tournaments are registered throughout the year. We will determine at random whether to sample the first or second tournament registered in each region for 2016, and will then sample every other tournament registered in the region for the rest of the year. At the time tournament operators are notified about the study, they will also be notified if their participants were also selected for reporting. If so, they will be sent fliers prior to the tournament to distribute to their participants that will explain the purpose of the study, and provide tournament participants with a link where they can complete the web survey. Tournament organizers will also be sent an pre-

drafted notice to send to their participants a week following the tournament to encourage and remind them to complete the survey.

Following Equation 1 (Yamane 1967), approximately 286 observations are required to represent the true value for a population of 1,000, assuming a +/- 5% precision rate,

$$\textit{Equation 1.}\ \ n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e)^2}$$

$$\textit{Equation 1, Example.}\ \ 286 = \frac{1{,}000}{1 + 1{,}000(0.05)^2}$$

where *n* is the sample size, *N* is the population size, and *e* is the level of precision required. The equation assumes a confidence interval of 95% and maximum variability in the sample (.50). An observation unit is an individual respondent.

Our target participant sample sizes for most regions exceed the 286 respondent threshold for several reasons. First, we cannot be assured that all tournaments will agree to distribute information on the expenditure survey to their participants. Second, if a larger sample size is achieved, it may allow for conducting separate analyses per region for tournaments targeting different categories of HMS (e.g. tuna, billfish, or sharks). Having separate estimates of tournament expenditures by HMS category could be very helpful for management purposes.

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.

Web survey implementation will follow protocols for web-based surveys described in 'The Tailored Design Method' (Dillman 2000). Protocols include 3-4 point of contact by email or phone with approximately 1 week between contacts: (1) a pre-notice letter informing the respondent that they have been selected to receive a survey within the next two weeks accompanied by a sheet of frequently asked questions (FAQ); (2) a cover letter describing the importance of filling out the survey completely and the survey questionnaire; (3) a web page thanking respondents who submitted their survey and an email reminding respondents to complete their survey and return it if they have not already done so; (4) a possible final mailing including a cover letter and survey instrument. The tailored design method is designed to maximize response rates, and components of the design have been scientifically tested and determined to increase response rates for mail surveys (Dillman 2000).

To test for any potential nonresponse bias, we will compare the respondents of the HMS tournament operator survey to the data the agency collects via the Atlantic HMS Tournament Registration form. We will compare respondents to non-respondents by tournament type, size, and geography, and make any weighting adjustments if necessary. As for the participant survey, we will compare the demographic data that is collected in Section D of that form to responses from the 2011 Angler Expenditure Survey. In addition, we will study variations across the

survey waves to determine if there are any significant differences between initial survey respondents and respondents from later follow up survey waves. We will adjust weightings to address any issues that are detected during testing and note any issues in the final reported results.

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.

The survey instruments have been designed with input from the operators of several tournaments conducted in 2015. Members of the National Marine Fisheries Service Atlantic HMS Management Division attended six tournaments during the summer and fall of 2015. At these tournaments, staff gave short presentations on the planned HMS tournament survey during the tournaments captain's meetings and Agency staff was available to answer questions and receive feedback during the tournaments. The feedback and observations made during these tournament site visits led to changes in the survey forms to address charitable contributions made by tournaments, the team nature of participant expenses, and how some teams receive sponsorships to participate in tournaments.

NMFS conducted a breakout session at the September 9, 2015, Atlantic HMS Advisory Panel Meeting specifically to discuss the expenditure survey of Atlantic HMS tournaments and participants. Draft samples of both surveys were provided to participants of the breakout session to review. Members of the Advisory Panel provided general support for the study. They encouraged us to provide respondents with information as to why this study is important for tournament operators and participants. In addition, we received feedback on the appropriate cost categories to include in the survey. In addition to the feedback received at the meeting, we received two written comments.

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.

