

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/20/2013

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 12/20/2013

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

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201312-0648-013

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0016

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: 08/31/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	111,831	15,946	0
New	111,831	15,946	13,050
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	13,050
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
Headboat logbook (formerly included charterboat, never implemented)	NA	SE Region Headboat Logbook	
Annual Cost Survey for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	NA	Annual Fixed Cost Expenditures for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	
Economic cost/trip for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders (section of Coastal Fisheries Trip Report)	NA	Vessel trip report for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	
Coastal logbook - vessel trip report	NA	Coastal Fisheries Vessel trip report for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	
Discard report for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	NA	Supplemental discard and Interaction Trip Report for Snapper-Grouper, Reef Fish, Mackerel and Dophin-Wahoo Permit Holders	
Golden crab log report	NA	Golden crab trip report logbook	
Wreckfish trip report logbook	NA	Wreckfish fishery - fishing vessel logbook report	
Colombian Treaty Waters Log	NA	Colombian Treaty Waters Logbook - Vessel Fishing Record - Catch Report Form	

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE**  
**SOUTHEAST REGION LOGBOOK FAMILY OF FORMS**  
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0016**

This change request would revise the frequency of headboat reporting for headboat owners and operators in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, and require that all reports be submitted electronically through the Southeast Region Headboat Survey. A final rule to implement the For-Hire Reporting Amendment which amends the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP), the Dolphin Wahoo FMP and Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP in the South Atlantic Region (RIN 0648-BD21), and a final rule to implement a framework action to the FMPs for Gulf Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics in the Gulf of Mexico (RIN 0648-BD49), will both require electronic weekly headboat reporting in the South Atlantic and in the Gulf of Mexico.

Currently, a headboat selected to report by the Science and Research Director (SRD), Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SFC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must maintain a fishing record for each trip, or a portion of such trips, as specified by the SRD, and on forms provided by the SFC, and these forms are due on a monthly basis. As of January 1, 2013, the SRD requested that federally-permitted headboats report electronically. The two final rules would require that reports must be submitted electronically, unless catastrophic conditions exist, as determined by the Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, and must be submitted on a weekly basis. These actions are intended to obtain timelier fishing information from headboats to better monitor recreational annual catch limits, improve stock assessments, and improve compliance with reporting in South Atlantic and Gulf fisheries. The proposed rule for South Atlantic headboat reporting published on September 27, 2013 (78 FR 59641). The proposed rule for Gulf headboat reporting published on October 25, 2013 (78 FR 63946).

NMFS estimates the requirement for South Atlantic and Gulf headboat owners and operators to report electronically would result in a net zero effect on the reporting burden under OMB Control Number 0648-0016, because headboat owners and operators would continue to report all species harvested, however, now they would be required to report electronically instead of by paper. Currently, 95 percent of headboats are already reporting electronically and 80 - 90 percent of these headboats are reporting on time.

NMFS estimates the requirement for headboat owners and operators to report more frequently (weekly instead of monthly) would not create more burden on headboat owners and operators, because the headboat owners and operators would still be reporting the same amount of information, they would just be transmitting the data more frequently.

However, there would be a cost increase for an estimated 9 headboats. There are currently 75 headboats operating in the South Atlantic and 70 in the Gulf of Mexico (145 headboats in total). The SBA estimated in 2010 that approximately 94 percent of businesses had a computer (therefore 9 businesses are estimated to not have a computer) and 95 percent of these had internet service (therefore, 9 businesses are estimated to not have internet service). For those that do not currently have a computer or internet service, the cost is estimated to be around \$750 for a

computer (\$6,750 in total for 9 businesses, annualized to 2,250) and \$100 per month for internet service (\$1,200 per year; \$10,080 in total for 9 businesses). **Therefore, the new cost burden for this collection would total \$13,050. The respondents, responses, and total burden hours for this collection would remain the same at: 4,161 (unduplicated); 83,948, and 15,945, respectively.**

There were three comments submitted during the proposed rule stage for the headboat reporting amendments that related to the reporting burden on the public.

