

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. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0605. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting for the DAS Leasing Request Form information collection, the DAS Transfer Program information collection, DAS Downgrade information collection, and Transfer of Annual Catch Entitlements information collection, are estimated to be approximately 0.08 hours 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. Public reporting for the Electronic Monitoring Program Requirements information collection is estimated to be approximately 0.5 hours 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. Responses to the Electronic Monitoring (EM) Equipment Reimbursement Request Form are voluntary to obtain benefits. All other responses to these information collections are required to obtain benefits pursuant to 50 CFR 648. These forms are necessary to carry out the requirements of the groundfish fishery as specified by the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). 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 Greater Atlantic Regional Office at: 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester Massachusetts 01930, Attn: Heather Nelson, heather.nelson@noaa.gov.