

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
WEST COAST REGION
ELECTRONIC FISH TICKET PROGRAM**

OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0738

INTRODUCTION

This is a change request to merge the Electronic Fish Ticket information from OMB Control Number 0648-0619 with the information collection known as the West Coast Region Groundfish Electronic Fish Ticket Program (OMB Control Number 0648-0738). This will allow all electronic fish ticket collections to be under one information collection.

Electronic fish tickets are submissions of landings data from the first receiver to NMFS. Electronic fish tickets are required in all of the shorebased commercial groundfish fisheries, including the shorebased Individual Fishing Quota program, the limited entry fixed gear fishery, and the open access fixed gear fishery.

Table A and Table B summarize the information that will now be collected in OMB Control Number 0648-0738 instead of OMB Control Number 0648-0619. There is no change to burden in what is being transferred. However, the email cost of 5.36 per response has been eliminated to match the \$0 email transmission cost in OMB Control No. 0648-0738. See below and next page for revised totals.

Table A. Total Annual Burden Hours, Labor, and Related Costs

	Number of respondents	Frequency of annual responses per entity	Total annual responses	Estimated hours per response	Total annual burden hours	Total labor cost (\$25/hr)
Electronic fish tickets/ First receivers submissions	45	Variable	2400	10 min.	400 hrs	\$10,000
Electronic fish tickets/ First receivers Pacific whiting disposition recordkeeping	9 of 45	26	234	1 min.	4 hrs	\$100
TOTALS			2634		404 hrs.	\$10,100

Table B. Total Annual Miscellaneous Costs

	Total Annual Responses	Misc. costs per response	Total Misc. costs for all respondents
Electronic fish tickets and whiting disposition recordkeeping Sent via email	2,634	\$0	\$0

This change adds 45 first receivers to the current 100 respondents, now totaling 145. Adding 2,634 responses to the current 4,850 responses will change the total to 7,484. Adding 404 hours to the current 666, will change the total to 1,070.

\$14,100 was eliminated to match efishticket costs of \$0 in OMB Control No. 0648-0738.