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this is a big racket. all kinds of hangers on get the right to fish with no oversight of what they do. this program needs to be shut down since the alleged "research" does not produce one bit of advancement for the fish or marine life. this is simply run as a racket these days.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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: Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Educational Activity Submissions.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0309.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 11,003.

Number of Respondents: 91.

Average Hours per Response: Scientific research plans, 113 hours; scientific research reports, 3 hours; exempted fishing requests, 95 hours; exempted fishing reports, 47 hours; exempted educational requests, 3 hours; and exempted educational reports, 2 hours.

Needs and Uses: Fishery regulations do not generally affect scientific research activities conducted by a scientific research vessel. Any persons planning to conduct research must submit a scientific research plan to ensure that the activities are considered research and not fishing. The researchers are required to submit reports of their scientific research activity after its completion. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) may also grant exemptions from fishery regulations for educational or other activities (e.g., the testing of fishing gear). Per instructions at 50 CFR 600.745, the applications for research or exemptions must be submitted, as well as reports on activities.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations; State, local or tribal government.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: December 2, 2008.

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