

easily create complete, standards-based descriptive information about geospatial data. The following tools, in use or planned for use by NOAA Program offices, are authorized to collect geospatial metadata consistent with Executive Order 12906, NOAA Administrative Order 212–15, and the 2013 Office of Science and Technology Policy Memorandum ‘Public Access to Research Results’. Geospatial metadata collected by the listed tools are voluntary, but the ability for data documented by relevant geospatial metadata is significantly degraded if metadata are incomplete, inaccurate or otherwise less than the information collection tool supports.

- *National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service:*

- Send2NCEI web application (currently approved as OMB Control Number: 0648–0024).

- *National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service:*

- Advanced Tracking and Resource tool for Archive Collections (ATRAC) web application (new).

- *National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service:*

- Collection Metadata Editing Tool (CoMET) web application (new).

- *National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS):* InPort metadata authoring tool (new).

- *Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR):* Science Data Information System (SDIS) metadata and data submission tool (new).

Collecting geospatial metadata is necessary to fully understand, use, and reuse geospatial data, geospatial metadata because metadata provides contextual information about data formats, bounding areas, use and access limitations (if any). Geospatial metadata from this information collection also supports multiple search and discovery catalog services, such as *data.gov*, NASA Global Change Master Directory (GCMD), and many others.

Information will be collected from data producers (primarily university, private industry, and government-funded scientific researchers) in multiple fields of geosciences, biological and atmospheric sciences, and socio-economic sciences. Geospatial metadata typically includes descriptive information about specific observed, calculated, or modelled data (*e.g.*, title, abstract, purpose statement, descriptive discovery keywords), characteristics of the described data (*e.g.*, date and spatial range of data collection activities, data processing steps, collected/measured variables and units of measure for those variables) and administrative information (*e.g.*, who collected or

created data and metadata, how to cite data when used in scientific analyses). Information collected by the listed tools is used to inform the appropriate use of data described by related geospatial metadata.

The existing OMB control number is being revised to include additional information collection instruments that collect similar kinds of geospatial metadata as Send2NCEI, but that have different community-based practices or standards that provide for more or less details in the metadata requested. Additionally, the title of this collection of information is being revised from National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) Send2NCEI Web Application to NOAA Geospatial Metadata to more accurately reflect the revised collection of information.

## II. Method of Collection

All of the listed information collection instruments use a series of guided web page (html) forms to collect specific elements of geospatial metadata (*e.g.*, start/end date of data observations, descriptive discovery keywords, file format types and file-naming conventions).

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0024.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular. [Revision and extension of a current information collection.]

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government; Research universities.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

665 respondents per year,  
Send2NCEI—300 respondents/year,  
ATRAC—100 respondents/year,  
CoMET—50 respondents/year,  
InPort—15 respondents/year,  
SDIS—200 respondents/year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1.95 hours,

Send2NCEI—.75 hours/response,  
ATRAC—4 hours/response,  
CoMET—3 hours/response,  
InPort—1 hour/response,  
SDIS—1 hour/response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 990 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary. NMFS and OAR internal policies related to availability of future funding options may apply to users of InPort and SDIS tools, respectively.

*Legal Authority:* Executive Order 12906, NOAA Administrative Order

212–15, 2013 Office of Science and Technology Policy Memorandum ‘Public Access to Research Results’, NOAA Response to OSTP Memorandum ‘Public Access to Research Results’.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 3D Nation Elevation Data Requirements and Benefits Study

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 30, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0762 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Ashley Chappell, NOAA Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping Coordinator, 1315 East West Hwy., SSMC3, Rm 6813, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 240–429–0293, or [ashley.chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:ashley.chappell@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

NOAA, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and partner mapping agencies are working to improve the technology systems, data, and services that provide information about 3D data and related applications within the United States. By continuing to learn about business uses and associated benefits that would be realized from improved 3D data, the agencies can more effectively prioritize and direct investments that will best serve user needs. The 3D Nation Elevation Data Requirements and Benefits Study [3D Nation Study] is part of the continuing effort to develop and refine future program alternatives that would provide enhanced 3D data to meet many Federal, State, and other national business needs.

