DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit 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).


Title: Permitting and Vessel Identification Requirements for the Commercial Bottomfish Fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0584.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 125.

Average Hours per Response: Permit applications, 30 minutes; appeals, 2 hours; vessel marking, 45 minutes.

Burden Hours: 70.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires that owners of commercial fishing vessels in the bottomfish fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) obtain a federal bottomfish permit. If their vessels are over 40 ft. (12.2 m) long, they must also mark their vessels in compliance with federal identification requirements and carry and maintain a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS). This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, and aid in enforcement of regulations and area closures.

Revisions: The vessel monitoring system requirements are now covered under OMB Control No. 0648–0441 and the NMFS is now requiring a permit fee of $28.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.


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Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: 2012 Company Organization Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0607–0444.

Form Number(s): NC–99001, NC–99801.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 96,134.

Number of Respondents: 284,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau requests an extension of the currently approved Company Organization Survey (COS) data collection for the 2012 survey year. The Census Bureau will conduct the 2012 COS in conjunction with the 2012 Economic Census and will coordinate these collections so as to minimize response burden.

The Census Bureau conducts the annual COS to update and maintain a centralized, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the organizational structure, operating characteristics, and employment and payroll of multi-location enterprises.

The BR serves two fundamental purposes:

- First and most important, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau’s economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR’s ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industry and geographic classifications, measures of size and economic activity, ownership characteristics, and contact information (for example, name and address).
- Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, island areas, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

Form NC–99001 is mailed to multi-location enterprises. We ask questions on ownership or control by a domestic parent, ownership or control by a foreign parent, and ownership of foreign affiliates; research and development; company activities such as employees from a professional employer organization, operating revenue and net sales, royalties and license fees for the use of intellectual property and manufacturing activities. Establishment inquiries include questions on operational status, mid-March employment, first-quarter payroll, and annual payroll of establishments.

In addition to the mailing of multi-location enterprises, the Census Bureau will collect data for single-location companies on Form NC–99801 to continue to capture data for the Enterprise Statistics Program (ESP). In 2011, we submitted a non-substantive change to the COS questionnaire. This revision added three new inquiries as part of the ESP. These three inquiries were: (1) Operating Revenues and Net Sales; (2) Royalties and Licenses Fees for the Use of Intellectual Property; and (3) Manufacturing Activities. For 2012 it is our intention to continue to ask these additional questions on the COS that we received OMB clearance for in 2011. We also ask questions on ownership or control by a foreign parent, and