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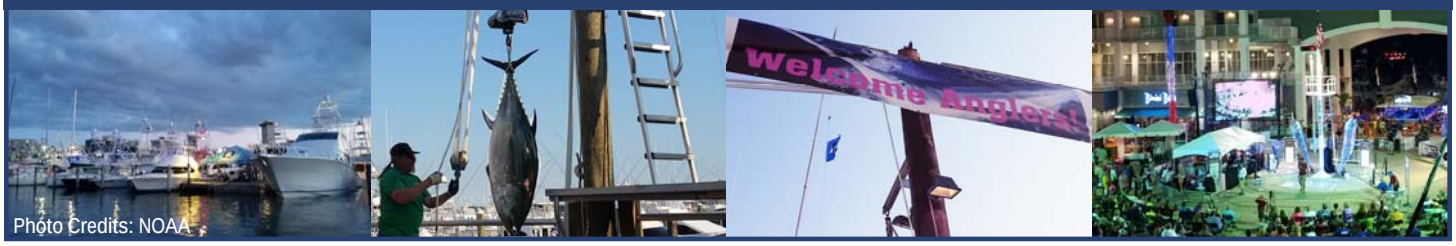
NOAA FISHERIES

2016 Atlantic HMS Tournaments Survey

Operator Expenses



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Please take a moment to complete this survey. Thank you for helping NOAA sustainably manage our nation's marine resources.

Questions?
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Section A: General Tournament Operations

We would like to know about your highly migratory species (HMS) tournament.

- **HMS** are tunas, swordfish, sharks, marlins, sailfish, and spearfishes.
- This is a **voluntary** survey. Responses to financial questions will be protected under the Trade Secrets Act.
- This survey should be completed by the **tournament operator** or **designated staff member** for **one tournament only**.

1. About the Tournament:

   Name:_____ City/town:_____ State:_____

   Month/Day: # # / # # to # # / # # Year: # # # #

   Weigh-in date(s):_____

   Weigh-in location(s):_____

   Number of years this tournament been held (including this year): # # First year: # # # #

2. Tournament Director name(s):_____

   Your Name:_____ Phone Number: # # # - # # # - # # # #

3. Number of boats fishing for HMS in this tournament: # # # #

4. Total number of participants (anglers, crew, and captains): # # # # → X Estimated X Actual

5. Did you estimate the number of spectators? X Yes X No (skip to question 6)

   5a. Estimated total number of spectators at the weigh-ins: # # # #

   5b. Description of method used to estimate number of spectators:_____

6. Check the boxes next to the species for which points or prizes were awarded:

X Bigeye tuna	X Blue Marlin	X Swordfish
X Albacore tuna	X White Marlin	X Pelagic sharks
X Skipjack tuna	X Sailfish	X Coastal sharks
X Yellowfin tuna	X Bluefin tuna	X Other species: _____

7. Was there a prize category or points for catch and release of any species? X Yes X No (skip to the next page)

   7a. Please describe the catch & release point/awards system:

   _____

   _____

Section B: Funding Sources

Please tell us about the various revenue sources associated with your tournament operation.

Source	Total Amount for This Tournament
Registration Fees	$_____
Optional entry fees/Tournament within a Tournament/ Calcutta (optional)	$_____
Sponsors	$_____
Concessions	$_____
Sale of merchandise	$_____
Other:_____	$_____

Section C: Tournament Expenses

Please tell us about the various expenses associated with operating your tournament.

1. Number of people employed to work on this event: # # #
2. Number of volunteers for this event: # # #
3. Did this tournament benefit any charities? X Yes X No (skip to question 4)

   3a. Donations made by the tournament:
   $ _____.00

   3b. Donations made directly by the participants to the charities:
   $ _____.00

   3c. Please list the charities:_____
   _____

4. Did this tournament contribute money to items other than charities (example: educational scholarships)? X Yes X No (skip to the next page)

   4a. Other contributions made by the tournament:
   $ _____.00

   4b. Please list the other beneficiaries:_____
   _____

Section C: Tournament Event Expenses

Please tell us about the various costs associated with operating your tournament, rounding to the nearest dollar.

