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**Virtual Admittance Instructions:** The meeting will be broadcast virtually via web conference. Registration is required to view the web conference. Instructions to register will be made available on NAIAC Meeting Information website. Registration will remain open until the conclusion of the meeting.

**In-Person Admittance Instruction:** Limited space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for anyone who wishes to attend in person. Registration is required for in-person attendance. Registration details will be posted at NAIAC Meeting Information website. Registration for in-person attendance will close at 5 p.m. eastern time on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

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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; Assessing Public Preferences and Values To Support Coastal and Marine Management

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 August 25, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

**Title:** Assessing Public Preferences and Values to Support Coastal and Marine Management.

**OMB Control Number:** 0648-XXXX.

**Form Number(s):** None.

**Type of Request:** New information collection.

**Number of Respondents:** Focus groups: 96; Surveys: 6,282.

**Average Hours per Response:** Focus groups: 1 hour; Surveys: 12 minutes.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 3,528.48.

**Needs and Uses:** This request is for a new information collection, which will include focus groups and pre-test to help guide revisions necessary to the survey instrument, to directly support decision-makers with the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The proposed data collection involves surveying randomly selected residents (aged 18 years and older) from households in counties surrounding the NERRs. The purpose of this information collection is to obtain data on the opinions, values, attitudes, and behaviors of visitors to NOS-special places, as well as residents from surrounding areas. The initial surveys will be conducted for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia (CBNERR-VA), Weeks Bay NERR (WBNER), and Grand Bay NERR (GNDNER), and the survey will be repeated regularly in other NERRs based on information needs and budget.

The NERRS is a Federal-State partnership program for the stewardship, education, and research of unique estuarine sites. This data collection supports the NERRS’ vision of establishing healthy estuaries and coastal watersheds where human and ecological communities thrive. The NERRS has identified five priority research areas, including a focus on social science and economic processes within each NERR site. However, limited data exist characterizing stakeholder activities, attitudes, knowledge, and preferences, including their spatial aspects. Gathering such data is essential for effective management of stakeholder groups, regulatory proposals, and resource management decisions.

Designated in 1986, WBNER is located along the eastern shore of Mobile Bay in Baldwin County, Alabama. CBNERR-VA, designated in 1991, comprises four reserve sites within the York River in the southern Chesapeake Bay subregion. Finally, GNDNER was established in 1999 and is located in the Grand Bay Savannah

Complex along the Mississippi-Alabama state line in Jackson County, Mississippi. All three NERRS prioritize public access and responsible use to protect ecosystems, identifying public sites, minimizing conflicts, and evaluating visitor use. Therefore, information is needed on who uses these NERR sites, their motivations, management preferences, and why some do not visit. This data supports conservation and management goals, strengthens decision-making, increases capacity, and extends education and outreach. It is also required by NOAA to meet objectives related to ocean and coastal planning and management. The data benefits state and local officials as well.

NOAA’s mission is to provide science, service and stewardship for, among other activities, management of the nation’s oceans and coasts. NOAA supports “comprehensive ocean and coastal planning and management” in order to facilitate use of oceans and coasts, while also ensuring “continued access to coastal areas, sustained ecosystems, maintained cultural heritage, and limited cumulative impacts.” NOAA is subject to and supports mandates of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) (16 U.S.C. 1452 (303)(2)(D)), which encourages the wise use of coastal resources, including energy activity. The CZMA also encourages the inclusion and participation of the public in carrying out the tenets of the act (16 U.S.C. 1452 (303)(4)). The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1502.6) mandates federal agencies to use social science data to assess the impacts of federal actions on the human environment. Consequently, up-to-date sociological data is needed to support federal agency obligations under each of these acts.

Finally, NOAA is responding to Executive Orders 13707 and 13985. Executive Order 13707, Using Behavioral Science Insights to Better Serve the American People, requests federal agencies to, among other actions: “identify policies, programs, and operations where applying behavioral science insights may yield substantial improvements in public welfare, program outcomes, and program cost effectiveness” and “develop strategies for applying behavioral science insights to programs and, where possible, rigorously test and evaluate the impact of these insights.” Executive Order 13985, On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, requires the federal government to allocate resources “in a manner that

increases investment in underserved communities, as well as individuals from those communities.”

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* This is a one-time information collection for this region, although the collection may be deployed to other regions in the future.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) (16 U.S.C. 1452 (303)(2)(D)), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1502.6).

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.

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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; Transshipment Requirements Under the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

**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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before April 2, 2024.

**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 0648-0649 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 Emily Reynolds, Fishery Policy Analyst, NOAA Fisheries, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. #176, Honolulu, HI 96818, (808)-725-5039, [emily.reynolds@noaa.gov](mailto:emily.reynolds@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has issued regulations under authority of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*) to carry out the obligations of the United States under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention), including implementing the decisions of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC or Commission). The regulations include requirements for the owners and operators of U.S. vessels to: (1) complete and submit a Pacific Transshipment Declaration form for each transshipment that takes place in the area of application of the Convention (Convention Area) of highly migratory species caught in the Convention Area, (2) submit notice to the WCPFC Executive Director containing specific information at least 36 hours prior to each transshipment on the high seas in the Convention Area, (3) in the event that a vessel anticipates a transshipment where an observer is required, provide notice to NMFS at least 72 hours before leaving port of the need for an observer, (4) complete and submit a U.S. Purse Seine Discard form within 48 hours after any discard, (5)

submit daily purse seine fishing effort reports; (6) submit a notice to a contact designated by NMFS in the event of a serious illness, assault, harassment, intimidation or threat to a WCPFC observer; and (7) submit notice to obtain a WCPFC observer for a purse seine vessel departing from American Samoa.

The information collected from these requirements is used by NOAA and the Commission to help ensure compliance with domestic laws and the Commission's conservation and management measures, and are necessary in order for the United States to satisfy its obligations under the Convention. There are no changes to this collection.

#### II. Method of Collection

Respondents must submit some of the information by mail or in person via paper forms and must submit other information electronically by fax or email.

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0649.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 203.

*Estimated Time per Response:*

Transshipment Report: 60 minutes; Notice for Transshipment: 15 minutes; Pre-trip Notification for Observer Placement: 1 minute; Purse Seine Discard Report: 30 minutes; Purse Seine Fishing Activity Information: 10 minutes; Observer Safety Notification: 5 minutes; Pre-trip Notification for Purse Seine Vessels requesting a WCPFC observer: 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 959.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$5,494.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 *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,