

require periodic maintenance of the units. The information collected is submitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) through the U.S. government, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The license and registration application information is used by the FFA to determine the operational capability and financial responsibility of a vessel operator interested in fishing under the Treaty. Information obtained from vessel catch and unloading reports is used by the FFA to assess fishing effort and fishery resources in the region and to track the amount of fish caught within each PIP's EEZ. Maintenance of VMS units is needed to ensure the continuous operation of the VMS units, which, as part of the VMS administered by the FFA, are used as an enforcement tool. If the information is not collected, the U.S. government will not meet its obligations under the Treaty, and the lack of fishing information will result in poor management of the fishery resources.

## II. Method of Collection

All information is to be submitted in hard copy via mail or through electronic reporting.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0218.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20.

*Estimated Time per Response:* License application, 1 hour; VMS registration application, 45 minutes; catch report, 1 hour; unloading log sheet, 30 minutes, expression of interest, 2 hours and renewal, 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 222 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$119,626 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 973–973r.

## 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 ICR. 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; American Lobster—Annual Trap Transfer Program

**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](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0673 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 Matthew Rigdon; Fishery Management Specialist; National Marine Fisheries Service; 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; 978–281–9336; and [matthew.rigdon@noaa.gov](mailto:matthew.rigdon@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. The American lobster resource and fishery are cooperatively managed by the states and NMFS under the authority of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, according to the framework established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) in Amendment 3 of its Interstate Fishery Management Plan (ISFMP). This collection of information is in response to several addenda to Amendment 3 of the ISFMP that work to reduce trap fishing effort through limited entry fishing and trap allocation limit reductions. The Trap Transfer Program is intended to foster economic flexibility for the lobster industry while reducing fishing effort on the American lobster resource. The regulations implementing the FMP in the economic exclusive zone (EEZ) are specified at 50 CFR part 697.

This collection of information is being conducted to help mitigate the economic burden of scheduled trap allocation reductions in Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2 and 3 on Federal lobster permit holders through the Annual Lobster Trap Transfer Program, which allows all qualified Federal lobster permit holders to buy and sell trap allocation from Areas 2, 3, or Outer Cape Cod. NMFS collects application forms from Lobster permit holders who wish to transfer trap allocation from these areas during a 2-month period (from August 1 through September 30) each year. The revised allocations resulting from the transfers become effective for each participating lobster permit at the start of the following Federal lobster fishing year, on May 1. Both the seller and buyer of the traps are required to sign the

application form, date the document, and clearly show that the seller has sufficient allocation to transfer and that the buyer has sufficient room under the applicable trap cap. There are no modifications being made to this collection.

## II. Method of Collection

Applications for the Trap Transfer Program are accepted annually from August 1 through September 30 by mail or email.

## III. OMB Control Number: 0648–0673.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

Extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 204.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 17 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$492.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (16 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*).

## 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; NOAA Teacher at Sea Program

**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](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0283 in the subject line of your comments. 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 Jennifer Hammond, Director, NOAA Teacher at Sea Program, 200 Harry S Truman Hwy., Annapolis, MD 21401, 240–628–5210, [jennifer.hammond@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.hammond@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Abstract

This is a request for revision and extension of an approved information collection. This collection is sponsored by NOAA Fisheries' Office of Communications on behalf of NOAA's Teacher at Sea Program, through which NOAA provides educators an opportunity to gain first-hand experience with field research activities aboard ocean-going research vessels. Selected educators spend 2–4 weeks at sea working alongside NOAA scientists to conduct ongoing research projects.

NOAA is explicitly directed to support educational programs such as this one under Section 4002 of the America COMPETES Act (as amended in 2022) “to enhance public awareness and understanding of ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric science and stewardship by the general public and other coastal stakeholders.” The opportunity to join NOAA scientists for a research experience at sea doubles as both highly valuable professional development for the educators (see Section 4002 (b) (5)), increasing their own marine science literacy and skills, and as an avenue to increase their students' interest and participation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) (see Section 4002 (b) (1)).

This collection covers the Teacher at Sea Program application. The online application solicits information from interested educators, including basic personal information, information about the educator's school or institution, teaching experience, lesson development experience, and ideas for applying program experience in their classrooms. The application also requires recommendations (in the form of questionnaires) from two professional references nominated by each applicant. This collection enables NOAA to select suitable participants for a limited number of opportunities.

Selected educators write a blog documenting the events and scientific work of their cruise. Upon return, they develop ideas for classroom activities based on what they learned while at sea. These materials are then made available to other educators so they may benefit from the experience without going to sea themselves.

NOAA does not collect information from this universe of respondents for any other purpose than to determine which educators will participate in the NOAA Teacher at Sea Program.

This submission revises the previous collection to remove redundant instruments. The NOAA Health Services Questionnaire, which selected educators