

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Economic Value of the Research in the Olympic Coast and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuaries**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 10, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [pracomments@doc.gov](mailto:pracomments@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Danielle Schwarzmann 240-533-0706 [danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov](mailto:danielle.schwarzmann@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This request is for a new information collection.

NOAA is conducting research to: (1) Identify if the sanctuary helps to attract research or creates value-added to researchers; (2) estimate the economic impacts (jobs, income, output) supported by research that occurs in sanctuaries because of expenditures occurring within local region. Two sites, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary (SBNMS) will be evaluated. The information will aid in SBNMS and OCNMS condition reports. Further, the research will help to provide baseline data for economic impact and contribution of sanctuaries to local area economies.

The required information will involve surveys of researchers (from profit, non-profit and government agencies including local, state, federal and tribal). Information will be obtained on

expenditures, sources of funds, non-market value, type of research, technologies used, use of NOAA equipment, reasons for the chosen location, and the researcher's involvement with sanctuary staff.

ONMS will work to identify all researchers who worked within the sanctuary within the past ten years. This will be the population of interest. Sanctuary site staff, literature reviews and the research permit database will be used to identify the population of researchers for each site.

**II. Method of Collection**

The survey will be implemented online, and paper versions will also be available.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-XXXX.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (new information collection).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; state, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15–20 minutes for online or paper survey.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 133.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

**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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****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).

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

*Title:* U.S.-Canada Albacore Treating Reporting System.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0492.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 135.

*Average Hours per Response:* 5 minutes for the request to be placed on the eligible list per year; 5 minutes for required vessel markings; 15 minutes for logbook entries; 10 minutes for each set of two hail reports for border crossings per year.

*Burden Hours:* 839.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region, manages the United States (U.S.)-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty of 1981 (Treaty). Owners of vessels that fish from U.S. West Coast ports for albacore tuna (*Thunnus alalunga*) are required to notify the NMFS West Coast Region of their desire to be on the list of vessels provided to Canada each year indicating vessels eligible to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the jurisdiction of Canada. Additionally, vessel operators are required to report in advance their intention to fish in Canadian waters prior to crossing the maritime border, as well as to mark their fishing vessels to facilitate enforcement of the effort limits under the Treaty. Vessel operators are also required to maintain and submit a logbook of all catch and fishing effort. The regulations implementing the reporting and vessel marking requirements under the Treaty are at 50 CFR part 300.172–300.176.

The estimated burden below includes hours to complete the logbook requirement, although it is assumed that most if not all of the respondents already complete the required logbook under the mandatory West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP), OMB Control No. 0648-0223. Duplicate reporting under the Treaty and HMS FMP is not required. Most years, there will be much