

**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; West Coast Region Vessel Identification Requirements**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2021, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* West Coast Region Vessel Identification Requirements.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0355.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 1,007.

*Average Hours per Response:* 45 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 151.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The success of fisheries management programs depends significantly on regulatory compliance. The vessel identification requirement is essential to facilitate enforcement. The ability to link fishing (or other activity) to the vessel owner or operator is crucial to enforcement of regulations issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. A vessel's official number is required to be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weather deck. It identifies each vessel and should be visible at distances at sea and in the air. Law enforcement personnel rely on vessel marking information to assure compliance with fisheries management regulations. Vessels that qualify for particular fisheries are also readily identified, and this allows for more cost-effective

enforcement. Cooperating fishermen also use the vessel numbers to report suspicious or non-compliant activities that they observe in unauthorized areas. The identifying number on fishing vessels is used by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and other marine agencies in issuing regulations, prosecutions, and other enforcement actions necessary to support sustainable fisheries behaviors as intended in regulations. Regulation-compliant fishermen ultimately benefit from these requirements, as unauthorized and illegal fishing is deterred, and more burdensome regulations are avoided.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* SFD staff consulted with various groundfish vessel captains participating in various groundfish pot, longline, midwater trawl, bottom trawl fisheries, and determined that gear and vessel markings have a five-year life span.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* 50 CFR 660.12.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0355.

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**ACTION:** Request for comments on draft revised management plan.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is soliciting comments from the public regarding a proposed revision of the management plan for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. A management plan: Provides a framework for the direction and timing of a reserve's programs; allows reserve managers to assess a reserve's success in meeting its goals and to identify any necessary changes in direction; and is used to guide programmatic evaluations of the reserve. Plan revisions are required of each reserve in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System at least every five years. This revised plan is intended to replace the plan approved in 2012.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before June 28, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft revised management plan can be downloaded or viewed at <https://accs.uaa.alaska.edu/kachemak-bay-nerr-draft-management-plan>. The document is also available by sending a written request to the point of contact identified below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**).

You may submit comments by:

*Electronic Submission:* Submit all electronic public comments by email to [Bree.Turner@noaa.gov](mailto:Bree.Turner@noaa.gov). Include "Comments on draft Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan" in the subject line of the message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bree Turner of NOAA's Office for Coastal Management, by email at [Bree.Turner@noaa.gov](mailto:Bree.Turner@noaa.gov) or phone at (206) 526–4641.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise the management plan for the research reserve at least every five years. If approved by NOAA, the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve's revised plan will replace the plan previously approved in 2012.

The draft revised management plan outlines the reserve's: Strategic goals and objectives; administrative structure; programs for conducting research and monitoring, education, and training; resource protection plan; public access and visitor use plans; consideration for future land acquisition; and facility development to support reserve operations. In particular, this draft revised management plan focuses on changes to the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve's management issues and goals, which are now: Understanding environmental

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Draft Revised Management Plan for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.