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<h2 class="western">General Comment</h2>
I support the continuation of the proposed information collection
because high-quality environmental data are essential for effective
resource management and evidence-based policymaking. Scientific
research consistently demonstrates that long-term datasets improve
the accuracy of ecological models, particularly in marine and coastal

systems where variability is high. For example, monitoring efforts related to fisheries, habitat conditions, and environmental stressors allow agencies to detect trends such as population declines, habitat degradation, and the impacts of climate change. Without consistent and standardized data collection, management decisions risk being based on incomplete or outdated information, which can lead to overexploitation or ineffective conservation strategies.
However,
I recommend that the agency strengthen this information collection by incorporating modern scientific tools and approaches. Specifically, integrating remote sensing technologies, geographic information systems (GIS), and automated monitoring systems could significantly improve both the spatial and temporal resolution of the data. Additionally, incorporating citizen science programs and stakeholder-reported data—when validated—can expand data coverage while maintaining cost efficiency. Studies in environmental science show that combining traditional monitoring with emerging technologies increases data reliability and enhances predictive modeling capabilities.
Furthermore, it is important that the agency
ensures transparency and accessibility of the collected data. Open-access data sharing supports scientific collaboration and allows independent researchers to validate findings, which strengthens the overall credibility of the program. Improved data accessibility also benefits local communities and industries, such as fisheries, by providing them with the information needed to make sustainable decisions.
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