

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Atlantic Herring Amendment 5 Data Collection
OMB Control No. 0648-0674

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Cite all applicable authorities for this information collection.

This request is for a revision, per RIN 0648-BG91, of the information collection to support regulatory requirements of the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). FMPs for Federal Fisheries managed under the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are developed under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring FMP (Amendment 5) was developed by the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) to improve the collection of real-time and accurate catch information for the Atlantic herring fishery; enhance the monitoring and sampling of catch at-sea; and address bycatch issues, in particular bycatch of river herrings and shads, through responsible management.

The items outlined in this information collection include:

- Observer notification requirement for permitted herring vessels; and
- Requirement for vessel captains to submit a Released Catch Affidavit form documenting slippage events.

Revision: The Industry Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment was developed by the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) to increase monitoring, above levels required by the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM), in certain FMPs, to assess the amount and type of catch and to reduce variability around catch estimates. This amendment would create a structure by which industry funding would be used in conjunction with available Federal funding to pay for additional monitoring to meet FMP-specific coverage targets.

The items outlined in this information collection include:

- Change from a phone-based observer pre-trip notification system (PTNS) to a web-based system (PTNS 2.0);
- A requirement that Category A and B Atlantic herring permit holders contribute up to \$710 per sea day to cover IFM at-sea monitor (ASM) costs on trips selected for coverage (50% coverage target);
- The option for Category A and B Atlantic herring permit holders that fish with midwater trawl gear to contribute up to \$818 per sea day for an IFM observer. This would allow the vessel to fish in groundfish closed areas;
- Requirements for IFM monitor service providers.

This revision also removes the following previously approved information collection requirements:

- Provisions for renewal of open access herring Category E permits with 20,000 lb

- possession limit in Areas 2/3 for limited access mackerel permit holders;
- Provisions for maintaining a herring at-sea dealer permit;
- Requirement for vessels with herring permits to submit herring pre-landing notifications through onboard vessel monitoring systems (VMS);
- The option to use VMS to declare into the herring fishery in lieu of applying for a Letter of Authorization (LOA) for herring carriers; and
- Gear declarations for limited access herring vessels.

These items are being removed because it was discovered that they are now being collected under OMB Control No. 0648-0202, OMB Control No. 0648-0212, and OMB Control No. 0648-0229. If they remain in this collection, responses and burdens would be double counted.

2. **1 Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.**
1 If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information collections for the IFM Amendment are being used by several offices of NMFS, the USCG, the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), state fishery management agencies, academic institutions, and other fishery research and management organizations to evaluate current management programs and future management proposals. All information collections are necessary for improved monitoring of the Atlantic herring fishery.

Observer/Monitor notification requirements

The IFM Amendment would modify trip notification requirements for vessels with herring permits. The goal of this adjustment would be to assist with IFM observer and ASM deployment, and provide enforcement with advance notice of trip information to facilitate enforcement monitoring of landings. The IFM Amendment would implement a web-based system that vessels would employ to notify NMFS at least 48 hours in advance of a fishing trip to request an IFM observer/ASM. This measure would assist NMFS in scheduling and deployment of observers and ASM across the herring fleet with no additional burden on the industry, and help to ensure that monitoring coverage targets for the herring fishery would be met.

Monitoring Funding Contribution

The IFM Amendment would implement ASM coverage on Category A and B vessels, and require industry contributions for ASMs at a target maximum of \$710 per day to help offset the cost of additional coverage. The cost of monitoring would likely vary among providers, but the maximum target for ASM coverage would be \$710 per day.

Optional IFM Monitoring Funding Contribution to Access Groundfish Closed Areas

The IFM Amendment would provide an option for Category A and B vessels that fish with midwater trawl gear to purchase an IFM observer to fish in groundfish closed areas. Regulations require that these vessels have an observer (note that an ASM does not qualify as an observer) on board to access groundfish closed areas. If not selected for SBRM coverage or IFM ASM coverage, midwater trawl vessels could request an IFM observer for a trip in order to access these closed areas at an estimated cost per sea day of \$818.

Monitor Service Provider Requirements

The following set of requirements would facilitate coordination between the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP) and approved IFM service providers. IFM service providers would provide ASMs or IFM observers (referred to collectively as “monitors”) to the industry upon selection/request for coverage. These requirements would be based on those included in the overall observer provider collection (OMB Control No. 0648-0546) but feature the additional burden required to certify and collect information from IFM service providers for the Atlantic herring fishery.

