

designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is proposed for authorization or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this proposed action.

Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a renewal IHA to ODOT for conducting construction activities for the Yaquina Bay Dolphin Replacement Project in Newport, Oregon from November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2027, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The initial IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-oregon-department-transportations-yaquina-bay-dolphin>. We request comment on our analyses contained herein and within the original actions (90 FR 34441, July 22, 2025; 90 FR 42935, September 5, 2025), the proposed renewal IHA, and any other aspect of this notice. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for this renewal IHA.

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Evaluations of Coastal Zone Management Act Programs—State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

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

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0661 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Michael Migliori, Evaluation and Compliance Program Manager, NOAA, 1305 East West Hwy., Bldg. SSMC4, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3278, (443) 332-8936, or Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request seeks a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection. To enhance efficiency, reduce the reporting burden on respondents, and improve the usefulness of information collected for NOAA, some questions will be eliminated or consolidated and others will be rewritten to improve the usefulness of information collected.

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA; *16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.*), requires the periodic evaluation of state coastal management programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves developed in accordance with the CZMA and approved by the Secretary of Commerce. This request facilitates information collection for these evaluations. NOAA's Office for Coastal Management conducts these periodic evaluations of the 34 coastal management programs and 30 research reserves and produces written findings for each evaluation. While the office has access to

documents submitted in cooperative agreement applications, performance reports, and certain documentation required by the CZMA and its implementing regulations, additional information is needed from each coastal management program and research reserve, as well as program and reserve partners and stakeholders, to assess compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Different information collection subsets are necessary for (1) coastal management programs, (2) the coastal programs' partners and stakeholders, (3) research reserves, and (4) the research reserves' partners and stakeholders.

This submission would modify a few questions to clarify the information requested from coastal program and reserve managers. Some questions may be consolidated to streamline data collection, while others may be eliminated due to relevancy.

Over the next three years, the Office for Coastal Management anticipates staff capacity to conduct evaluations will remain stable, with an average of 12 CZMA programs evaluated annually.

II. Method of Collection

Coastal program and reserve managers will receive information requests and questionnaires via email, and their responses will be submitted via email. Partners and stakeholders of coastal programs and reserves will receive a link to a web-based survey tool to provide their responses.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0661.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal governments; federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 221.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 hours per CZMA program manager's evaluation; 15 minutes per partner or stakeholder response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 771

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

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory for CZMA programs; voluntary for program partners and stakeholders.

Legal Authority: Sections 312 and 315(f) of the Coastal Zone Management Act, as amended (*16 U.S.C. 1458, 1461(f)*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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 information collection request. 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 may 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.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information

collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 9, 2026, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

Title: Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0007.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission. Revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,135.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes: Project Status Report Forms; ASSIST Discrepancy Reports: 30 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 641.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a revision to and extension of the currently approved Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System (System). The System consists of both the Aired Stakeholder Interaction and Survey Tool (ASSIST) and the Project Status Report Forms, which include the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report*, the *Artificial Reef/Mariculture Status Report*, and the *Submerged Pipeline Status Report* forms.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (Coast Survey) is the nation's nautical chart maker, maintaining and updating over a thousand charts covering the 3.5 million square nautical miles of coastal waters in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and the Great Lakes. The marine transportation system relies on charting accuracy and precision to keep navigation safe and coastal communities protected from environmental disasters at sea.

Coast Survey also writes and publishes the *United States Coast Pilot*® (Coast Pilot), a series of ten nautical books that supplement nautical charts with essential marine information that cannot be shown graphically on the charts and is not readily available elsewhere. Coast Pilot information includes, but is not limited to, channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, tides and tidal currents, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small craft facilities, and Federal Regulations applicable to navigation.

The marine environment and shorelines are constantly changing. Coast Survey makes every effort to update information portrayed in nautical charts and described in the

Coast Pilot. The purpose of the System is to offer a formal, standardized instrument to information sources that facilitates corrections and updates and also monitors and documents the changes Coast Survey makes to nautical charts and the Coast Pilot.

Information sources include, but are not limited to, pilot associations, shipping companies, towboat operators, state marine authorities, city marine authorities, local port authorities, marine operators, hydrographic research vessels, naval vessels, Coast Guard cutters, merchant vessels, fishing vessels, pleasure boats, U.S. Power Squadron Units, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Units, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

As stated above, the System consists of both ASSIST and the three Project Status Report Forms. Coast Survey uses ASSIST (<https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/customer-service/assist/>) to receive discrepancy reports and construction notifications in the form of USACE-issued Public Notices, Permit Applications, and Permits, which could include a proposal or authorization to dredge and/or construct, remove, or abandon structures. Coast Survey vets these Public Notices, Permit Applications, and Permits for the potential of a charting action, and then registers them into a database.

Coast Survey uses the three Project Status Report Forms (i.e., the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report*, the *Artificial Reef/Mariculture Status Report*, and the *Submerged Pipeline Status Report* forms) to determine the status of USACE-permitted projects and obtain as-built and/or survey data associated with the completion of these projects. The Project Status Report Forms give USACE permittees a standardized way to notify Coast Survey of the status of their projects so that the as-built and survey data can be used by Coast Survey for nautical charts and the Coast Pilot. Permittees are asked to notify Coast Survey of the completion of their projects. Permittees may find blank Project Status Report Forms on the Coast Survey website, or permittees may request an email version of the forms from Coast Survey. Coast Survey periodically mails customized versions of the Project Status Report Forms to permittees, requesting information on the completion status of their permitted projects. The Project Status Report Forms are also periodically mailed to permittees as a way of gathering information regarding ongoing permitted projects. A permittee's use of these forms enables Coast Survey to capture complete, registration-ready source packages that require less