

Public Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number 0648-0544. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0544 pursuant to rule 0648-BM98. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 3 minutes of burden time per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are mandatory/required to obtain benefits pursuant to regulations at 50 CFR 622.28(d). The National Marine Fisheries Service is modifying the process for submitting the power-down exemption request by allowing for the information to be collected through the use of an online form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office at: 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator, Dr. John C. McGovern, John.McGovern@noaa.gov.