1. *Monitor deployment report:* Monitor service provider deployment reports would be used to inform NEFOP when, where and to whom a monitor has been deployed within 24 hours of the monitor’s departure. The monitor service provider also would ensure that the monitor reports data back to the NEFOP, as described in the certified monitor training, within 12 hours of landing.
2. *ASM Availability Report:* The monitor service provider availability reports would be used to inform NEFOP of any occurrence of their inability to respond to an industry request for ASM coverage due to the lack of available ASMs on staff by 5:00 pm, Eastern Standard Time, on any day with an industry request for monitor coverage.
3. *Safety Refusals:* The monitor service provider safety refusal reports would be used to inform NEFOP of any trip that has been refused due to safety issues (e.g., failure to hold a valid USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Decal or meet the safety requirements of the monitor’s pre-trip vessel safety checklist) within 24 hours of the refusal.
4. *Raw monitor data:* The submission of raw (unedited) monitor data (via courier service e.g. FedEx, DHL, etc.) to the NEFOP within 72 hours of trip landing would be necessary for NEFOP to administer the IFM monitor program. This data would also be used to monitor bycatch in the Atlantic herring fishery.
5. *Monitor debriefing:* The IFM monitor service provider would ensure that the monitor remains available to the NEFOP and/or NMFS Office for Law Enforcement for debriefing for two weeks following any monitored trip. Monitor debriefings ensure the data collected by the monitor is as accurate as possible, and any potential issues are addressed. A monitor that is at sea during the two-week period would contact the NEFOP upon his or her return if requested.
6. *Other reports:* Reports of possible monitor harassment, discrimination, concerns about vessel safety or marine casualty, monitor illness or injury, and any information, allegations, or reports regarding monitor conflict of interest or breach of the standards of behavior would be submitted to the NEFOP in a timely manner.
7. *Biological samples:* The monitor service provider would ensure that biological samples, including whole marine mammals, turtles seabirds, and fish be stored/handled properly and transported to the NEFOP within 7 days of landing.
8. *New permit application for monitor provider:* Any third party provider that wishes to operate in the Atlantic herring IFM monitor program would submit a thorough application and gain approval from NMFS.

9. *Applicant response to a denial:* If a monitor service provider application for approval is incomplete or does not meet the requirements of an approved monitor service provider, the application would be provided with a written denial. Each applicant may present additional information to NMFS to rectify the deficiencies specified in the written denial within 30 days of the applicant's receipt of the denial notification.
10. *Request for monitor training:* The monitor service provider would submit a request for a certified training class at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the proposed training class to ensure that the NEFOP is provided with the necessary time and information to prepare for the training of candidate monitors.
11. *Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved monitor providers:* 1A monitor provider that fails to meet the requirements, conditions, and responsibilities of an approved monitor service provider would be notified in writing that it is subject to removal from the list of approved service providers. A monitor service provider that has received notification that it is subject to removal from the list of approved service providers may submit information to rebut the reasons for removal from the list within 30 days and would give written evidence that clearly disproves the reasons for removal.
12. *Request to service provider to procure an ASM:* When a vessel is selected for IFM ASM coverage, a monitor service provider would be contacted through the PTNS 2.0 system with the request to provide an ASM.
13. *Notification of unavailability of ASM:* Each provider may not have ASMs available for a trip selected for coverage. Providers would be required to respond through the PTNS 2.0 system indicating that they do not have an ASM available for coverage.
14. *Call to service provider to procure an IFM observer to fish in Groundfish Closed Areas:* If a vessel is not selected for NEFOP (SBRM) or IFM ASM coverage, they may elect to purchase an IFM observer to fish in a groundfish closed area. Vessels would call service providers to request the IFM observer.
15. *Notification of unavailability of IFM observer:* Each provider may not have an IFM observer available for vessels requesting this service. Providers would be required to contact the vessels to notify them that coverage is not available.
16. *Monitor contact list updates:* The updated monitor contact list would facilitate the ability of NMFS/NEFOP to contact a monitor when necessary. This list would be updated by the service provider as necessary.
17. *Monitor availability updates:* The monitor status report would facilitate the ability of NMFS/NEFOP to confirm monitor availability, or the lack thereof, when a provider notifies NMFS/NEFOP of instances when no monitors were available for deployment. This list would be updated by the service provider as necessary.
18. *Service provider material submissions:* NMFS/NEFOP may request service providers to provide copies of materials provided to the fishing industry. This would allow NMFS/NEFOP to ensure such materials are accurate and in keeping with the objectives of the program. This information would likely be solicited when changes to such materials are made.

