Total Annual Burden: 3,740 hours.
Total Annual Cost: No cost.
Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 1.41–45, 201(b), 218, 220, 225, 255, 276, 403, and 617 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i)-(j), 201(b), 218, 220, 225, 255, 276, 403, and 617.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No Impact(s).
Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: The Protective Order in the Commission’s ICS proceeding, WC Docket 12–375, 28 FCC Rcd 16954 (WCB 2013), provides confidential treatment for the proprietary information submitted by ICS providers in response to the Commission’s directives. The Commission will treat as presumptively confidential any particular information identified as confidential by the provider in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and Commission rules. Each confidential document should be stamped and submitted to the Secretary’s Office with an accompanying cover letter, as specified by the Protective Order.
Needs and Uses: Section 201 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act), 47 U.S.C 201, requires that ICS providers’ interstate and international rates and practices be just and reasonable. Section 276 of the Act, 47 U.S.C. 276, requires that payphone service providers (including ICS providers), be fairly compensated for completed calls.
In 2015, the Commission released the Second Report and Order and Third Notice of Further Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 12–375, 30 FCC Rcd 12763, (2015 ICS Order), in which the Commission required that ICS providers file Annual Reports providing data and other information on their ICS operations, as well as Annual Certifications that reported data are complete and accurate and comply with the Commission’s ICS rules. Pursuant to the authority delegated it by the Commission in the 2015 ICS Order, the Bureau created a standardized reporting template (FCC Form No. 2301(a)) and a related certification of accuracy (FCC Form No. 2301(b)), as well as instructions to guide providers through the reporting process. The instructions explain the reporting and certification requirements and reduce the burden of the data collection. (ICS Annual Reporting Form (2017–2019), https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections; ICS Annual Reporting Certification Form, https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections).
In 2021, the Commission released the Third Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Fifth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (2021 ICS Order), WC Docket No. 12–375, 36 FCC Rcd (2021), in which it revised its rules by adopting, among other things, lower interim rate caps for interstate calls. The rules necessitated changes to the Annual Reports in order to simplify compliance with and reduce the burden of the data collection. On December 15, 2021, the Bureau issued a Public Notice, WC 12–375, DA 21–1583 (WCB December 15, 2021), seeking comment on its proposed revisions to the instructions and annual reporting and certification templates for the Annual Reports. After considering the comments and replies submitted in response to the Public Notice, the Bureau released the Annual Reports Adoption Order on June 24, 2022, revising the instructions, standardized reporting template, and the certification of accuracy. See https://www.fcc.gov/document/wcb-announces-ics-annual-reporting-and-certification-revisions. The Order largely adopted the proposals contained in the Public Notice, with certain minor refinements and reevaluations responsive to comments and replies filed in response to the Public Notice.
Under the Bureau’s Order, ICS providers must continue to submit all reports using the electronic template provided by the Commission, and to provide the data in a machine-readable, manipulatable format. The reporting requirements cover the general categories proposed in the Public Notice. These categories include the submission of information on facilities served; interstate, intrastate, and international ICS rates; ancillary service charges; site commissions; and disability access, among other matters. The Bureau adopted reporting requirements for interstate, international, and intrastate ICS rates as proposed, with minor revisions. Further, the Bureau adopted the reporting requirements for ancillary service charges assessed by ICS providers as proposed, with certain revisions. In addition, the Bureau adopted the reporting requirements as proposed concerning site commissions, with minor revisions. The Bureau also revised the instructions and reporting template to match these revisions, and to more precisely target the information to be reported in connection with providers’ disability access services.
Regional Administrator), has determined that the 2022 TAC of Pacific ocean perch apportioned to the incidental catch allowance in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA has been reached. Therefore, NMFS is requiring that catches of the incidental catch allowance for Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA be treated as prohibited species in accordance with §679.21(b). This closure does not apply to fishing by vessels participating in the cooperative fishery of the Rockfish Program for the Central GOA.

Classification
This action responds to the best available information recently obtained from the fishery. The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA (AA), finds good cause to waive the requirement to provide prior notice and opportunity for public comment pursuant to the authority set forth at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) as such requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest. This requirement is impracticable and contrary to the public interest as it would prevent NMFS from responding to the most recent fisheries data in a timely fashion and would delay prohibiting the retention of Pacific ocean perch in the Central Regulatory Area of the GOA. NMFS was unable to publish a notice providing time for public comment because the most recent, relevant data only became available as of October 12, 2022.

The AA also finds good cause to waive the 30-day delay in the effective date of this action under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3). This finding is based upon the reasons provided above for waiver of prior notice and opportunity for public comment.

This action is required by §679.20 and §679.21 and is exempt from review under Executive Order 12866.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

Dated: October 13, 2022.

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