

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 August 21, 2018.

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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Michael Asaro at Michael.Asaro@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (Plan), developed under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, seeks to enable the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to reduce injuries and deaths of large whales, especially right whales, due to incidental entanglement in United States commercial fishing gear. In order to develop fair and effective management measures, the Take Reduction Team (Team) requires comprehensive data on when, where, and how fixed gear vessels fish. While subsets of Plan's vessels report on aspects of their operations, the available data form an incomplete picture. NMFS recognizes that forthcoming changes under select fishery management plans (e.g., the American Lobster Fishery Management Plan) may eventually introduce gear and activity reporting of the type requested. Until those requirements are implemented, however, operators of commercial fishing vessels deploying fixed gear (traps, pots, and gillnets) are requested to complete this annual supplemental data collection form, regardless of fishing location, permit type, or the provision of similar information to other Federal and state agencies. This information will allow NMFS to focus further risk reduction measures in certain areas or fisheries, where needed, to meet the goals of the Plan.

II. Method of Collection

This information will initially be collected using a paper form, which respondents will be asked to return by mail. Respondents can also scan and email, or fax their submission. An electronic form will be developed for future iterations.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

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

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,604 respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,453 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.60 per person per year, or \$2,762.40 per year in 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.

Dated: June 18, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Hazard Simplification WFO-Partner Focus Groups

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

ACTION: Notice.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

In response to public law H.R. 353, Section 406, NWS conducted several social science engagement activities to assess the current Watch, Warning, and Advisory (WWA) system. There was strong agreement for small adjustments to the current system and some support for an entirely new system. To further explore an alternative system, a public survey was conducted to test knowledge of the current system and a series of “prototypes” as an alternative to WWA. Drawing upon these results, NWS plans to conduct focus groups with its forecasters and partners to explore the opportunities and challenges of implementing a new alerting system.

II. Method of Collection

Focus groups will be conducted in person and/or by webinar.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10–15 people per focus group, 3–4 focus groups per location, 6 locations (180–360 Total respondents).

Estimated Time per Response: Each focus group will last 3–4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,450.

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

IV. Request for Comments

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2017–0027]

Recall Effectiveness: Announcement of Request for Information Regarding the Use of Direct Notice and Targeted Notices During Recalls

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of request for information.

SUMMARY: To advance the concepts discussed during the U.S. Consumer

Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Recall Effectiveness Workshop in 2017, the CPSC announces a Request for Information (RFI) from stakeholders to provide information critical to future work on Recall Effectiveness. CPSC asks for responses on a series of questions addressing direct notice and other forms of customer notice. The information provided will help inform CPSC's efforts to continue improving the effectiveness of recalls.

DATES: Submit comments by September 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2017–0027, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The Commission does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except through www.regulations.gov. The Commission encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above; however, please do not use this method if you are submitting confidential business information or other sensitive information that should not be made public.

Written Submissions: Submit written submissions by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504–7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: www.regulations.gov. If you submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, do not submit it electronically, but send it in hard copy to the Office of the Secretary at the address indicated above. See also section III, below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: www.regulations.gov, and insert the docket number CPSC–2017–0027, into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph F. Williams, Compliance Officer, the Office of Compliance and Field Operations, U.S. Consumer Product

Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Hwy., Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: 301–504–7585; email: jfwilliams@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

A. Recall Effectiveness Workshop

On July 25, 2017, the CPSC hosted a Recall Effectiveness Workshop. The goal of the workshop was to explore and develop proactive measures that CPSC and stakeholders can undertake to improve recall effectiveness. Seventy-nine external stakeholders attended the workshop, including various retailers, manufacturers, law firms, consumer interest groups, third party recall contractors and consultants, testing laboratories, and other interested parties. CPSC staff facilitated an open discussion among these participants about ways to increase recall effectiveness and also gathered feedback on how CPSC can potentially improve its recall efforts. Additional details may be found here: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recall-Effectiveness>.

B. Recall Effectiveness Report

Following the workshop, CPSC staff prepared a report, which was released on February 22, 2018. The report stated that the CPSC staff intends to prioritize stakeholders' suggestions to:

- Collaborate on ways to improve direct notice to consumers; and
- collaborate with firms to explore how technology can be used to enhance recall response.

The report explained the reason for this focus:

“Direct notice recalls have proven to be the most effective recalls. We intend to work with consumer and industry stakeholders on registration methods or other improvements (e.g., retailer opt-in at checkout, home voice assistants, photo texting, QR codes, and incentives for product registration) to promote direct notice recalls.”

“We will continue to explore how technology can be used to enhance recall response in appropriate cases, including enhancing firms' recall marketing strategies, use of social media, and improved methods for in-store communication. We intend to identify and share examples of future recall marketing strategies that are innovative and/or successful.”

The full Recall Effectiveness Report may be found here: https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Recall-Effectiveness-Workshop-Report-2018.pdf?R1VylLtrl8M_id.2vkAklHoUZjaSCab.