

*Form Number(s)*: NA.

*Type of Request*: Regular (request for extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents*: 2.

*Average Hours per Response*:

Combined Notification and Arbitration Organization Report, 3 hours (all other reports are done by contractors).

*Burden Hours*: 6.

*Needs and Uses*: This request is for extension of a currently approved collection.

The Crab Rationalization Program allocates Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) crab resources among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities through a limited access system that balances the interests of these groups who depend on these fisheries. Program components include quota share allocation, processor quota share allocation, individual fishing quota and individual processing quota issuance, quota transfers, use caps, crab harvesting cooperatives, protections for Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries, arbitration system, monitoring, economic data collection, and cost recovery fee collection.

The Crab Rationalization Program Arbitration System is established by the contracts required pursuant to 50CFR 680.20, including the process by which the Market Report and Non-Binding Price Formula are produced, as well as the negotiation approaches and the Binding Arbitration process.

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

*Frequency*: Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation*: Mandatory.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the

following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency*: Economic Development Administration (EDA).

*Title*: Data Collection for Compliance with Government Performance and Results Act.

*OMB Control Number*: 0610-0098.

*Form Number(s)*: ED-915, ED-916, ED-917, and ED-918.

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

*Burden Hours*: 11,131.

*Number of Respondents*: 1,530.

*Average Hours per Response*: 7 hours and 16 minutes.

*Needs and Uses*: EDA must comply with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 which requires Federal agencies to develop performance measures, and report to Congress and stakeholders the results of the agency's performance. EDA needs to collect specific data from grant recipients to report on its performance in meeting its stated goals and objectives.

*Affected Public*: State or local governments; Economic Development Districts; federally-recognized tribal governments; institutions of higher education; and non-profit institutions.

*Frequency*: Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation*: Mandatory.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency*: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title*: Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Scientific Research Permits, Exempted Fishing Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment, Display Permits, and Shark Research Fishery Permits.

*OMB Control Number*: 0648-0471.

*Form Number(s)*: NA.

*Type of Request*: Revision and extension of a current information collection.

*Number of Respondents*: 57.

*Average Hours Per Response*: Two hours for a scientific research plan; 40 minutes for an application for an EFP, Display Permit, SRP, LOA, or Shark Research Permit or for an annual report; 1 hour for an interim report; 15 minutes for an application for amendment; 5 minutes for notification of departure phone calls to NMFS Enforcement; 10 minutes for calls to request an observer; and 2 minutes for "no-catch" reports or tag applications.

*Burden Hours*: 217.

*Needs and Uses*: Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), Scientific Research Permits (SRPs), Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment (LOAs), and Shark Research Fishery Permits are issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Issuance of these permits is necessary for the collection of Highly Migratory Species (HMS) for public display and scientific research that requires exemption from regulations that otherwise may prohibit such collection. Display Permits are issued for the collection of HMS for the purpose of public display, and a limited number of Shark Research Fishery Permits are issued for the collection of fishery-dependent data for future stock assessments and cooperative research with commercial fishermen to meet the shark research objectives of the Agency.

Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not include scientific research within the definition of "fishing," scientific research is exempt from this statute. NMFS requests copies of scientific research plans for these activities and indicates concurrence by issuing a LOA to researchers to indicate that the proposed activity meets the definition of scientific research and is therefore exempt from regulation.

Scientific research is not exempt from regulation under ATCA. NMFS issues SRPs for collection of species managed