

Workshop Objectives

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2007, shark limited access and swordfish limited access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear have been required to submit a copy of their Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057, October 2, 2006). These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. Certificates issued in 2023 will expire in 2026. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel owners whose certificate(s) will expire prior to the next permit renewal, must attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued.

In addition to vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates on board at all times. Vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a vessel with swordfish and shark limited access permits on which longline or gillnet gear is used.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. July 1, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Residence Inn by Marriott Ocean City, 300 Seabay Lane, Ocean City, MD 21842.

2. August 17, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Ocean Breeze Inn Vero Beach, 3384 Ocean Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963.

3. September 16, 2026, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Hilton New Orleans Airport, 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at 386–682–0158. Pre-registration is highly recommended but not required.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following specific items with them to the workshop:

1. Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.

2. Representatives of a business-owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.

3. Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach the owner and operator of a vessel that fishes with longline or gillnet gear the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, smalltooth sawfish, Atlantic sturgeon, and prohibited sharks. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species and prohibited sharks will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species and prohibited sharks, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Online Recertification Workshops

NMFS implemented an online option for shark dealers and owners and operators of vessels that fish with longline and gillnet gear to renew their certificates in December 2021. To be eligible for online recertification workshops, dealers and vessel owners and operators need to have previously attended an in-person workshop. Information about the courses is available online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-shark-identification-workshops> and <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/safe-handling-release-and-identification-workshops>. To access the course please visit: <https://hmsworkshop.fisheries.noaa.gov/start>.

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

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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; Nautical Discrepancy and Data Reporting System**

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 August 10, 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 0648–0007 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 Annabel Jouard, Communications Specialist, 1315 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910, coastsurveycommunications@noaa.gov, 1–888–990–6622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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 Aimed 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 chartmaker, 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 facilitate corrections and updates, 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 frequent correspondence with the

permittee prior to source registration. In other words, use of the forms is instrumental in accelerating the availability of important, and possibly critical, nautical data to Coast Survey's cartographic production branches for charting action.

Coast Survey has made several updates to one of the Project Status Report Forms: the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report* form. These changes ensure that third-party data meets Coast Survey's quality standards required for authoritative charting. Key enhancements to the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report* form include expanded data collection for hydrographic surveys, such as construction start and end dates and specific units or datums for both Vertical and Horizontal Coordinate Reference Systems. To align with modern open-data policies, a new Data License section has been added to the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report* form, offering CC0–1.0 or CC–BY–4.0 equivalency and directing users to the Coast Survey data licensing website for further details. Structurally, the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report* form now features a dedicated second page for “Special Instructions,” providing more granular technical guidance than previous versions. Additionally, the contact section of the *Permit/Public Notice Status Report* form now requires a Company/Organization Name. This change facilitates better customer service and serves as a vital link for resolving nautical discrepancies with information sources. The Citizen Science Chart Update Project is complete and that collection is being removed from this OMB Control Number.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents can submit discrepancy reports and construction notifications in the form of USACE-issued Public Notices, Permit Applications, and Permits electronically through the ASSIST website or by telephone (888–990–6622). 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.

After completion, respondents submit the Project Status Report Forms and provide any associated as-built/survey data to Coast Survey. For additional

information about submitting the Project Status Report Forms, see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0007.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; state, local, and tribal government; universities; individuals or households; not for-profit institutions, professional and other mariners, etc.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,570.

Estimated Time per Response: 10–15 minutes depending on the Project Status Report Form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 797.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$522.60.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: None.

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 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 personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable 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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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Request Approval for Collection 3038–0117, Exemption From Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a proposed information collection by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice announces the intention of the Commission to request approval for Collection 3038–0117, Exemption from Derivatives Clearing Organization Registration.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, specifically referencing “OMB Control No. 3038–0117,” by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and press the “Search” button, then proceed as follows:

1. Under Refine Documents Results—check the box to “Only show documents open for comment”;

2. Under Agency—select “See More” and check the box for “Commodity Futures Trading Commission,” then press the Apply button;

3. Identify this notice in the list of CFTC documents open for comment, press the “Comment” button to open the submission form, and follow the instructions on the form.

Alternatively, if you are viewing this notice on www.federalregister.gov, click the “Submit A Public Comment” button at the top of the page to open the comment form. Follow the instructions on the form to submit your comment to Regulations.gov.

- *Mail:* Send to—Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Address to—CFTC Comment Submission, Attn: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. To avoid possible delays with mail or in-person deliveries, submissions through Regulations.gov are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English or, if not, accompanied by an English translation. Do not include in your comment text or attachments any personal identifying information or business information that you do not want published online. Comments (regardless of submission method) will be published without review for, and without removal of, any personal identifying information or information your business may consider confidential.

If you wish to submit confidential information for the Commission’s consideration, please contact the CFTC personnel listed in this Notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before making any submission. Please also carefully review the Commission’s procedures in 17 CFR 145.9 for requesting confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of information submitted to the Commission.

The CFTC reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, or redact all or any part of your comment submission. The CFTC also reserves the right, without further notification, to refuse to publish or to remove from public view all or any part of your submission to the extent it contains content inappropriate for publication in a comment file, such as—without limitation—obscene language, threats of violence, solicitations for commercial sales or illegal activity, or obvious spam. If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this notice, such submission will be retained in the record for the matter and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act, the Paperwork Reduction Act, and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.