Type of Expense	Total Amount for This Tournament
Monetary awards and prizes	$ _____.00
Trophies and plaques, etc.	$ _____.00
Site fee / Cost of location Recipient (marina, government, resort, etc.): _____	$ _____.00
Local licensing and permitting	$ _____.00
Audio and visual equipment (video monitors, speakers, special effects, etc.)	$ _____.00
Event equipment (chairs, tables, tents, etc).	$ _____.00
Event marketing/advertising (TV, internet, print, social media, etc.)	$ _____.00
Catering	$ _____.00
Insurance	$ _____.00
Electricity	$ _____.00
Other utilities:_____	$ _____.00
Cost of merchandise	$ _____.00
Lodging	$ _____.00
Entertainment	$ _____.00
Security	$ _____.00
Other Labor Costs:_____	$ _____.00
Other _____	$ _____.00

If you had none of the above expenses, X here: X

Thank You for Completing This Survey!

If you would like information on prior surveys or economic information related to marine recreational angling, please visit our website at **http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st5/RecFishEcon.html**.

Please write any additional comments or expenses we may have missed:

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Angling Team Expenses

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Please take a moment to complete this survey (estimated 15 minutes). Thank you for helping NOAA sustainably manage our nation's marine resources.

Questions?
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Section A: Your Most Recent HMS Fishing Tournament

Highly migratory species (HMS) are sharks, tunas, swordfish, and billfishes. Please tell us about your most recent highly migratory species fishing tournament.

- This is a **voluntary** survey. You responses will be protected. Results of this survey will only be released for public use in aggregate statistical form.
- This survey should be completed by the **team captain** or **vessel owner** for **one tournament only**.
- If you participated in another tournament, please complete a separate survey for that event.
- Note: A **day of tournament fishing** is any portion of a day spent fishing in an HMS tournament.

1. Tournament Name:_____ Month: # # Year: # # # #

2. From which type of vessel did you fish?
(*If you used more than one vessel, please select the type you used the most*)

☐ Charter boat
Length: _____
HP: _____

☐ Private boat
Length: _____
HP: _____

☐ Other: _____

3. From **where** did you launch or board the vessel to fish in the tournament?
City or town:_____ State: _____

4. How **many** days and nights did you spend tournament fishing? Days: # # Nights: # #

5. Which **highly migratory species** did you target in this tournament? (*Select all that apply*)

☐ Bigeye tuna
☐ Albacore tuna
☐ Skipjack tuna
☐ Yellowfin tuna
☐ Marlins
☐ Sailfish
☐ Swordfish
☐ Bluefin tuna
☐ Pelagic sharks
☐ Coastal sharks
☐ Other species: _____
_____

6. How many members of your fishing team took **time off** from work **without pay** to participate in this tournament? # #

7. Including yourself, **how many** people...
Traveled with you to the tournament (**family/friends**): # #
Were on your **fishing team**: # #

8. Was this tournament participation part of a longer trip in which you spent at least one night away from your permanent or seasonal residence? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** (skip to Section B)

Number of nights (**total**) you were **away from your residence** on this trip: # #
Number of non-tournament **days** you went fishing: # # (*Count partial days as full days*)
Number of non-tournament **overnight** fishing trips you took: # # (*Total number of nights*)

8a. What was the primary **purpose of this trip** away from home? (*Please select only one*)
☐ Fishing in this tournament ☐ Vacation or other personal reasons ☐ Business

Section B: Tournament Trip Expenses

For this tournament, how much did your **team** spend for the following items?

If you answered "yes" to question 8, please provide your expenses for the ***entire trip****.*

Team Expense: Please round to the nearest dollar.

State: The U.S. state where the majority of the money was spent.

Type of Expense	Team Expense	State
Fees: tournament, jackpot, or derby entry	$ _____.00	_____
Grocery or convenience stores (food and drink)	$ _____.00	_____
Restaurants and bars (food and drink)	$ _____.00	_____
Parking, boat slip rental, and site access fees	$ _____.00	_____
Fuel: Auto, truck, or RV	$ _____.00	_____
Rental: Auto, truck, or RV	$ _____.00	_____
Bait	$ _____.00	_____
Ice	$ _____.00	_____
Boat fuel and oil	$ _____.00	_____
Boat rental	$ _____.00	_____
Party, charter, or guide fees	$ _____.00	_____
Lodging (hotels, motels, campgrounds, etc.)	$ _____.00	_____
Entertainment	$ _____.00	_____
Public transportation	$ _____.00	_____
Airfare	$ _____.00	_____
Fishing permits bought during the tournament trip	$ _____.00	_____
Other _____	$ _____.00	_____

If you had none of the above expenses, X here: X

Section C: Tackle and Durable Equipment Expenses

For this tournament, how much did your **team** spend for the following items?

Team Expense: Please round to the nearest dollar, and put "0" if there was no expense.

Percent Spent In-State: The percent of your team expense spent in the state in which the tournament was held (0-100%).

Type of Expense	Team Expense	Percent Spent In-State
Rods, poles, reels and components for rod-making	$_____.00	_____%
Tackle and gear (lures, hooks, leaders, sinkers, flies and fly tying supplies, fishing line, tackle boxes, nets, knives, gaffs, etc.)	$_____.00	_____%
Electronics (video cameras, GPS, radars, radios, satellite communications, vessel instruments, fishfinders, EPIRBs/PLBs, etc.)	$ _____.00	_____%

If you had none of the above expenses, X here: X

Section D: About You

Different anglers may have different spending patterns. The following questions will help us to ensure that we have a representative sample of anglers, and to see how expenditure patterns may vary. Your answers are strictly confidential.

1. About **you**:

   X Male X Female

   Birth Year: # # # #

   Number of **years** you've been saltwater **fishing**: # #

   Number of **years** you've participated in saltwater fishing **tournaments**: # #

2. During the past **12 months**...

   Number of **HMS tournaments** you have participated in: # #

   Number of **days** you went fishing for **HMS**: # # #

   Number of **days** you went fishing for **any** species: # # #

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entries from the Companies Subject to Review upon which to assess duties for the POR, the Department is rescinding this review of the countervailing duty order on MCBs from the PRC pursuant to 19 CFR 351.231(d)(3). The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: August 18, 2015.

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; Expenditure Survey of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Tournaments and Participants

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 October 26, 2015.

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 George Silva at (301) 427–8503 or *george.silva@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new collection of information.

The objective of the study is to collect information on the earnings and expenditures of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) tournament operators and participants. The study will use two survey instruments to collect information from tournament operators and participants. One survey will ask tournament operators to characterize and quantify their operating costs and income sources in addition to describing their tournament participants. The other survey instrument will ask fishing tournament participants to estimate their expenditures associated with travel to, entering, and participating in the tournament.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will collect cost and earnings data from all tournaments registered within the year (approximately 260 based on recent years' tournament registration data). In addition, NMFS will select fifty percent of registered tournaments to distribute expenditure surveys to anglers registered for those tournament events. The Atlantic HMS Management Division is currently consulting with tournament organizers and participants to design the survey instruments to ensure NMFS captures data on all relevant expenditures.

As specified in the Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (and reauthorized in 2007), NMFS is required to enumerate the economic impacts of the policies it implements on fishing participants and coastal communities. The cost and earnings data collected in this survey will be used to estimate the economic contributions and impacts of Atlantic HMS tournaments regionally.

II. Method of Collection

The primary data collection vehicle will be paper and/or internet-based survey forms delivered at tournament events. Telephone and personal interviews may be employed to supplement and verify written survey responses.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–XXXX.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Members of the public.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 260 tournament operators and 2,500 tournament participants.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes per survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 690.

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: August 19, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils, Correction

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications; correction.

SUMMARY: ONMS published a request for applications for vacant seats on seven of its 13 national marine sanctuary advisory councils on August 14, 2015