

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce has submitted the following collection requirement to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Applications and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement, Public Display, and Photography Permits and General Authorization for Level B Harassment Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), Fur Seal Act, and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Agency Number: None.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0084.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 7,260 hours.

Number of Respondents: 458.

Avg Hours Per Response: Varies but ranges between 2 and 29 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The MMPA, ESA and the Fur Seal Act mandate the protection and conservation of marine mammals and prohibit the taking, importation, and export of protected species except under certain circumstances. Exemptions for scientific research, enhancement, photography for educational or commercial purposes, public display, and certain other limited purposes are allowed provided permits are applied for and received or other necessary authorization obtained. Should a permit be granted, then certain other reporting requirements must be adhered to. Without this information, the MMPA could not be administered.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, federal government, and state, local or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Adele Morris (202) 395-7340.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC's Acting Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Adele Morris, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted 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 of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Economic and Social Questionnaire for West Coast Fixed Gear Groundfish Limited Entry Vessel and Permit Owners.

Agency Number: N/A.

OMB Number: N/A.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 60.

Number of Respondents: 240.

Average Hour Per Response: .25.

Needs and Uses: Data will be collected from vessel and permit owners on economic and social characteristics of firms harvesting in the West Coast limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery. The fishery is currently managed as a derby fishery which has become intolerably short. The data to be collected is intended to assist the Council and Secretary of Commerce in evaluating the effects of alternatives to derby fishery management. These alternatives have substantial allocative implications. There is broad industry support for certain provisions in the alternatives, e.g. a requirement that the owner of the permit or vessel be on board the vessel during fishing operations. However, the information necessary to determine the degree to which such provisions would change or maintain the current practices is not available. The questions to be asked of vessel and permit owners in the fixed gear sablefish sector will cover the following topics: legal organization of ownership (e.g. individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), participation of the vessel owner in fishing operations, status of family members as participants in the fishing operation, number of employees, number of years of participation in the fishery, vessel's home port, number of dependents, dependence on fishing income, level of household income. Questions on other

social characteristics (age, sex, marital status, education level) may also be asked.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Adele Morris, (202) 395-3122.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Adele Morris, OMB Desk Officer, Room 102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DOC has submitted 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 of 1995, Public Law 104-13.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Cost and Earnings Questionnaire for the Pacific Whiting Industry.

Agency Number: N/A.

OMB Number: N/A.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 79.

Number of Respondents: 79.

Average Hours Per Response: 1.

Needs and Uses: Data on the costs and earnings of the four major groups of participants in the Pacific whiting industry will be collected. The following groups will be surveyed: (1) shorebased processors of whiting; (2) at-sea processors of whiting; (3) catchersboats that harvest Pacific whiting; and (4) processors of whiting wastes. Companies associated with these groups will be surveyed for production, cost, and revenue information. In general, questions will be asked concerning amount of time spent processing or harvesting whiting; amounts of whiting harvested, processed, or converted to waste; the