

JUSTIFICATION FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Resident Perceptions of Offshore Wind Energy Development off the Oregon Coast
OMB Control No. 0648-0744

NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) is proposing a non-substantive change to information collection request 0648-0744. These changes are based on results from the recently completed pre-test of the information collection and are summarized below.

Question 9 asks respondents to select the fuel sources they would prefer to produce electricity. We propose reformatting this from "select all that apply" to "select yes or no" for each item to improve data quality. Further, we propose revising two items to improve clarity to respondents: "Hydro (dams)" to "Hydropower (dams)" and "Biomass (wood/wood waste)" to "Biomass (organic plant and animal materials)." Finally, we propose removing the response options "Other" and "No preference" and replacing them with "Marine hydropower (wave, tidal, current)" and "Geothermal." These items are based on comments received from the pre-test and will improve data quality.

Questions 13 and 14 ask respondents to indicate if they have participated in a suite of activities. We propose simplifying the item "Attend/ed a demonstration sponsored by an advocacy group" to "Attend/ed a demonstration" to reduce respondent burden.

Question 32 asks respondents to indicate if they or anyone in their household is currently employed in a selection of industries. We propose simplifying "Generation, transmission, or distribution of renewable electric power (such as wind, solar, or hydroelectric)" to "Generation, transmission, or distribution of renewable energy" and "Generation, transmission, or distribution of non-renewable electric power (such as coal)" to "Extraction, transmission, or distribution of non-renewable energy" to reduce respondent burden. Additionally, we propose replacing "Distribution of natural gas" with "Port management or operations" to improve data quality.

The proposed change request would not affect the number of entities affected or the time or cost burden associated with the information collection.