



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: Highly Migratory Species Dealer, Importer and Exporter Reporting Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0040.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 9,585.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes each for CD, SD, and RXC certificates; 15 minutes for CD/SD/RXC validation by government official; 120 minutes for authorization of non-governmental CD/SD/RXC validation; 2 minutes for daily Atlantic BFT landing reports; 3 minutes for daily Atlantic BFT landing reports from pelagic longline and purse seine vessels; 1

minute for Atlantic BFT tagging; 15 minutes for biweekly Atlantic BFT dealer landing reports; 15 minutes for HMS international trade biweekly reports; 15 minutes for weekly electronic HMS dealer landing reports (*e-dealer*); 5 minutes for negative weekly electronic HMS dealer landing reports (*e-dealer*); 15 minutes for voluntary fishing vessel and catch forms.

Burden Hours: 39,961.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection,

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. NMFS must also promulgate regulations, as necessary and appropriate, to carry out obligations the United States (U.S.) undertakes internationally regarding tuna management through the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*).

This collection serves as a family of forms for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) dealer reporting, including purchases of HMS from domestic fishermen, and the import, export, and/or re-export of HMS, including federally managed tunas, sharks, and swordfish.

Transactions covered under this collection include purchases of Atlantic HMS from domestic fishermen; and the import/export of all bluefin tuna (BFT), frozen bigeye tuna (BET), southern bluefin tuna (SBT) or swordfish (SWO), regardless of geographic area of origin. This information is used to monitor the harvest of domestic fisheries, and/or track international trade of internationally managed species.

The domestic dealer reporting covered by this collection includes weekly electronic

landing reports and negative reports (e.g., reports of no activity) of Atlantic SWO, sharks, BET, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack tunas (collectively referred to as BAYS tunas), and biweekly and daily landing reports for BFT, including tagging of individual fish. Also, because of the recent development of an individual bluefin quota (IBQ) management system (RIN 0648-BC09), electronic entry of BFT landing card data is required for Atlantic BFT purchased from Longline and Purse seine category vessels. NMFS intends to consider integrating the data fields that have been collected on the Atlantic BFT Biweekly Dealer Report into the electronic system. However, at this time, dealers must submit to NMFS both electronic and faxed versions of BFT landing cards for purse seine and pelagic longline vessels.

International trade tracking programs are required by both the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) to account for all international trade of covered species. The U.S. is a member of ICCAT and required by ATCA to promulgate regulations as necessary and appropriate to implement ICCAT recommendations. These programs require that a statistical document (SD) or catch document (CD) accompany each export from and import to a member nation, and that a re-export certificate (RXC) accompany each re-export. The international trade reporting requirements covered by this collection include implementation of CD, SD, and RXC trade tracking programs for BFT, frozen BET, and SWO. U.S. regulations implementing ICCAT SD and CD programs require SDs and CDs for international transactions of the covered species from all ocean areas, so Pacific imports and exports must also be accompanied by SDs and CDs. Since there are SD programs in place under other international conventions (e.g., the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission), a SD from another program may be used to satisfy the SD

requirement for imports into the United States.

Dealers who internationally trade SBT are required to participate in a trade tracking program to ensure that imported Atlantic and Pacific BFT will not be intentionally mislabeled as “southern bluefin” to circumvent reporting requirements. This action is authorized under ATCA, which provides for the promulgation of regulations as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out ICCAT recommendations. In addition to SD, CD, and RXC requirements, this collection includes biweekly reports to complement trade tracking SDs by summarizing SD data and collecting additional economic information.

The one-time request for email addresses has been removed.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Weekly and biweekly.

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 publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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