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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061101E ]

**Recovery and Implantation of Archival Tags**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed information 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 August 13, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument (s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, F/SF1, Room 13563, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2347, ext. 109).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) authorizes programs to implant archival tags in, or affix archival tags to, selected Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish). Archival tags are miniature data loggers that acquire information about the

movements and behavior of the fish. Persons catching tagged fish are exempted from other normally applicable regulations, such as immediate release of the fish, but must notify NOAA, return the archival tag or make it available to NOAA personnel, and provide information about the location and method of capture. The information obtained is used by NOAA in the formation of international and domestic fisheries policy and regulations.

Persons who affix or implant archival tags must obtain prior authorization from NOAA and submit subsequent reports about the tagging of fish. NOAA needs the information to evaluate the effectiveness of archival tag programs, to assess the likely impact of regulatory allowances for tag recovery, and to ensure that the research does not produce undue mortality.

**II. Method of Collection**

Catch notifications are provided to a toll-free telephone number. Tags and associated information are mailed in (a reward is given for tag recoveries). Notifications and reports of archival tagging efforts are provided in written form, meeting requirements set forth in regulations.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0338.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes for reporting on an archival tag recovery, 30 minutes for notification of planned archival tagging activity, and one hour for reports of archival tagging activity.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 15.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061101D ]

**Pacific Billfish Angler Survey**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed information 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 David Holts, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271 (phone 858-546-7186).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fishery Science Center operates a billfish resource and assessment program. As part of this program, billfish anglers in the Pacific and Indian Oceans are asked to respond