19. *Service provider contracts*: NMFS/NEFOP may request service providers to provide a copy of each type of signed and valid contract between the monitor provider and those entities requiring monitor services. This would allow NMFS/NEFOP to resolve contract disputes between the provider and industry, and to ensure provider contracts with their employees are in keeping with the objectives of the observer program. This information would likely be solicited when changes to such materials are made.

Currently approved information collection requirements, with no changes (other than observer notifications, whose numbers are adjusted in this revision):

Observer notification requirements (adjusted burden in this revision)

Amendment 5 expanded and modified trip notification and VMS requirements for vessels with herring permits. The goal of this adjustment was to assist with observer deployment and provide enforcement with advance notice of trip information to facilitate enforcement monitoring of landings. Amendment 5 requires that vessels with limited access herring permits, vessels with open access Category D permits fishing with midwater trawl gear in Areas 1A, 1B, and/or 3, vessels with Category E permits, and herring carrier vessels contact NMFS at least 48 hours in advance of a fishing trip to request an observer. This measure assists NMFS in scheduling and deployment of observers across the herring fleet with minimal additional burden on the industry, and helps ensure that observer coverage targets for the herring fishery are met.

Amendment 5 also requires that when vessels issued limited access herring permits are working cooperatively in the Atlantic herring fishery, including pair trawling, purse seining, and transferring herring at-sea, they must provide to observers, when requested, the estimated weight of each species brought on board or released on each tow.

Released Catch Affidavits

Amendment 5 requires limited access vessels to bring all catch aboard the vessel and make it available for sampling by an observer. This measure was implemented to improve the quality of at-sea monitoring data by reducing the discarding of unsampled catch. If catch is discarded before it has been made available to the observer, that catch is defined as slippage. If slippage occurs, the vessel operator must complete a Released Catch Affidavit form within 48 hours of the end of the fishing trip. The Released Catch Affidavit details: (1) Why catch was slipped; (2) an estimate of the quantity and species composition of the slipped catch; and (3) the time and location of the slipped catch.

NMFS would retain control over all information and safeguards it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information would be subjected to quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. **Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

The PTNS 2.0 observer/monitor notification will be a web-based system that will be designed to

be as simple as possible for both the public and NMFS. Vessels will fill in a series of trip characteristics and will be notified at a later time if they are selected for monitoring and what type of monitoring will be required for that trip (SBRM or IFM). Implementing a web-based notification system makes it widely available to the fishing industry, thereby reducing both public and administrative burden. Vessels opting to have IFM observer coverage to fish in groundfish closed areas would indicate their intent to do so through PTNS 2.0, but would obtain this coverage through a call to an approved service provider.

Vessels and IFM monitor providers submit materials to NMFS/NEFOP via email, web-portal, fax, or mail. Instructions for providers and vessels are available on the GARFO web site.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The PTNS 2.0 system is designed to replace the current observer notification system, and will not create any duplicate reporting requirements.

The increased monitoring mandated by the IFM amendment would apply to vessels that are not selected for coverage under current (SBRM) protocol. There would be no duplication because vessels would not be required to pay for monitoring on trips that have SBRM coverage.

Information submissions for Atlantic herring observer/monitor programs and vessels are unique to this fishery, and direct duplication with other collections does not exist.

With the removal of previously approved collection information that is now addressed under OMB Control No. 0648-0202, OMB Control No. 0648-0212, and OMB Control No. 0648-0229, none of the other information collected through this family of forms is duplicated elsewhere.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Only the minimum data needed to meet the objectives of the IFM Amendment are requested from all respondents. Since the respondents are small businesses, separate requirements based on the size of business have not been developed.

PTNS 2.0 is being designed to be a user-friendly system that will notify vessels of any mandatory coverage requirements for a trip. The system will be accessible from any computer with internet access and at any time of day. The system will notify service providers of the selection of coverage for a trip, and vessels will be notified that a trip will be monitored only if selected and if coverage is available.

