

would allow its use in commercial fisheries.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 10, 2002.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce 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).

*Title:* Alaska Marine Sport Fishing Economics Survey.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 1.048.

*Number of Respondents:* 3,740.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 20 minutes to respond to a mail survey; 5 minutes to respond to a follow-up phone survey.

*Needs and Uses:* The survey data is necessary to conduct required economic analyses of marine sport fisheries off Alaska. This data is currently not available for many areas and fisheries in Alaska. The survey data will be used to estimate the economic value of fishing to anglers, and how catch rates and

fishery regulations affect that value. The respondents will be drawn from a random sample of U.S. residents who purchased an Alaska State sport fishing license in 2001. Follow-up calls will be made to people not responding to a mail survey.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

#### The American Community Survey; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paper work and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before March 18, 2002.

**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 the Internet at [mclayton@doc.gov](mailto: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 Lawrence McGinn, U.S. Census Bureau, Demographic Surveys Division, Washington, DC 20233. Phone: (301) 457-8050.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Given the rapid demographic changes experienced in recent years and the strong expectation that such changes will continue and accelerate, the once-a-decade data collection approach of a decennial census is no longer acceptable. To meet the needs and expectations of the country, the Census Bureau developed the American Community Survey. This survey will collect long-form data every month and provide tabulations of these data on a yearly basis. In the past, the long-form data were collected only at the time of each decennial census. The American Community Survey will allow the Census Bureau to remove the long form from the 2010 Census, thus reducing operational risks, improving accuracy, and providing more relevant data. After years of development and testing, the American Community Survey is ready for full implementation in FY 2003.

The American Community Survey will provide more timely information for critical economic planning by governments and the private sector. In the current information-based economy, federal, state, tribal, and local decisionmakers, as well as private business and nongovernmental organizations, need current, reliable, and comparable socioeconomic data to chart the future. The American Community Survey will provide up-to-date profiles of American communities every year beginning in 2004, providing policymakers, planners, and service providers in the public and private sectors with information every year—not just every ten years.

The American Community Survey must begin full implementation in 2003 to provide comparable data at the census tract level by July 2008. These data are needed by federal agencies and others to provide assurance of long-form type data availability before eliminating the long form from the 2010 Census.

The American Community Survey demonstration period began in 1996 in four sites. In 1999, the number of sites was increased to 31 comparison sites. The comparison with Census 2000 was designed to collect several kinds of information necessary to understand the differences between data from the 1999-2002 American Community Survey and