

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

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

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Alaska Region Federal Fisheries Permits.

Agency Form Number: NOAA 88-155.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0206.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 465 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 20 minutes and 20 hours depending on the requirement.

Number of Respondents: 943 respondents.

Needs and Uses: Fishermen and processors wanting to fish in regulated fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska must obtain either a Federal Fisheries Permit, a Federal Processor Permit, a High Seas Power Troller Permit, or an Experimental Fishing Permit for certain activities. The application information is used to the analysis of alternative management controls and to have information on permit holders for enforcement purposes.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: Triennial, varies.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: Brett Hauber (202) 395-6466.

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Brett Hauber, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer.

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Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southwest Region Logbook Family of Forms.

Agency Form Number: None assigned.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0214.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,130 hours.

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 5 minutes and 4 hours depending on the requirement.

Number of Respondents: 174 respondents (14,099 responses).

Needs and Uses: Persons participating in Federally-managed fisheries in the western Pacific Ocean are required to provide information about their fishing activities. Logbook reports are used in stock assessments and fishery evaluations to determine whether management is working and the impacts of alternative changes in management measures. Notification requirements are in place to facilitate placement of observers as needed and to improve compliance monitoring and enforcement. Experimental fishing reports are required to determine if the specially permitted fishing is successful and whether there are broader potential applications of the tested gear or techniques. Post-fishing notices are required to ensure the ability to monitor landings and sample the landed catch for necessary species, size, or sex composition and condition. Without these data, the potential for overfishing is high and management has to be more conservative than otherwise to safeguard against overfishing.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Frequency: On occasion, variable.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**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 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of the Census.

Title: 1997 Economic Census Covering the Mineral Industries Sector.

Form Number(s): MI-1001, -1002, -1101, -1201, -1301, -1302, -1303, -1371, -1401, -1402, -1403, -1471.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 59,670 hours in FY 1998.

Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: Long forms—3.8 hours; Short forms—2.1 hours.

Needs and Uses: The economic census is the primary source of facts about the structure and functioning of the Nation's economy and features unique industry and geographic detail. Economic census statistics serve as part of the framework for the national accounts and provide essential information for government, business and the general public. The 1997 Economic Census will cover virtually every sector of the U. S. economy including approximately 29,000 establishments in the mineral industries sector.

The information collected from establishments in this sector of the economy via long- (large companies) and short-forms (small companies) and from Federal administrative records (very small companies) will produce basic statistics for number of establishments, shipments, payroll, employment, detailed supplies and fuels consumed, depreciable assets, and capital expenditures. It also will yield a variety of subject statistics, including shipments by product line, type of operation, and other industry-specific measures.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Frequency: One time.