

samples), Cuba (Central & SW Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples), and Sierra Leone (Eastern Atlantic DPS, up to 50 samples) for genetic analysis at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. These samples would be used as part of a larger project to characterize the stock structure of *S. lewini* populations within the western Atlantic, as well as between the western Pacific and Atlantic, using next generation sequencing techniques. Tissue samples would be from animals that have been previously collected, or will be taken opportunistically as scalloped hammerheads are encountered in fish markets. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection;
Comment Request; Alaska Commercial
Operator's Annual Report (COAR)**

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

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be
submitted on or before January 16, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental
Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 6616,
14th and Constitution Avenue NW.,
Washington, DC 20230 (or via the
Internet at pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument and instructions should be
directed to Suja Hall, (907) 586-7462.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a
currently approved information
collection.

The Alaska Commercial Operator's
Annual Report (COAR) is a report that
collects harvest and production
information broken out by specific
criteria such as gear type, area, delivery
and product type, and pounds and
value. The COAR is due by April 1 of
the year following any buying or
processing activity.

Any person or company who received
a Fisheries Business License from the
Alaska Department of Revenue and an
Intent to Operate Permit by Alaska
Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
is required to annually submit the
COAR to the ADF&G, under Alaska
Administrative Code (AAC), chapter 5
AAC 39.130. In addition, any person or
company who receives an Exclusive
Economic Zone (EEZ)-only permit from
ADF&G annually must submit a COAR
to ADF&G. Any owner of a catcher/
processor or mothership with a Federal
permit operating in the EEZ off Alaska
is required to annually submit a COAR
to ADF&G under 50 CFR 679.5(p).

The COAR contains data on seafood
purchasing, production, ex-vessel
values, and first wholesale values for
seafood products. Containing
information from shoreside processors,
stationary floating processors,
motherships, and catcher/processors,
this data collection yields equivalent
annual product value information for all
respective processing sectors and
provides a consistent time series
according to which groundfish
resources may be managed more
efficiently. Use of the information
generated by the COAR is coordinated
between NMFS and the ADF&G.

II. Method of Collection

The COAR is available in pdf and
Microsoft Word formats on the ADF&G
Web site at [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/
index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.coar).
Respondents complete either a paper
form or the fillable file available online
and submit the form by mail to the
ADF&G.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0428.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission
(extension of a current information
collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-
profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
179.

Estimated Time per Response: 8 hr.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 1,432.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public:* \$716 in recordkeeping/reporting
costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether
the proposed collection of information
is necessary for the proper performance
of the functions of the agency, including
whether the information shall have
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
agency's estimate of the burden
(including hours and cost) of the
proposed collection of information; (c)
ways to enhance the quality, utility, and
clarity of the information to be
collected; and (d) ways to minimize the
burden of the collection of information
on respondents, including through the
use of automated collection techniques
or other forms of information
technology.

Comments submitted in response to
this notice will be summarized and/or
included in the request for OMB
approval of this information collection;
they also will become a matter of public
record.

Dated: November 14, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0116]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Comment Request;
Gainful Employment Programs—
Subpart Q**

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA),
Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is
proposing a revision of an existing
information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
December 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the
documents related to the information
collection listed in this notice, please
use <http://www.regulations.gov> by
searching the Docket ID number ED-
2017-ICCD-0116. Comments submitted
in response to this notice should be
submitted electronically through the
Federal eRulemaking Portal at [http://
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by selecting the

Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Gainful Employment Programs—Subpart Q.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0123.

Type of Review: A revision of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; Individuals or Households; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 42,303,576.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 3,777,952.

Abstract: The Student Assistance General Provisions regulations were amended by adding Subpart Q to Part

668, to establish measures for determining whether certain postsecondary educational programs lead to gainful employment in recognized occupations, and the conditions under which these educational programs remain eligible for student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

On June 16, 2017, the Department of Education (the Department) published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the intention to establish a negotiated rulemaking committee to revise the gainful employment regulations published on October 31, 2014. The Department anticipates scheduling the negotiated rulemaking sessions beginning in November or December 2017. There have been no changes to the regulations since the October 31, 2014 regulatory approval.

This clearance package includes §§ 668.405, 668.410, 668.411, 668.413, and 668.414. The burden related to § 668.412 was removed from this collection and applied to information collection 1845-0107 in February 2017 to more accurately associate the requirements of the regulations with the correct collection package.

Dated: November 14, 2017

Kate Mullan,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0117]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Gainful Employment Program—Subpart Q—Appeals for Debt to Earnings Rates

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 18, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by

searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0117. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 216-34, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

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Title of Collection: Gainful Employment Program—Subpart Q—Appeals for Debt to Earnings Rates.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0122.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.