



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: Marine Recreational Information Program, Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS)

OMB Control Number: 0648-0659.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 100,000

Average Hours Per Response: 0.083

Burden Hours: 8,333

Needs and Uses: Data collected from the APAIS are used to estimate the finfish catch per angler of recreational saltwater fishers. These APAIS estimates are combined with estimates derived from independent but complementary surveys of fishing effort, the Fishing Effort Survey and the For-Hire Survey, to estimate total, state-level fishing catch by species. These estimates are used in the development, implementation, and monitoring of fishery management programs by the NMFS, regional

fishery management councils, interstate marine fisheries commissions, and state fishery agencies. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), as amended, regarding conservation and management of fishery resources.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households

Frequency: One-time, in-person interview

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary

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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