One comment stated, "Reporting by phone and /or by mail along with electronic reporting should be allowed, at least for a transition period during initial implementation of electronic reporting.

NMFS responded, "Since January 1, 2013, the NMFS Science and Research Director (SRD) has requested headboat operators report electronically. Therefore, headboats have already had a year to transition to electronic reporting. Currently, 95 percent of headboats are reporting electronically, and 80 to 90 percent of these headboats are reporting on time. This rulemaking expressly requires electronic headboat reporting and prohibits headboats from continuing to harvest fish if their electronic reports are not up-to-date, which should increase compliance even more. Alternative reporting methodologies (e.g., paper reporting) will be allowed under catastrophic conditions only, as determined by the NMFS Regional Administrator."

The second comment stated, "The rule would affect more businesses than forecasted; the projected reporting expense of \$374 per business per year "can have negative effects" on small businesses."

NMFS responded, "The analysis stated that the rule would directly affect all headboat businesses permitted to operate in the Gulf EEZ. Thus, all appropriate businesses were included in the assessment. With respect to the estimated reporting expense, the commenter misinterpreted this expense. As discussed in the proposed rule, this estimate equals the labor burden for reporting via either paper or electronic means. Because paper reports have been required, this estimate equals the current reporting labor cost as well as the reporting cost for electronic reporting and, thus, would not be a new business expense. Any new expense that might be incurred as a result of this rule would be associated with a possible need to purchase a computer and acquire internet access. However, as also discussed in the proposed rule, computers and internet access are believed to be routinely used by businesses in general and in this industry. Additionally, electronic reporting has been requested by the NMFS SRD since January 1, 2013. As a result, few, if any, of the businesses directly affected by this rule would be expected to have to incur any new expenses to meet the requirements of this rule."

The third comment stated, "The requirement to report weekly instead of monthly is too burdensome on fishermen."

NMFS responded, "The final rule requires reports to be submitted electronically, unless catastrophic conditions exist, as determined by the Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, and on a weekly basis. This requirement is intended to obtain timelier fishing information from headboats to better monitor recreational ACLs, improve stock assessments, and improve compliance with reporting in South Atlantic fisheries. NMFS estimates the requirement for headboat owners and operators to report more frequently (weekly instead of monthly) does not

create more burden on headboat owners and operators, because the headboat owners and operators will still be reporting the same amount of information, but just transmitting the data more frequently. Currently, 95 percent of headboats are reporting electronically, and 80 to 90 percent of these headboats are reporting on time.”

## 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	0	2,250
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.

SUBMIT TRIP REPORT TO AGENCY

### Southeast Region Headboat Survey

Account Settings **Trip Report Number: 19** Sign out

Dashboard

Depart Date/Time: \* 02/20/2013 10:00

Return Date/Time: \* 02/20/2013 20:00

#### Trip Report

Vessel: \* Testing Vessel

New Trip Report

Captain: \* Andrew P

Past Trip Reports

Lat/Long Degrees: \* 29-86

#### Inactivity Report

Longitude Minutes: \* E - (10 - 19)

Inactivity Reports

Latitude Minutes: \* 5 - (10 - 19)

#### Manage

# of Anglers: \* 2

Manage Captains

Min Depth Fished (ft): \* 80

Manage Vessels

Max Depth Fished (ft): \* 180

Species Favorites

Primary Depth Fished (ft): \* 120

SAVE TRIP REPORT INFORMATION

#### Maps

Area Maps

#### Videos

Getting Started

#### Catch Information

Show All Species

Species: -- Select --

Number Kept: 0

Number Released: 0

SAVE CATCH INFORMATION

	Species Name	Number Kept	Number Released	
Edit	BANK SEA BASS (YELLOW SEA BASS)	4	0	Delete

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