

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) operates a fee-for-service Seafood Inspection Program (Program) under the authorities of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970. The regulations implementing the Program are contained in 50 CFR part 260 and 261. The Program offers inspection, grading, and certification services, including the use of official quality grade marks, which indicate that specific products have been federally inspected. Those wishing to participate in the program must request the services and submit specific compliance information. Since 1992, NMFS implemented inspection services based on guidelines recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, known as Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP).

Under the implementing regulations for the Program, fees are reviewed at least annually to ascertain that the hourly fees charged are adequate to recover the costs of the services rendered. Any necessary adjustments to fees are made in accordance with the requirements of 50 CFR 260.81 and are notified to program participants as stipulated at 50 CFR 260.70. This **Federal Register** notice serves to inform program participants of an adjusted fee schedule, effective November 1, 2022.

Program costs used for the calculation of user fees include all relevant direct and indirect costs to the program, and applicable administrative overhead and surcharges. Program fees must be set to promote full cost recovery of the program absent other appropriations.

Program costs include all field operations, program administrative overhead, and management, and include expenses for labor for inspectors, facilities, information technology infrastructure, and other operational costs. The Program fees are set to recover those costs based on revenue projections from expected billable service hours and the number of certificate requests. Forecasts of demand for services use historical data on actual billed services that are adjusted annually for inflation, known events that might affect the predicted output of billable services, and seasonality of when forecasted services will take place throughout the year.

The magnitude of the change to fees is larger than in previous rate increases. NOAA had sought to limit drastic and unpredictable changes to fees while industry operations were disrupted by the COVID 19 pandemic and now is making adjustments in an effort to

ensure full cost recovery, as nearly as possible, for the program for FY23. The fees for some services will remain unchanged or will change modestly based on the latest calculations of service costs, while other fees will increase more significantly than previous rate increases. We do not expect the program will need such significant fee increases in the future, assuming no unexpected changes in the demand for services.

NMFS will adjust its fees as outlined in this notice, which will apply until notified otherwise. Fees will be charged to contract and non-contract customers requesting services as listed below. The cost of other applicable services rendered will be recovered through fee collection using the base rate of \$238 per hour.

NMFS will continue to monitor revenues and expenses and will use adaptive adjustments to react to changing levels of demand and expenses. Future fee changes will be announced if needed to promote full cost recovery and to ensure the level and structure of reasonable fees are consistent with the cost of the services rendered and in accordance with financial requirements. NMFS will also reduce fee levels if revenues are projected to exceed expenses, with the goal of recovering costs as nearly as possible.

#### Revised Fees and Charges for the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC) Seafood Inspection Program

Effective November 1, 2022, per hour fees and charges for fishery products inspection services will be as follows. The base contract and non-contract rates will increase by 45 percent from the current established rate and will apply until notified otherwise. The rate for certificate requests will be reduced by 2 percent based on current estimates of the cost of delivering the service. The rate for HACCP/QMP (Quality Management Program) contract services will decrease by 12 percent based on current estimates of the cost of delivering the service. Any travel associated with a billable service will be an additional charge.

#### Contract Rates

**Regular time:** Services provided during any 8-hour shift.

**Overtime:** Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

In addition to any hourly service charge, a night differential fee equal to 10 percent of the employee's hourly salary will be charged for each hour of service provided after 6 p.m. and before 6 a.m. A guarantee of payment is

required for a months of service greater.

#### Non-Contract Rates

**Regular time:** Services provided within the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday.

**Overtime:** Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

Any services under contract in excess of the contracted hours will be charged at the non-contract rate.

#### Contract Rates

##### Non-HACCP Contracts

Regular Time: \$238.00  
Overtime: \$357.00  
Sunday & Holidays: \$476.00

##### HACCP/QMP Contracts

HACCP Regular: \$238.00  
HACCP Overtime: \$357.00  
HACCP Sunday & Holidays: \$476.00

#### All Non-Contract Work Rates

Regular Time: \$357.00  
Overtime: \$536.00  
Sunday & Holidays: \$714.00

#### Certificates

All certificate requests, whether or not a product inspection was conducted, will be billed at a set flat rate of \$97 per request.

Additional information about, and applications for, Program services and fees may be obtained from NMFS (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Dated: September 28, 2022.

Alexa Cole,

Director, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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; Resident Perceptions of Offshore Wind Energy Development Off the Oregon Coast

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the

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Attachment 3

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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 OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 2, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0744 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 Sarah Gonyo, Economist, 1305 East-West Hwy, SSMC 4, Room 9320, Silver Spring MD 20911, 240-621-1999, [sarah.gonyo@noaa.gov](mailto:sarah.gonyo@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Pursuant to E.O. 14057 (Executive Order on Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability), the Outer Continental Shelf Land Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Coastal Zone Management Act, this request is for a reinstatement of an information collection with change. This information collection will focus on a different geographical location (the coast of Oregon) and include focus groups, which will help guide any revisions necessary to the survey instrument.

The BOEM Pacific OCS Region has an active Renewable Energy Program and is currently processing wind and wave energy lease requests. Due to the relatively steep continental slope and deep water off the West Coast, different types of offshore renewable energy technologies have been proposed for the Pacific Region than for the Atlantic Region. Outside of official public engagement forums, preferences about offshore wind energy development generally remain unknown for members of the public, as well as for groups who may not perceive themselves as stakeholders. Failure to gain the perspective of communities regarding potential benefits or impacts is

problematic, particularly when latent stakeholders to local projects emerge late in the planning process.

The National Ocean Service (NOS) proposes to collect data on the opinions, values, and attitudes of Oregon Coast residents relative to offshore wind energy development. Respondents (age 18 years and older) will be randomly sampled from households in seven coastal counties. This information will be used by BOEM, NOAA, and others to understand what is important to communities; understand how differing values and perceptions across communities influence local receptivity to proposed development; and improve communication efforts targeted to residents, enabling agencies to more effectively and efficiently direct outreach and community inclusion activities. Additionally, NOAA has a vested interest in offshore wind energy development, from many perspectives, including as it relates to the resilience, well-being, and sustainability of coastal communities.

##### II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected with a combination of mail recruitment with push-to-web and mail-back survey instrument.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0744.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular  
(Reinstatement with change).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
Focus groups: 48; Questionnaire: 4,500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Focus groups: 1 hour; Questionnaire: 20 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,548.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* NOAA's

Programmatic Authority—Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (33 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*); BOEM's Programmatic Authority—Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1346).

##### 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Fall Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In preparation for the 2022 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT is announcing the convening of its fall meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 19–20, 2022. There will be an open session on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, from 9 a.m. through approximately 12 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public and is expected to end by 12 p.m. on October 20. Interested members of the public may present their views during the public comment session on October 19, 2022, or submit written comments by October 12, 2022 (see **ADDRESSES**).