



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southeast Region Bycatch Reduction Device Certification Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0345.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 32.

Average Hours Per Response: Application for testing and gear specification form, 30 minutes each; station sheet bycatch reduction device (BRD) evaluation form, species characterization form, length frequency form, condition and fate form and trip report/cover sheet, signatures only, 5 minutes each; duplication and mailing of non-federal test documents, 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 70.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southeast Region manages the United States (U.S.) fisheries of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico under the Fishery Management Plans (FMP) for each Region. The Regional Fishery Management Councils prepared the FMPs pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The regulations implementing the FMPs that have reporting requirements are at 50 CFR Part 622.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 50 CFR Part 622 form the basis for this collection of information. NMFS Southeast Region requests information from the shrimp fishery participants to certify individual Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs). This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and permitting of the fisheries of the EEZ off the South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

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