type of bycatch reduction device, and
turtle excluder device used for each trip.
The ELB unit automatically collects
fishing effort data and transmits those
data via a cellular phone connection
activated when the vessel is within non-
roaming cellular range. Compliance
with the ELB reporting requirements is
required to renew the Gulf shrimp
permit.

Monitoring shrimp vessels is
challenging for NMFS when they
operate together with many other
fishing vessels of differing sizes, gears
types, and fishing capabilities.
Monitoring is made even more
challenging by seasonal variability in
shrimp abundance and price and the
broad geographic distribution of the
fleet. ELBs provide a precise means of
estimating the amount of shrimp fishing
effort. Using ELBs to estimate fishing
effort serves an important role to help
estimate bycatch in the Gulf shrimp
fleet.

Affected Public: Businesses or other
for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion when fishing.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

This information collection request
may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow
the instructions to view Department of
Commerce collections currently under
review by OMB.

Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
within 30 days of this notice publication
by email to OIRA_Submission@
omb.eop.gov or by fax to (202) 395–
5806.

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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: Green Sturgeon ESA 4(d) rule
take exceptions and exemptions.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0613.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 45.

Average Hours per Response:
Scientific research or monitoring
exception, Habitat restoration exception,
State research program report, and
Research applications: 40 hours each;
Scientific research or monitoring
exception report, Habitat restoration
exception report, and Research reports:
5 hours each; Emergency fish rescue
report, and Fishery Management and
Evaluation Plan report: 20 hours each;
Fishery Management and Evaluation
Plan and Tribal Plan: 160 hours each.

Burden Hours: 1,510.

Needs and Uses: The Southern
Distinct Population Segment of North
American green sturgeon (Acipenser
medirostris; hereafter, “Southern DPS”) was
listed as a threatened species in
April 2006. Protective regulations under
section 4(d) of the Endangered Species
Act (ESA) were promulgated for the
species on June 2, 2010 (75 FR 30714)
(the final ESA 4(d) Rule). To comply
with the ESA and the protective
regulations, entities must obtain take
authorization before they engage in
activities that involve take of Southern
DPS fish, unless the activity is covered
by an exception or exemption. “Take” is
defined as to harass, harm, pursue,
hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture,
and collect, or to attempt to engage in
any such conduct. Certain activities
described in the “exceptions” provision of
50 CFR 223.210(b) are not subject to
the take prohibitions if they adhere to
specific criteria and reporting
requirements. Under the “exemption”
provision of 50 CFR 223.210(c), the take
prohibitions do not apply to scientific
research, scientific monitoring, and
fisheries activities conducted under an
approved 4(d) program or plan.
Similarly, take prohibitions do not
apply to tribal resource management
activities conducted under a Tribal Plan
for which the requisite determinations
described in 50 CFR 223.102(c)(3) have
been made.

To ensure that activities qualify under
exceptions or exemptions from the
take prohibitions, local, state, and
federal agencies, non-governmental
organizations, academic researchers,
and private organizations are asked to
submit detailed information regarding their
activity on a schedule to be
determined by National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff. This
information is used by NMFS to (1)
track the number of Southern DPS fish
taken as a result of each action; (2)
understand and evaluate the cumulative
effects of each action on the Southern
DPS; and (3) determine whether
additional protections are needed for
the species, or whether additional
exceptions may be warranted. NMFS
designed the criteria to ensure that
actions meeting the criteria would
adequately limit impacts on threatened
Southern DPS fish, such that additional
protections in the form of a federal take
prohibition would not be necessary and
advisable.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit
institutions; State, Local, or Tribal
government; Federal government;
business or other for-profit
organizations.

Frequency: Written notification
describing research, monitoring, habitat
restoration, or emergency fish rescue
and salvage activities, on occasion;
development of fisheries management
and evaluation plans, state 4(d) research
programs, or tribal fishery management
plans, on occasion; fisheries
management and evaluation plan
reports, biannually; all other reports,
annually.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to
obtain or retain benefits.

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may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow
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Commerce collections currently under
review by OMB.

Written comments and
recommendations for the proposed
information collection should be sent
within 30 days of publication of this
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Law School Clinic Certification
Program

ACTION: Notice of renewal of information
collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and
Trademark Office (USPTO), as required
by the Paperwork Reduction Act of
1995, invites comments on the
extension of an existing information
collection: 0651–0081 (Law School
Clinic Program).

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before February 24,
2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by any of the following methods: