

using computer-assisted (laptop) interviewing. An advance letter will be provided to each caregiver at the time of the interview.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0778 (expires 6/30/01).

Form Number: There are no forms. We conduct all interviewing on laptop computers.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of ICS

Respondents: We expect to ask 3,200 informal caregivers to participate in the ICS.

Estimated ICS Interview Length: We estimate that the ICS interview will take 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The ICS will increase the burden of the LTC by 1600 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: We do not expect respondents to incur any cost other than that of their time to respond.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 42, United States Code, Section 285e-1, and Title 15 United States Code, Section 1525 authorize this survey.

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: December 16, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Title: Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Activity Submissions.

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 a proposal to renew Office of Management and Budget (OMB) clearance for this information collection. OMB clearance is 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 February 22, 1999.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to: William D. Chappell, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13461, Silver Spring, MD 20910; telephone 301-713-2341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a renewal of an information collection reflecting regulatory requirements governing scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (50 CFR §§ 600.512 and 600.745). Eligible and prospective researchers may submit a scientific research plan to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). NMFS will issue a letter of acknowledgment that may establish a presumption that the applicant's activity is research and exempt from Magnuson-Stevens Act regulations. The information collection also includes standard requirements for persons applying for exempted fishing permits and exempted educational activities. Reports may be required on exempted

fishing and exempted educational activities. Reports from scientific research activities are voluntary.

II. Method of Collection

This information is collected by an applicant's submission of documentation as specified in the regulations. A researcher desiring to obtain a letter of acknowledgment of research for a scientific research vessel must submit a request and scientific research plan to the appropriate NMFS Regional Administrator. Applicants for an exempted fishing permit or exempted educational activity authorization must submit applications to the Regional Administrator that contain the information specified in the regulations. Reports are submitted to NMFS.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0309.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 269.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 269.

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

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: December 15, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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