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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Groundfish Tagging Program.

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.  
*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0276.  
*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Burden Hours:* 346.  
*Number of Respondents:* 1,200.  
*Average Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Groundfish Tagging Program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery resources off Alaska. The data collected from the groundfish tagging program provides essential biological and movement used in groundfish stock assessment.

Scientist use tagging information to analyze the distribution of fish, growth, fishing and natural mortality, and direction of fish movement. Also, the

results are used in the population assessment models and to develop allocation systems. Tagging groundfish for tracking and recovery is an important tool for managing fishery resources.

Finally, two forms are used with the tagging program: 1) sablefish form, and 2) groundfish form. Fisherman and processors recovering tagged fish are requested to supply—date of catch, location and tag number. The sablefish information is more valuable as part of a well advertised program. The information gathered provides data on the rates of migration between the west coast, British Columbia, and Alaska.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Science Foundation

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**RIN: [0648-ZA77]**

#### Announcement of Funding Opportunity for research project grants and cooperative agreements

**AGENCIES:** Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research/Coastal Ocean Program (CSCOR/COP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; and the National Science Foundation (NSF), Directorate for Geosciences, Division of Ocean Sciences (OCE).

**ACTION:** Solicitation of research proposals for the Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Project.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this Document is to advise the public that NOAA/NOS/CSCOR/COP and NSF are soliciting 5-year proposals for the Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics (GLOBEC) Programs as part of a Federal research partnership.

This notice solicits applications for research projects from eligible non-Federal and Federal applicants. In an effort to maximize the use of limited resources, applications from non-Federal, non-NOAA Federal and NOAA applicants will be competed against each other. Research proposals selected for funding from non-Federal researchers will be funded through a project grant. Research proposals selected for funding from non-NOAA Federal applicants will be funded through an interagency transfer provided legal authority exists for the federal applicant to receive funds from another agency. Research proposals selected for funding from NOAA will be funded through NOAA.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of proposals in the COP office is 3:00 pm local time May 1, 2000. It is anticipated that final recommendations for awards will be made early in FY 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit the original and 19 copies of your proposal to Coastal Ocean Program Office (GLOBEC 2000), SSMC#3, 9th Floor, Station 9700, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. NOAA Standard Form Applications with instructions are accessible on the following COP Internet Site: <http://www.cop.noaa.gov> under the COP Grants Support Section, Part D, Application Forms for Initial Proposal Submission.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Copies of U.S. GLOBEC Reports referenced later in this Document under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** are available from the following address or homepage: U.S. GLOBEC Coordinating Office University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, P.O. BOX 38,