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Re: Request for Comments on List of Gear by Fisheries - OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0346

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Dear Alan and Colleagues

The Marine Mammal Commission (Commission) appreciates the opportunity to comment on this action. The Commission fully supports the process to publishing the list of fisheries since this will ensure that only approved fishing gear is used. Given that some fishing gear can cause marine mammal injury and mortality, the Commission shares the view that only approved gear may be used.

We therefore support the information collection.

Best regards
Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2015, at 10:39 AM, Alan Risenhoover - NOAA Federal <alan.risenhoover@noaa.gov> wrote:

Rebecca ---

On March 6, 2015, NOAA Fisheries published the List of Gear by Fisheries and Fishery Management Councils (List), OMB Control Number 0648-0346 (80 FR 12154) seeking a 3-year extension of the information collection requirements in the current rule. Under new Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance, in addition to requesting comments via the Federal Register, we are also directly asking for comments from those impacted or affected by the requirements.

Section 305(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires publication of the List, and prohibits any person from employing fishing gear or engaging in a fishery that is not on the List unless they provide 90 days advance written notice to the appropriate regional fishery management council. These requirements mean that Councils have advance notice of fishing in their region outside of their FMPs, and have an opportunity to request the Secretary to take emergency action to prevent the activity.

Please provide any comments to OMB on the information collection requirements for the List per the attached Federal Register Notice. The comment period ends on May 5, 2015.

It would also help us to receive a copy of your comments, which can be e-mailed to Chris Wright at chris.wright@noaa.gov. If you have no comments, we'd appreciate an email stating "No comment."

If you have any questions or need more information, please let Chris ([301-427-8570](tel:301-427-8570)) or me know.

Thanks.

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