NMFS would likely certify several service providers (best estimate: 4) to offer monitoring services to vessels with Category A or B herring permits. Each vendor would offer comparable equipment and services over a range of prices. This would reduce the burden on the public by increasing competition among vendors, thereby decreasing costs to the fishing industry to obtain additional monitoring.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection

is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

To the extent practicable, frequency of information collection under this family of forms has been minimized. To reduce the frequency any further would compromise the intent of each collection of information requirement.

All information would be required to meet the requirements of the IFM Amendment, and must be submitted in the time frame requested. Collecting this information less frequently would jeopardize the goals and objectives of the IFM Amendment and the observer program.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The data collection is consistent with 5 CFR 1320.6 guidelines.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission.

- **Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments.**
- **Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

The NEFMC held many Council and Committee meetings during the development of IFM Amendment between 2013 and April 2017, during which there were opportunities for public discussion of proposed management strategies. The Council approved the measures contained in IFM Amendment, including the measure specified above, on April 20, 2017.

The proposed rule (83 FR 55665) published on November 7, 2018. NMFS received 18 comment letters on the notice of availability (83 FR 47326; September 19, 2018) and proposed rule. Those comments, and NMFS responses, are contained in the Comments and Responses section of this final rule and are not repeated here. Comments 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 discussed the economic impacts of the measures, but did not directly comment on the PRA collection.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift has been or will be made to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

All data would be handled in accordance with [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#), Confidentiality of Fisheries Statistics, and would not be released for public use except in aggregate statistical form (and without identifying the source of data, i.e., vessel name, owner,

etc). In addition, any information collected under the Permit Family of Forms would be considered confidential and would not be disclosed except as provided in Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Managed Fisheries covers this information. An amended SORN was published on August 7, 2015 (80 FR 47457).

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

There are no questions of a sensitive nature involved in this collection of information.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information. (add rows as necessary)

For wage costs: use www.bls.gov/oes , then click on OES Data in the left-hand column, then National to find Occupational Employment Wage Rates for the current year. Find the appropriate Occupational Title of the Respondent completing the Information Collection and use the Mean hourly wage.

Information Collection	Type of Respondent (Occupational Title)	# of Respondents	Annual # of Responses / Respondent	Total # of Annual Responses	Burden Hrs / Response	Total Annual Burden Hrs	Mean Hourly Wage Rate (for Type of Respondent)	Total Annual Wage Burden Costs
Observer/Monitor Reporting for Vessels								
Pre-trip notification to observer program/ Change from call to web based system	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	134	25	3350	5 min	279	\$39.61	\$920.93
Trip Cancellation notification to observer program/ change from call to web-based	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	134	25	3350	1 min	56	\$39.61	\$36.97
Call to Service Provider to request IFM observer to access Groundfish Closed Areas	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	12	7	84	5 min	7	\$39.61	\$23.11
Trip Cancellation notification to service provider for Groundfish Closed Area	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	12	7	84	1 min	1	\$39.61	\$0.66
Industry contribution for IFM ASM Coverage	General and Operations Managers	42	19	798	0	0	\$59.56	\$0.00
Industry contribution (MWT vessels) for optional IFM observers to enter Groundfish Closed Area	General and Operations Managers	12	21	252	0	0	\$59.56	\$0.00
Monitor Provider Requirements								
Monitor deployment report	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	111	444	10 min	74	\$38.43	\$473.97
ASM availability report	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	54	216	20 min	72	\$38.43	\$922.32
Safety refusals	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	10	40	30 min	20	\$38.43	\$384.30
Raw monitor data	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	111	444	5 min	37	\$38.43	\$118.49
Monitor debriefing	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	31	124	2 hr	248	\$38.43	\$19,061.28
Other reports	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	17	68	30 min	34	\$38.43	\$653.31
Biological samples	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	129	516	1 hr	516	\$38.43	\$19,829.88
New application to be a service provider	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	1	4	10 hr	40	\$38.43	\$15,372.00
Applicant response to denial	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	1	1	1	10 hr	10	\$38.43	\$3,843.00
Request for monitor training	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	3	12	30 min	6	\$38.43	\$115.29
Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved monitor providers	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	1	1	1	8 hr	8	\$38.43	\$2,459.52

