

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

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

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

*Title:* Recovery and Implantation of Archival Tags.

*Agency Form Number:* N/A.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0338.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 14 hours.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 1.5 hours for implantation of tags and 30 minutes for report on recovery of a tag.

*Number of Respondents:* 18.

*Needs and Uses:* To investigate the migratory patterns of Atlantic bluefin tuna, a program has been undertaken to implant archival tags in selected tuna. Under a scientific research exemption, any person may catch, possess, retain, and land any regulated species in which an archival tag has been affixed or implanted, provided that the person immediately reports the landing of such fish. In addition, any person affixing or implanting an archival tag into a regulated species is required to provide written notification to the National Marine Fisheries Service in advance of commencing the activity, and upon completion of the activity, must provide a written report.

*Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of the Census****Generic Clearance for Customer Satisfaction Surveys**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joanne Dickinson, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Room 3019-3, Washington, DC 20233-0800, and 301-457-4081.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the generic clearance to conduct customer satisfaction research surveys which may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

The Census Bureau has ranked a customer focused environment as one of its most important strategic planning objectives. The Bureau routinely needs to collect and analyze customer feedback about its products and services to better align them to its customers' needs and preferences. Several products and distribution channels have been designed/redesigned based on feedback from its various customer satisfaction research efforts.

Each research design is reviewed for content, utility, and user-friendliness by a variety of appropriate staff (including research design and subject-matter

specialists). The concept and design are tested by internal staff and a select sample of respondents to confirm its appropriateness, user-friendliness, and to estimate burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information. Collection techniques are discussed and included in the research concept design discussions to define the most time-, cost-efficient and accurate collection media.

The clearance operates in the following manner: a block of hours is reserved at the beginning of each year, and the particular activities that will be conducted under the clearance are not specified in advance. The Census Bureau provides information to OMB about the specific activities on a flow basis throughout the year. OMB is notified of each activity in a letter that gives specific details about the activity, rather than by means of individual clearance packages. At the end of each year, a report is submitted to OMB that summarizes the number of hours used as well as the nature and results of the activities completed under the clearance.

Some modifications of the clearance from previous years are planned. The number of hours is expanded from 3,500 per year to 3,750 to allow for larger-scale research efforts with increased analytical power. In addition, incentives as a survey procedure may also be the subject of research under the clearance.

**II. Method of Collection**

This research may be in the form of mailed or electronic questionnaires and/or focus groups or personal interviews.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0607-0760.

*Form Number:* Various.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, State or local governments, farms, businesses or other for-profit organizations, Federal agencies or employees, Non-profit institutions, Small businesses or organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,750 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* There is no cost to respondents, except for their time to answer the questions posed.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Executive Order 12862.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information