In 2017, NOAA and the USGS initiated a 3D Nation Study follow-on to the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment (NEEA) white paper finalized in 2012 (NEEA overview can be found at <https://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2012/3088/>). The 3D Nation Study incorporates coastal and ocean

requirements for elevation data together with terrestrial elevation data needs. The primary tool to gather information is a questionnaire covering a wide range of business uses that depend on 3D data to inform policy, regulation, scientific research, and management decisions. For purposes of the study, 3D data refers to topographic elevation data (precise three-dimensional measurements of the terrestrial terrain) and bathymetric elevation data (three-dimensional surface of the underwater terrain). The 3D Nation Study seeks to understand needs for 3D elevation data in terms of mission critical activities, geographic extents of data needs, accuracy requirements, frequency needed, and anticipated benefits of having the required data. The study also aims to describe 3D elevation data needs in relation to other data types such as the shoreline; characteristics of tides, currents, and waves; and the physical and chemical properties of the water itself.

Because 3D data are collected and used to meet a wide range of mission critical needs, the 3D Nation Study seeks input from managers and data users from a variety of government entities (*e.g.*, Federal, State, local, Tribal) as well as not for profit, academic, and private/commercial entities. The findings will update a baseline of national business needs and associated benefits for 3D data and associated technologies. This baseline enhances the responsiveness of NOAA, USGS, and partner agency programs to stakeholder needs. It is intended to inform the design of directed future programs that balance requirements, benefits, and costs at a national scale. Collected responses are aggregated at the agency, organization, state and national levels. Responses associated with individuals are not distributed. The information collection is conducted using a standardized template. Responses are one-time and voluntary. In-person interviews to clarify questionnaire results may also be arranged. The current version of the study questionnaire is available at the 3D Nation Study information site (<https://my.usgs.gov/confluence/display/3DNationStudy/Questionnaire>).

**II. Method of Collection**

Emails are sent to a comprehensive list of stakeholders, with requests to forward to any other interested participants. The emails include a link to the online survey, which can also be provided upon request by paper or other means. In-person interviews may follow to resolve questions, clarify answers and add more detail to responses. Responses

may be summarized at the organization level and verified by respondents willing for their input to be included in final reports and appendices.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0762.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Federal government, State, local or tribal governments; not-for-profit institutions, academia, business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1200.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting activities.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Coast and Geodetic Survey Act of 1947 (33 U.S.C. 883a *et seq.*).

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA828]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its River Herring and Shad (RH/S) Advisory Panel (AP) via webinar.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via online webinar, with connection information available via the Council's website at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is gather AP input on several RH/S white papers being developed by Council staff. Briefing materials will be posted to the Council's website at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Collins, (302) 526-5253, at least 5 days prior to any meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 25, 2021.

**Key Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Applications and Reporting Requirements for Incidental Taking of Marine Mammals by Specified Activities Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 30, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0151 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dwayne Meadows, Ph.D., National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources F/PR1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 427-8647, [Dwayne.Meadows@noaa.gov](mailto:Dwayne.Meadows@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) prohibits the "take" of marine mammals unless otherwise authorized or exempted by law. Among the provisions that allow for lawful take of marine mammals, sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing), within a specified geographical region if, after notice and opportunity for public comment, we find that the taking will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). NMFS also must set forth the permissible methods of taking; other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species or stock and its habitat (mitigation); and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. NMFS Office of Protected Resources leads the process for the agency.

Issuance of an incidental take authorization (Authorization) under section 101(a)(5)(A) or 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA requires three sets of information collection: (1) A complete application for an Authorization, as set forth in our implementing regulations at 50 CFR 216.104, which provides the information necessary for us to make the necessary statutory determinations, including estimates of take and an assessment of impacts on the affected species and stocks; (2) information relating to required monitoring; and (3) information related to required reporting. These collections of information enable us to: (1) Evaluate the proposed activity's impact on marine mammals; (2) arrive at the appropriate determinations required by the MMPA and other applicable laws prior to issuing the authorization; and (3) monitor impacts of activities for which we have issued Authorizations to determine if our predictions regarding impacts on marine mammals remain valid.

We do not propose any changes to the information collection beyond expecting an increased number of respondents and responses due to increases in the number of requests for incidental take authorizations.