Request to monitor service provider to procure an ASM	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	90	4	360	10 min	60	\$38.43	\$384.30
Notification of unavailability of ASMs	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	90	4	360	5 min	30	\$38.43	\$96.08
Call to service provider to procure an IFM observer in Groundfish Closed Area	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	21	4	84	10 min	14	\$38.43	\$89.67
Notification of unavailability of IFM observers	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	21	4	84	5 min	7	\$38.43	\$22.42
Monitor contact list updates	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	12	48	5 min	4	\$38.43	\$12.81
Monitor availability updates	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	12	48	5 min	4	\$38.43	\$12.81
Service provider material submissions	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	2	8	30 min	4	\$38.43	\$76.86
Service provider contracts	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	4	2	8	30 min	4	\$38.43	\$76.86
Totals				10,788		1,535		\$64,986.83
Observer Reporting for Vessels								
Released Catch Affidavit	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	93	38	3534	5 min	295	\$39.61	\$973.75
Vessel Operator Notification of Species lb to Observer	Ship and Boat Captains and Operators	42	25	1050	1 min	18	\$39.61	\$11.88
Totals				4,584		313		\$985.63
Totals				15,372		1,848		\$65,972.77

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above). (add rows as necessary)

Information Collection	# of Respondents	Annual # of Responses / Respondent	Total # of Annual Responses	Cost Burden / Respondent	Total Annual Cost Burden
Observer/Monitor Reporting for Vessels					
Pre-trip notification to observer program/ Change from call to web based system	134	25	3350	0	0
Trip Cancellation notification to observer program/ change from call to web-based	134	25	3350	0	0
Call to Service Provider to request IFM observer to access Groundfish Closed Areas	12	7	84	\$0.50	\$42
Trip Cancellation notification to service provider for Groundfish Closed Area	12	7	84	\$0.10	\$8
Industry contribution for IFM ASM Coverage	42	19	798	\$710.00	\$566,580
Industry contribution (MWT vessels) for optional IFM observers to enter Groundfish Closed Area	12	21	252	\$818.00	\$206,136
Monitor Provider Requirements					
Monitor deployment report	4	111	444	0	0
ASM availability report	4	54	216	0	0
Safety refusals	4	10	40	0	0
Raw monitor data	4	111	444	\$23.75	\$10,545
Monitor debriefing	4	31	124	\$12.00	\$1,488
Other reports	4	17	68	0	0
Biological samples	4	129	516	\$0.50	\$258
New application to be a service provider	4	1	4	\$0.55	\$2
Applicant response to denial	1	1	1	\$0.55	\$1
Request for monitor training	4	3	12	\$1.80	\$22
Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved monitor providers	1	1	1	\$0.55	\$1
Request to monitor service provider to procure an ASM	90	4	360	0	0
Notification of unavailability of ASMs	90	4	360	0	0
Call to service provider to procure an IFM observer in Groundfish Closed Area	21	4	84	\$1.00	\$84
Notification of unavailability of IFM observers	21	4	84	\$0.50	\$42
Monitor contact list updates	4	12	48	0	0
Monitor availability updates	4	12	48	0	0
Service provider material submissions	4	2	8	\$2.50	\$20
Service provider contracts	4	2	8	\$2.50	\$20
Totals			10,788		\$785,249
Observer Reporting for Vessels					
Released Catch Affidavit	93	38	3534	\$0.55	\$1,944
Vessel Operator Notification of Species lb to Observer	42	25	1050	0	0
Totals			4,584		\$1,944
TOTALS			15,372		\$787,193

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. (add

rows/information as necessary)

Cost Descriptions	Grade/Step	Loaded Salary /Cost	% of Effort	Fringe (if Applicable)	Total Cost to Government
Federal Oversight					
Permits Specialist	Band II/ Step 3	\$81,658	64%		\$52,261
Fisheries Sampling Branch Manager	Band III/ Step 3	\$107,542	26%		\$27,960
Contractor Cost					
Sampling Branch Contractor		\$60,000	59%		\$35,400
Travel					0
Other Costs					0
TOTAL					\$115,621

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

The following tables show the changes and in the number of respondents, responses, time estimates, labor costs, and miscellaneous costs; and explains the reasons for these changes.

