

Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to implement catch and/or fishing effort limits for management unit species (MUS) caught by pelagic fisheries in the American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (hereinafter, the U.S. territories). The process also allows NMFS to authorize the government of each U.S. territory to allocate a specific amount of MUS to a U.S. fishing vessel permitted under the FEP through a specified fishing agreement, not to exceed the amount made available for allocation by NMFS. Funds provided by U.S. fishing vessels through a specified fishing agreement are deposited into the Western Pacific Sustainable Fisheries Fund (SFF) to support fisheries development projects listed in a marine conservation plan of a U.S. territory submitted to and approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

Data gathered under a specified fishing agreement will include the identity of fishing vessels subject to the agreement, the amount (weight) of MUS or fishing effort to which the agreement applies, and the amount of monetary contributions that fishing vessel, subject to the agreement, will deposit into the SFF, if applicable. Additionally, specified fishing agreements must be signed by an authorized official of the U.S. territory or designated representative, and be signed by each vessel owner or designated representative. There is no form for an agreement.

NMFS will use the data collected to determine vessel eligibility, and ensure the amount of MUS or fishing effort available for allocation to a U.S. fishing vessel is consistent with the Pelagic FEP, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other applicable laws, and the conservation needs of the stock.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; State or Territorial government.

**Frequency:** Annual.

**Respondent's Obligation:** To submit a complete specified fishing agreement that includes the information set forth in federal regulations at 50 CFR 665.819.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 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:** International Billfish Angler Survey.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0020.

**Form Number(s):** NOAA Form 88-10.

**Type of Request:** Regular.

**Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Average Hours per Response:** 5 minutes.

**Burden Hours:** 50.

**Needs and Uses:** The International Billfish Angler Survey began in 1969 and is an integral part of the Billfish Research Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The survey tracks recreational angler fishing catch and effort for billfish in the Pacific and Indian Oceans in support of the Pacific and Western Pacific Fishery Management Councils, authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The data are used by scientists and fishery managers to assist with assessing the status of billfish stocks. The survey is intended for anglers cooperating in the Billfish Program and is entirely voluntary. This survey is specific to recreational anglers fishing for Istiophorid and Xiphiid billfish in the Pacific and Indian Oceans; as such it provides the only estimates of catch per unit of effort for recreational billfish fishing in those areas.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** Once annually.

**Respondent's Obligation:** \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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

**Title:** Marine Recreational Information Program, Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS).

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-0659.

**Form Number(s):** None.

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

**Number of Respondents:** 100,000.

**Average Hours per Response:** 0.083.

**Burden Hours:** 8,333.

**Needs and Uses:** Data collected from the APAIS are used to estimate the finfish catch per angler of recreational saltwater fishers. These APAIS estimates are combined with estimates derived from independent but complementary surveys of fishing effort, the Fishing Effort Survey and the For-Hire Survey, to estimate total, state-level fishing catch by species. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the NMFS, regional fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies. 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.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or Households.