

information. The NMFS Southeast Region requests information from fishery participants. This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of the Federal fisheries in the Caribbean, Gulf, and South Atlantic.

The SERO Permits Office proposes to revise the collection-of-information approved under OMB Control Number 0648-0205. NMFS proposes to revise the Federal permit applications for Vessels Fishing in the EEZ (Vessel EEZ), Change of Information Form, Vessel Fishing in the Colombian Treaty Waters, Duplicate Federal Fishery Permits, Operator Card or Decal, Aquacultured Live Rock (new permit), Aquacultured Live Rock (permit renewal), Harvest of Aquacultured Live Rock in the EEZ, Southeast Region Issued Operator Card, Consolidate Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish permits, Vessels Fishing for Wreckfish in the South Atlantic States (Wreckfish), Income Qualification Affidavit for Spiny Lobster, and the Annual Dealer permit.

The purpose of revising certain NMFS SERO permit application forms is to better comply with National Standard 4 (NS4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) and the Small Business Administration's regulations implementing the RFA, Executive Order 12898, and the "fairness and equitable distribution" provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including NS4 and section 303(b)(6).

The proposed revisions to the specified application forms are administrative and would update outdated URLs, telephone numbers, and office hours. NMFS estimates that the proposed revisions would not change the annual number of respondents or responses, or annual costs to affected permit applicants from estimates in the currently approved collection. Across the application forms, NMFS estimates these revisions would not increase the overall time burden.

The SERO Permits Office also proposes to modify the limited access permits by updating the form field name related to the selling price of the permit, along with removing the section related to the permit's selling price. NMFS does not anticipate these revisions will materially change the time burden to the applicants.

The SERO Permits Office also proposes to modify the Vessel EEZ application to include a checkbox and language related to the compliance of regulatory requirements. NMFS does not anticipate these revisions to the form will materially change the time burden to the applicants.

## II. Method of Collection

Respondents complete applications on paper forms, and then can either mail or bring applications to the SERO Permits Office. Online application renewals are currently available only for some of the permits included on the Federal Permit Application for Vessels Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone. The SERO Permits Office can mail applications and instructions or they can be downloaded from the SERO Permits Office website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/resources-fishing/southeast-fisheries-permits>.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0205.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission—revision and extension of current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 13,909.

*Estimated Time per Response:*

- Dealer Permit Application, 30 minutes.
- Vessel EEZ Permit Application, including Golden Tilefish Endorsement and Smoothhound Shark Permit, 40 minutes.
- Wreckfish Permit Application, 40 minutes.
- Vessel Operator Card Application for Dolphin/Wahoo or Rock Shrimp, 21 minutes.
- Fishing in Colombian Treaty Waters Vessel Permit Application, 30 minutes.
- Golden Crab Permittee Zone Transit Notification, 12 minutes.
- Notifications of Authorization for Retrieval of Lost or Stolen Traps (golden crab, reef fish, snapper-grouper, spiny lobster), 13 minutes.
- Vessel Permit Transfers and Notarizations, 10 minutes.
- Annual Landings Report for Gulf of Mexico Shrimp, 20 minutes.
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) Number Registration, 30 minutes.
- Aquacultured Live Rock Permitting and Reporting—New Permit—Deposit Harvest Report, 15 minutes; Notice of Intent to Harvest, 5 minutes; Site Evaluation Report, 20 minutes; Federal Permit Application, including Site Evaluation Report, 50 minutes; and
- Aquacultured Live Rock Permitting and Reporting—Renew Permit—Deposit Harvest Report, 15 minutes; Notice of Intent to Harvest, 5 minutes; Federal Permit Application, 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 7,940.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$483,828 in recordkeeping or 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.

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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:* Analysis of and Participation in Ocean Exploration Video Products.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0748.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Regular (revision of a currently approved collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 3,000.

