

Justification for Change in Costs for 0648-0544:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) newly centralized Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) is now requiring all new Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) for US commercial vessels to be of a type which costs \$3500. Therefore, for this collection, the individual cost of a unit will increase by \$600 from the maximum previously estimated, \$2900. For the 1121 vessels required to purchase a VMS, annualized cost will increase by \$200 each.

NOTE: NMFS has now developed a reimbursement program for the units that will pay each fishermen approximately \$3100 for the units, so based on how many respondents can obtain these reimbursements, at some point we will submit another request to decrease the costs).

A second change to this collection is that all documents related to the VMS program will be made available in Vietnamese and Spanish.