

Justification for Change
National Saltwater Angler Registry and State Exemption Program
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The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Angler Registry Database Work Group (ARDWG) has been charged with the task of developing the requirements and design for the National Saltwater Angler Registry (NSAR) database and associated interfaces, including the national registration interface to allow anglers to register in the NSAR.

It was initially determined that e-mail addresses should not be required for registration since there may be anglers who wish to register but do not have access to a computer. Anglers who wish to register but do not have access to a computer will be able to call a toll free phone number to register via telephone without the need for a computer or access to the Internet. As the e-mail address was not identified as a required field, it was not identified as a necessary field and was not included in the original PRA submission.

However, it has since been decided that although e-mail addresses should not be required, it would nonetheless be useful to allow registrants the option of entering an e-mail address to be used both to send e-mail confirmation of registration and also for e-mail communications associated with forgotten registration number and forgotten password functionality to be implemented as part of the national registration interface.

The e-mail address would be included as an optional field (i.e. not required) with a note indicating that the registrant may enter an e-mail address if s/he would like to receive e-mail confirmation of registration and/or would like to take advantage of the automated “forgotten registration number” or “forgotten password” functionality. The registrant may alternatively refrain from entering an e-mail address and call a toll free phone number to retrieve a forgotten registration number or password.

E-mail addresses collected would also be useful for data reconciliation/duplicate checking functionality to be implemented in the NSAR system.

There would be no burden increase expected from this change.

A revised form is not attached, as the form itself is still in development as part of the National Saltwater Angler Registry System.