

NOTICES

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Act (P.L. 105-242), the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (P.L. 96-118) and the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-297).

Purposes: The contact information requested is to assist in the description and location of the individual's tagging of horseshoe crab. The capture location and tag information will help to provide data on distribution, movement, longevity and mortality of horseshoe crabs and will help track their management strategy.

Routine Uses: The contact information requested may be used by Fishery Managers and FWS biologists to determine location of capture. More information about the routine uses may be found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-21 Permits System.

Disclosure: The contact information requested is voluntary.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to collect vital information used by fishery managers about the migration patterns, distribution, and abundance of horseshoe crabs along the Atlantic coast and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. Your response is voluntary. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0127.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden to complete FWS Form 3-2311, "Horseshoe Crab Tagging Report" varies depending on the number of tags applied by an agency in 1 year. Agencies tag between 25 and 9,000 horseshoe crabs annually, taking between 2 to 5 minutes per crab. We estimate that it will take you between 1 to 750 hours to complete the form, depending on the number of crabs tagged, with an overall average of 95 hours. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your completed form to this address.