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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061101E]

Recovery and Implantation of Archival Tags

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument (s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, F/SF1, Room 13563, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone 301-713-2347, ext. 109).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) authorizes programs to implant archival tags in, or affix archival tags to, selected Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish). Archival tags are miniature data loggers that acquire information about the

movements and behavior of the fish. Persons catching tagged fish are exempted from other normally applicable regulations, such as immediate release of the fish, but must notify NOAA, return the archival tag or make it available to NOAA personnel, and provide information about the location and method of capture. The information obtained is used by NOAA in the formation of international and domestic fisheries policy and regulations.

Persons who affix or implant archival tags must obtain prior authorization from NOAA and submit subsequent reports about the tagging of fish. NOAA needs the information to evaluate the effectiveness of archival tag programs, to assess the likely impact of regulatory allowances for tag recovery, and to ensure that the research does not produce undue mortality.

II. Method of Collection

Catch notifications are provided to a toll-free telephone number. Tags and associated information are mailed in (a reward is given for tag recoveries). Notifications and reports of archival tagging efforts are provided in written form, meeting requirements set forth in regulations.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0338.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for reporting on an archival tag recovery, 30 minutes for notification of planned archival tagging activity, and one hour for reports of archival tagging activity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061101D]

Pacific Billfish Angler Survey

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 13, 2001.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument (s) and instructions should be directed to David Holts, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271 (phone 858-546-7186).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Southwest Fishery Science Center operates a billfish resource and assessment program. As part of this program, billfish anglers in the Pacific and Indian Oceans are asked to respond

to a voluntary annual post card survey to list the number of days spent fishing for billfish, where they fished, and what they caught. This information is used to help determine changes in areas of local abundance of Pacific billfish and is useful in the management of billfish resources.

II. Method of Collection

A paper form the size of a postcard is used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0020.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-10.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 125.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Intent To Distribute Digital Electronic Navigational Charts on the Internet

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is announcing its intention to distribute digital Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC) of U.S. waters on the Internet.

This notice announces that NOS intends to distribute digital ENC's of U.S. waters via the Internet beginning on or about July 16, 2001. NOS plans to post its ENC's and associated updates on the World Wide Web with the data accessible to all users.

The purpose of distributing ENC's in this manner is to promote maximum availability of these valuable data, which have primary application in navigation and in a broad range of Geographic Information System (GIS) activities. For users interested in navigational applications, the data will be posted at NOAA's Office of Coast Survey Web Site,

www.chartmaker.nos.noaa.gov.

Initially digital ENC's will be provided as prototype products. At the outset, the data will not be supported by regular updates. Therefore, these ENC's should not be used for navigation. Rather, during this initial period, the intent is for users to familiarize themselves with downloading procedures and for NOS to evaluate the products and to determine the level of support necessary to maintain the distribution service. Once NOS develops and implements an update process and assuming that no problems are identified during the initial phase and that such problems are resolved, NOS intends to make the ENC's available for use in navigation. The NOS ENC products are designed in compliance with the International Hydrographic Organization's S-57 ENC Product Specification.

Initially, ENC's will be available for the nation's 40 major ports. However, NOS plans to expand coverage as resources become available. The ENC data posted on the Web will not be encrypted, but may have some type of authentication built in, such as a digital watermark, so that end users can verify that data issued by NOS has not been corrupted.

NOS does not intend to limit access to or restrict use of ENC's available on the Internet. However, NOS does plan to develop specific procedures for users who wish to incorporate these ENC's in products designed to satisfy chart carriage requirements mandated by the International Safety Of Life At Sea Convention (SOLAS) and the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations. This means that

users planning to provide value added navigation products must establish a certifiable process by which NOS ENC data are incorporated in the products without compromise to the data quality or data lineage.

NOS intends to issue guidelines governing the certification process for derived navigational products. Among the guidelines under consideration are: (1) The operation of a quality assurance system that is in essential compliance with a recognized quality standard, such as ISO 9000 series or equivalent and (2) the certification by a United States Coast Guard-approved quality standards organization that results in products being consistently manufactured to the same specification.

Once NOS makes its ENC's available on the Web, it anticipates that industry will develop services in support of derived products. For example, a portfolio management service or an ENC distributor may provide NOS ENC's "as-is" and "push" the appropriate updates to a segment of users who choose not to download the data directly. Likewise, a system manufacturer may bundle or resell the ENC's by converting the data to a proprietary "System ENC" (SENC) before distributing it to customers. In the latter case, the SENC product and supporting updates must be based on a certifiable process by which there is no compromise to NOS-provided data. Further, since ENC's will be provided in the open, non-proprietary S-57 format, NOS anticipates that most users will be well versed in the format and its feature attribution. With this in mind, it is expected that S-57 technical support will be provided by expertise available in the private sector.

The coastal management community, a major NOAA constituency, will also benefit from this distribution policy in that ENC data will be widely available for use as base map information in a variety of GIS applications. Coastal managers, emergency planners, and others will have easy access to ENC data. To assist these users, NOAA will investigate means to convert the data to a format that is more suitable for GIS applications and to post it in a manner similar to the navigational data. However, the level of specialized technical support by NOS is expected to be limited.

NOS intends to conduct several workshops in order to familiarize the public with the distribution policy, to entertain comments from interested parties on its implementation, to consider complaints with the distribution of prototype products and to answer questions pertaining to the use of ENC's for production of derived