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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Marine Recreational Information Program Fishing Effort Survey**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**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 [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**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](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information

or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Rob Andrews, (301) 427-8105 or [Rob.Andrews@NOAA.gov](mailto:Rob.Andrews@NOAA.gov).

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Abstract**

This request is for revision of a current information collection. The title will be changed from “Marine Recreational Information Program” to “Marine Recreational Information Program Fishing Effort Survey”.

Marine recreational anglers are surveyed to collect 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.

Marine recreational fishing effort data have traditionally been collected through the Coastal Household Telephone Survey, a random-digit-dial telephone survey of coastal county residences. Amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) require the development of an improved data collection program for recreational fisheries. To meet these requirements, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Fisheries has designed and tested new approaches for sampling and surveying recreational anglers. Revision: A mail survey that samples from residential address frames and collects information on the number of marine recreational anglers and the number of recreational fishing trips is currently being tested in MA, NY, NC and FL. The survey will be expanded to all Atlantic and Gulf

coast states (except TX), HI and Puerto Rico.

## **II. Method of Collection**

Information will be collected through mail surveys.

## **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0652.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (revision of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 153,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 25,500 (16,600 new).

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

## **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.

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