

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).
 Title: Northwest Region Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0352.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,782.

Number of Respondents: 548.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The regulations implementing the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan at 50 CFR 660.382 and 660.383 specify that vessels participating in this fishery are required to mark their fixed gear with an identifying number. This number is used by NOAA, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other agencies for fishery enforcement activities.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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

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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.

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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: Northwest Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0355.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,270.

Number of Respondents: 1,693.

Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Federally-permitted vessels in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery are required to identify their vessels by displaying their official number. The number is used by NOAA, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other agencies for fishery enforcement activities.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

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Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Foreign Fishing Vessel and Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0356.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 6.

Number of Respondents: 8.

Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes for vessel identification and a one-hour placeholder for gear marking.

Needs and Uses: Under provisions of Section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, foreign fishing vessels may be authorized to conduct fishing activities in United States waters. The authorized vessels are required to display vessel identification and to mark any fishing gear not physically and continuously attached to the vessel. This requirement allows enforcement personnel to monitor fishing, at-sea processing, and other related activities to ascertain whether a vessel's observed activities are in accordance with those authorized for that vessel.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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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: Southeast Region Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0359.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,806.

Number of Respondents: 961.

Average Hours per Response: Traps, 7 minutes; coral rocks, 10 seconds; Spanish mackerel gillnet floats, 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The participants in certain federally-regulated fisheries in the Southeast Region must mark their fishing gear with the vessel's official identification number or permit number (depending on the fishery) and color code. Harvesters of aquaculture live rock must mark or tag the material deposited. The marking may include the use of geologically distinguishable materials. These requirements aid fishery enforcement activities and gear identification of lost or damaged gear and related civil proceedings.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; 2008 Company Organization Survey

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Cynthia M. Wrenn-Yorker, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8K319, Washington, DC 20233-6100; telephone (301) 763-1383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Census Bureau conducts the annual Company Organization Survey (COS) to update and maintain a central, multipurpose Business Register (BR). In particular, the COS supplies critical information on the composition, organizational structure, and operating characteristics of multi-location companies.

The BR Serves Two Fundamental Purposes

—First and most importantly, it provides sampling populations and enumeration lists for the Census Bureau's economic surveys and censuses, and it serves as an integral part of the statistical foundation underlying those programs. Essential for this purpose is the BR's ability to identify all known United States business establishments and their parent companies. Further, the BR must accurately record basic business attributes needed to control sampling and enumeration. These attributes include industrial and geographic classifications, and name and address information.

—Second, it provides establishment data that serve as the basis for the annual County Business Patterns (CBP) statistical series. The CBP reports present data on number of establishments, first quarter payroll, annual payroll, and mid-March employment summarized by industry and employment size class for the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, counties, and county-equivalents. No other annual or more frequent series of industry statistics provides comparable detail, particularly for small geographic areas.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will conduct the 2008 COS in a similar manner as the 2006 COS. (In 2007 the COS was conducted in conjunction with the 2007 Economic Census to minimize response burden). These collections will direct inquiries to approximately 43,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate over 1.2 million establishments. This panel will be drawn from the BR universe of nearly 200,000 multi-establishment companies, which operate 1.6 million establishments. Additionally, the panel will include approximately 5,000 large single-establishment companies that may have added locations during the year.

The mailing list for the 2008 COS will include a certainty component, consisting of all multi-establishment companies with 250 or more employees, and those multi-establishment companies with administrative record values that indicate organizational changes. A non-certainty component will be drawn from the remaining multi-establishment companies based on employment size. The mailing list also will include entities that are most likely to have added establishments at other locations.

The primary collection medium for the COS is a paper questionnaire; however, many enterprises will submit automated/electronic COS reports. For 2008, electronic reporting will be available to all COS respondents. Companies will receive and return responses by secure Internet transmission. Companies that cannot use the Internet will receive a CD-ROM containing their electronic data. All respondents will be allowed to mail the data via diskette or CD-ROM or submit their response data via the Internet. COS data is identical for all of the reporting modes.

The instrument will include inquiries on ownership or control by domestic or foreign parents, ownership of foreign affiliates, and leased employment. Further, the instrument will list an inventory of establishments belonging to the company and its subsidiaries, and request updates to these inventories, including additions, deletions, and changes to information on Employer Identification Number, name and address, and industrial classification, end-of-year operating status, mid-March employment, first quarter payroll, and annual payroll.

Additionally, the Census Bureau will ask certain questions in the 2008 COS in order to enhance content. We will include questions on leased employees working in the company, questions on