

SURVEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE ALASKA AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) REPORTS COLLECTION? OMB Control No. 0648-0401

November, 2014

When renewing an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information collection, NMFS Alaska Region is required to ask for comments from non-agency stakeholders and participants in each collection of information -- with the goal of minimizing burden. The collection is described at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/notice/79fr35150.pdf>

OMB requires NMFS to ask participants for comments on:

- ◆ Availability of data
- ◆ Frequency of collection
- ◆ Clarity of instructions and record keeping
- ◆ Disclosure
- ◆ Reporting format
- ◆ Data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported, and
- ◆ Accuracy of estimated burden.

As a participant in the Alaska AFA Reports Collection identified as OMB Control Number 0648-0401, please take a moment to answer the following questions. The comments you provide will help NMFS improve this collection of information. Please e-mail your responses to me at patsy.bearden@noaa.gov by November 24, 2014.

Thank you in advance. If you have questions or need additional information, please call me at 907-586-7008.

Respectfully,

Patsy A. Bearden
Sustainable Fisheries Division
NMFS Alaska Region

Respond to questions with **YES** or **NO** answers and **NO COMMENT** with an "X" in the appropriate column. Please explain your comment on each item in the space provided. If you do not use an item, check **NOT APPLICABLE, N/A**.

OMB 0648-0401 – Expiration Date 12/31/2014		Check if N/A []		
Application for Chinook Salmon Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) and List of IPA Participants	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for?				
3. We estimate it takes 40 hours for your office personnel to complete this agreement and application. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the agreement and application are \$150/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the agreement and application?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$13 to submit by mail or fax and \$1 to copy the application and agreement. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection? not required to be resubmitted annually and is only required to be resubmitted to NMFS if components of the IPA covered by NMFS regulations are amended.				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the application clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this application has practical utility?				
12. Do you have suggested ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?				
13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?				
14. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA Program.				

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Chinook IPA Annual Report	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand ?				
3. We estimate it takes 8 hours for your office personnel to complete this report. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the report are \$75/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the report?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$13 to submit the report by fax or mail \$1 to copy the report. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the report clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is narrative form rather than completion of a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this report has practical utility?				
12. Do you have suggested ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?				
13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?				
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Non-Chinook Salmon Inter-cooperative Agreement (ICA)	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for?				
3. We estimate it takes 40 hours for your office personnel to complete this agreement. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the agreement are \$150/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the agreement?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$1.35 to submit the agreement by mail, 50 cents to copy the report, and \$450 for third-party audit. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection? not required to be resubmitted annually and is only required to be resubmitted to NMFS if components of the ICA covered by NMFS regulations are amended.				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the agreement clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is narrative form rather than completion of a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this agreement has practical utility?				
12. Do you have suggested ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?				
13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this agreement?				
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Non-Chinook ICA Annual Report	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand ?				
3. We estimate it takes 8 hours for your office personnel to complete this report. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the report are \$75/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the report?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$1.35 to submit the report by mail and 50 cents to copy the report. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the report clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is narrative form rather than completion of a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this report has practical utility?				
12. Do you have suggested ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?				
13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?				
14. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA Program.				

Annual Cooperative Report	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand ?				
3. We estimate it takes 8 hours for your office personnel to complete this report. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the report are \$75/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the report?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$1.35 to submit the report by mail, \$6 by fax, and 50 cents to copy the report. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the report clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is narrative form rather than completion of a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this report has practical utility?				
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Annual Catcher Vessel Cooperative Pollock Catch Report	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
1. Is the data requested easily available?				
2. Is this process easy to understand ?				
3. We estimate it takes 8 hours for your office personnel to complete this report. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the report are \$75/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the report?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$1.35 to submit the report by mail, \$6 by fax, and 50 cents to copy the report. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the report clear?				
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Catcher Vessel Intercooperative Agreement	YES	NO	COMMENTS	No Comment
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2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for?				
3. We estimate it takes 40 hours for your office personnel to complete this application. Is this time accurate and reasonable?				
4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the application are \$150/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable?				
5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the application?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$0.90 to submit the agreement online and 50 cents to copy the agreement. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
8. Are the instructions for completion of the agreement clear?				
9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is narrative form rather than completion of a form?				
10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary?				
11. Do you believe that this agreement has practical utility?				
12. Do you have suggested ways to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?				
13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this agreement?				
14. Do you agree with adding voluntary data to data required by regulations in the same agreement?				
15. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA Program.				

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5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the report?				
6. We estimate that it costs \$0.05 to submit the report online and 50 cents to copy the report. Do you agree?				
7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is annual?				
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15. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA Program.				