

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 300.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

#### 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.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Southeast Region Gear Identification Requirements

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Edward E. Burgess, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL, 33702, 813-570-5326.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. As part of its efforts to enforce fishery regulations, NOAA has included in some of those regulations requirements that fishing gear be marked. The ability to link gear to its owner or operator is essential for enforcement in these fisheries, and the identification of gear is also useful in actions concerning the damage or loss of gear. NOAA has previously received Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for all of its gear-marking requirements under one Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number, 0648-0305, but for internal management reasons NOAA intends that future clearances will be obtained on a regional or fishery basis. This notice is for the requirements imposed in the Southeast Region for the following: coral aquacultured live rock; golden crab traps; reef fish traps and floats; Spanish mackerel gillnet floats; spiny lobster traps; snapper-grouper traps (pots); stone crab traps.

##### II. Method of Collection

Fishermen in selected fisheries must mark their fishing gear. Aquacultured live rock which is not geologically distinguishable from naturally occurring substrate must be marked or tagged. Each fish or spiny lobster trap or pot must be marked with a tag and a buoy must be used to mark the traps. Gillnets for Spanish mackerel on the east coast of Florida must be marked with floats.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* New Number to be Assigned.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business and other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Each trap will require 7 minutes to mark. It will take 10 seconds to mark each coral rock and it will take 20 minutes to mark a Spanish mackerel gillnet float.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,187.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$15,275.

#### IV. Request for Comments

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Dated: May 14, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

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#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen Meyers, Fisheries