

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-WASO-CRPS-22434; PPWOCRADIO, PCU00RP14.R50000 (177)]

Proposed Information Collection; Archeology Permit Applications and Reports

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by February 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on the IC to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Dr., Mail Stop 242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or *madonna_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please include "1024-0037" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Karen Mudar, Ph.D., Archeologist, Washington Support Office Archeology Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240 (mail); *Karen*

Mudar@nps.gov (email); or (202) 354-2103 (telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Section 4 of the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 (16 U.S.C 470cc), and Section 3 of the Antiquities Act (AA) of 1906 (54 U.S.C. 320302), authorize any individual or institution to apply to Federal land managing agencies to scientifically excavate or remove archeological resources from public or Indian lands. A permit is required for any archeological investigation by non-NPS personnel occurring on parklands, regardless of whether or not these investigations are linked to regulatory compliance. Archeological investigations that require permits include excavation, shovel-testing, coring, pedestrian survey (with and without removal of artifacts), underwater archeology, photogrammetry, and rock art documentation. Individuals, academic and scientific institutions, museums, and businesses that propose to conduct archeological field investigations on parklands must first obtain a permit before the project may begin.

To apply for a permit, applicants submit DI Form 1926 (Application for Permit for Archeological Investigations). In general, an application includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Statement of Work.
- Statement of Applicant's Capabilities.
- Statement of Applicant's Past Performance.
- Curriculum vitae for Principal Investigator(s) and Project Director(s).
- Written consent by State or tribal authorities to undertake the activity on State or tribal lands that are managed by the NPS, if required by the State or tribe.

- Curation Authorization.
- Detailed Schedule of All Project Activities.

Persons receiving a permit must submit the following reports:

- Preliminary Reports—Within 6 weeks of completion of the field component of the research project, the permittee must submit a preliminary report that describes the fieldwork, including accomplishments, methods used to accomplish the work, names of individuals that carried out the fieldwork, maps, any GPS data, information about any newly recorded archeological sites, and any professional recommendations. If fieldwork involves only minor work and/or minor findings, a final report may be submitted in place of the preliminary report.
- Annual Reports—If the permit extends for more than 1 year, we require an annual progress report. The report must detail the extent of work accomplished to date, and how much work remains to be carried out.
- Final Reports—Within 6 months of completion of the field component of the research project, the permittee must submit a final report for review by the regional director.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1024-0037.
Title: Archeology Permit Applications and Reports—43 CFR 3 and 7.
Form Number(s): DI-1926, "Application for Permit for Archeological Investigations".
Type of Request: Revision to a currently approved collection.
Description of Respondents: Individuals or organizations wishing to excavate or remove archeological resources from public or Indian lands.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Annual number of respondents	Number of annual responses	Average time per response (Hours)	Total annual burden hours
Applications for Archeology Permits	773	773	2.5	1,933
Reporting—Archeology Permits	773	773	.5	387
Totals	1,546	904	3.0	2,320

Estimated Annual Nonhour Cost Burden: None.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including

whether or not the information will have practical utility;

- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number,

email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 14, 2016.

Madonna L. Baucum,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Proposed Information Collection: Beachgoer and Vessel Surveys

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve a collection of information to support ocean observation planning and management on public lands and waters. The respondents will be recreationists visiting public and private Gulf Coast beaches, and coastal and offshore vessel (boat) operators in the Gulf of Mexico region. The BOEM invites public comments on this proposed collection. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by February 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Anna Atkinson, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.

Fax: to Anna Atkinson at 703-787-1209.

Electronic mail: anna.atkinson@boem.gov.

Please indicate "Attn: 1010-XXXX" regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Rex Caffey, Louisiana State University, Center for Natural Resource Economics & Policy, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; email: rcaffey@agcenter.lsu.edu; or phone: 225-578-2393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BOEM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

I. Abstract

BOEM manages the exploration and development of oil, natural gas and other minerals and renewable energy alternatives on the nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Section 1346 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) mandates the conduct of environmental and socioeconomic studies needed for the assessment and management of environmental impacts on the human, marine, and coastal environments which may be affected by oil and gas, renewable energy, or other mineral development. Section 1345 of OCSLA authorizes the use of cooperative agreements with affected States to meet the requirements of OCSLA, which may include, but not be limited to, the sharing of information, the joint utilization of available expertise, the facilitating of permitting procedures, joint planning and review, and the formation of joint surveillance and monitoring arrangements to carry out applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, and stipulations relevant to the OCS operations both onshore and offshore.

This data collection effort is necessary in order to monetarily value benefits of coastal and oceanic data collected in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, as part of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS). Information on the economic value of regional ocean observations is critical for sustained public and private support for the GCOOS, especially as the costs of

operation and maintenance for ocean monitoring systems are questioned in Federal, State, and private budgetary processes.

The data collection effort is part of a cooperative agreement between the Environmental Studies Program (ESP) of the BOEM and the Louisiana Coastal Marine Institute (CMI) at Louisiana State University (LSU). The objective of the ESP is to support research in topics that serve the public interest of safe and environmentally sound energy production and meet the goals of the BOEM.

The GCOOS is a regional ocean observing system consisting of Federal, State, and local infrastructure. The system provides a wide array of science-based data to both public and private sector decision makers tasked with the management of human-built infrastructure, centers of population, and environmental and natural resources in the southeastern United States. As a component of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), the overall goal of GCOOS is to provide the science-based biological, chemical, and physical data, along with the appropriate analytic tools, that are needed by society to address important short- and long-term management problems associated with marine industrial operations (marine transportation, oil and gas exploration and production), coastal hazards (offshore obstructions, pollutant spill tracking, conditions for offshore operations), public health and safety (forecasting harmful algal bloom movement, search and rescue), healthy ecosystems, and water quality. The information provided through GCOOS supports the policy mandates and objectives of a number of Federal agencies, including the BOEM, National Marine Fisheries Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Geological Survey.

The information collection will be led by researchers at Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University, who will conduct two surveys to assess the impact of an improved and expanded GCOOS. The surveys will gauge public perceptions of coastal and ocean-related data and information products and how improvements to these could impact future recreation, boating, and weather-related preparation/evacuation choices. This information collection request covers two proposed surveys, which collect necessary data from residents of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. This information is not otherwise available.