*Average Hours per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 664 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection is revised to add two new forms resulting in an increased number of respondents (1,000), responses (1,400), and burden hours (16).

It is important to address the needs of the shore-based scientists and public to

maintain a high level of participation. We use voluntary surveys to identify the needs of users of data and best approaches to leverage expertise of shore-based participants for meaningful public engagement focused on ocean exploration. This information collection consists of four forms. (1) Sailing Contact Information (new). This form is sent to the few scientists that directly sail on NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*. The ship's operational officer needs certain information such as: If a sailing individual has securely submitted their proper medical documents to NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, if the person is up to date with required security documents such as a passport, if the ship is traveling to a foreign port, or any dietary restrictions so that the person will be served food that is safe. (2) *Okeanos Explorer* Participation Assessment. This voluntary form is sent to the scientists that sailed on any *Okeanos Explorer* cruise funded by NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research to record any feedback they wish to provide to the office about their experience. The office uses their feedback in assessments for improving the utility and experience of these scientific guests sailing on the *Okeanos Explorer*. (3) EX Collaboration Tools Feedback (new). This voluntary form is sent to members of the marine scientific community at the beginning of a fiscal year to ask if members would like to participate in any of the upcoming cruises and to what degree, such as simply asking to be included in emailed updates or if they want to be on a direct line to the ship for remotely operated vehicle dive operations. (4) Citizen Scientist. This voluntary form is available to general members of the public and is used for members to improve the annotation efforts when watching short video clips of 30 seconds to 5 minutes.

**Affected Public:** Targeted towards the greater ocean exploration community Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government.

**Frequency:** EX Collaboration Tools Feedback: annually; all other forms are on occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Sailing Contact Information: Required to obtain or retain benefits; all other forms are voluntary.

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

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System

**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 comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, written or on-line comments must be submitted on or before March 16, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Adrienne Thomas, PRA Officer, NOAA, 151 Patton Avenue, Room 159, Asheville, NC 28801 (or via the internet at [PRAComments@doc.gov](mailto:PRAComments@doc.gov)). All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be posted without change. All Personally Identifiable Information (for example, name and address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kristen Crossett, (240) 533-0113, [kristen.crossett@noaa.gov](mailto:kristen.crossett@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey is the nation's nautical chartmaker, maintaining and updating over a

thousand charts covering the 3.5 million square nautical miles of coastal waters in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and the Great Lakes. The marine transportation system relies on charting accuracy and precision to keep navigation safe and coastal communities protected from environmental disasters at sea.

Coast Survey also writes and publishes the *United States Coast Pilot*<sup>®</sup>, a series of nine nautical books that supplement nautical charts with essential marine information that cannot be shown graphically on the charts and are not readily available elsewhere. Subjects include, but are not limited to, channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, tides and tidal currents, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small craft facilities and Federal Regulations applicable to navigation.

The marine environment and shorelines are constantly changing. NOAA makes every effort to update information portrayed in charts and described in the Coast Pilot. Sources of information include, but are not limited to: Pilot associations, shipping companies, towboat operators, state marine authorities, city marine authorities, local port authorities, marine operators, hydrographic research vessels, naval vessels, Coast Guard cutters, merchant vessels, fishing vessels, pleasure boats, U.S. Power Squadron Units, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Units, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of NOAA's Nautical Discrepancy Reporting System is to offer a formal, standardized instrument for recommending changes, corrections, and updates to nautical charts and the Coast Pilot, and to monitor and document the accepted changes. Coast Survey solicits information through the stakeholder engagement and feedback tool ASSIST (<https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist/>).

Coast Survey is proposing to add a Citizen Science component to the collection, which would allow boating groups or individuals to submit reports to update the charts. Adding the Citizen Science component to the collection method will benefit Coast Survey by allowing the public to "adopt" a product or part of a product and provide annual data updates that directly affect that product or products. Data obtained through these systems is used to update U.S. nautical charts and the *United States Coast Pilot*.