Information Collection	Respondents		Responses		Burden Hours		Reason for change or adjustment	
	Current Renewal / Revision	Previous Renewal / Revision	Current Renewal / Revision	Previous Renewal / Revision	Current Renewal / Revision	Previous Renewal / Revision		
Observer/Monitor Reporting for Vessels		0		0		0	New/Updated Requirements	
Pre-trip notification to observer program/ Change from call to web based system	134	156	3350	3900	279	325		
Trip Cancellation notification to observer program/ change from call to web-based	134	156	3350	3900	56	65		
Call to Service Provider to request IFM observer to access Groundfish Closed Areas	12	0	84	0	7	0		
Trip Cancellation notification to service provider for Groundfish Closed Area	12	0	84	0	1	0		
Industry contribution for IFM ASM Coverage	42	0	798	0	0	0		
Industry contribution (MWT vessels) for optional IFM observers to enter Groundfish Closed Area	12	0	252	0	0	0		
Monitor Provider Requirements		0		0		0		
Monitor deployment report	4	0	111	0	74	0		
ASM availability report	4	0	54	0	72	0		
Safety refusals	4	0	10	0	20	0		
Raw monitor data	4	0	111	0	37	0		
Monitor debriefing	4	0	31	0	248	0		
Other reports	4	0	17	0	34	0		
Biological samples	4	0	129	0	516	0		
New application to be a service provider	4	0	1	0	40	0		
Applicant response to denial	1	0	1	0	10	0		
Request for monitor training	4	0	3	0	6	0		
Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved monitor	1	0	1	0	8	0		New Requirements

providers							
Request to monitor service provider to procure an ASM	90	0	4	0	60	0	
Notification of unavailability of ASMs	90	0	4	0	30	0	
Call to service provider to procure an IFM observer in Groundfish Closed Area	21	0	4	0	14	0	
Notification of unavailability of IFM observers	21	0	4	0	7	0	
Monitor contact list updates	4	0	12	0	4	0	
Monitor availability updates	4	0	12	0	4	0	
Service provider material submissions	4	0	2	0	4	0	
Service provider contracts	4	0	2	0	4	0	
Total for Collection		312	8431	7800	1535	390	

Information Collection	Labor Costs		Miscellaneous Costs		Reason for change or adjustment
	Current	Previous	Current	Previous	
Observer/Monitor Reporting for Vessels		0		0	
Pre-trip notification to observer program/ Change from call to web based system	\$921	0	0	0	
Trip Cancellation notification to observer program/ change from call to web-based	\$37	0	0	0	
Call to Service Provider to request IFM observer to access Groundfish Closed Areas	\$23	0	\$42	0	New Requirements
Trip Cancellation notification to service provider for Groundfish Closed Area	\$1	0	\$8	0	New Requirements
Industry contribution for IFM ASM Coverage	0	0	\$566,580	0	New Requirements
Industry contribution (MWT vessels) for optional IFM observers to enter Groundfish Closed Area	0	0	\$206,136	0	
Monitor Provider Requirements					
Monitor deployment report	\$474	0	0	0	
ASM availability report	\$922	0	0	0	
Safety refusals	\$384	0	0	0	
Raw monitor data	\$118	0	\$10,545	0	
Monitor debriefing	\$19,061	0	\$1,488	0	
Other reports	\$653	0	0	0	

Biological samples	\$19,830	0	\$258	0	
New application to be a service provider	\$15,372	0	\$2	0	
Applicant response to denial	\$3,843	0	\$1	0	
Request for monitor training	\$115	0	\$22	0	
Rebuttal of pending removal from list of approved monitor providers	\$2,460	0	\$1	0	
Request to monitor service provider to procure an ASM	\$384	0	0	0	
Notification of unavailability of ASMs	\$96	0	0	0	
Call to service provider to procure an IFM observer in Groundfish Closed Area	\$90	0	\$84	0	
Notification of unavailability of IFM observers	\$22	0	\$42	0	
Monitor contact list updates	\$13	0	0	0	
Monitor availability updates	\$13	0	0	0	
Service provider material submissions	\$77	0	\$20	0	
Service provider contracts	\$77	0		0	
Observer Reporting for Vessels					
Released Catch Affidavit	\$974	0	\$1,944	\$1,732	Updated labor rate, Change in postal rate.
Vessel Operator Notification of Species lb to Observer	\$12	0	0	0	Updated labor rate
Total for Collection	\$65,972		\$787,173	\$1,732	

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

Results from this collection could be used in scientific, management, technical, or general informational publications such as Fisheries of the United States, which follows prescribed statistical tabulations and summary table formats. Data are available to the general public on request in summary form only. Data are available to NMFS employees in detailed form on a need-to-know basis only.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

All information collection associated with this action is through non-standardized reports, web-based forms, and telephone calls which would be inappropriate to display the expiration date for the OMB approval.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

There are no exceptions for compliance with provisions in the certification statement.