

OMB Control Number: 0648–0513.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Number of Respondents: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 16 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 16 hours.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for renewal of an approved information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Regional Office (NMFS AKR), is the sponsor of this information collection, which contains the requirements for the annual participant letter for the Aleutian Islands pollock fishery. No changes were made to this collection other than updating the hourly wage rate to use the most current rate available and to improve consistency in the rates used for the same respondent types in NMFS Alaska Region information collections.

NMFS AKR manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP). The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) authorizes the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction.

Amendment 82 to the FMP established a framework for the management of the Aleutian Islands subarea (AI) directed pollock fishery. Amendment 82 implemented a provision of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–199, Sec. 803) that requires the AI directed pollock fishery be allocated to The Aleut Corporation for the purpose of economic development in Adak, Alaska. The Aleut Corporation is identified in Public Law 108–199 as a business incorporated pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). The Aleut Corporation's AI pollock fishery is set up so that harvesting pollock in the AI directed pollock fishery and processing pollock taken in the AI directed pollock fishery are authorized only for those harvesters and processors that are selected by The Aleut Corporation and approved by the NMFS Regional Administrator.

The purpose of this collection is for NMFS to obtain the list of vessels and processors selected by The Aleut Corporation to harvest and process its annual AI pollock allocation. NMFS

uses this information to manage the AI pollock fishery. Without this information, NMFS would not know the participants selected by The Aleut Corporation and could not determine harvest rates, which may result in allocations being exceeded.

The Aleut Corporation is required by Federal regulations at 50 CFR 679.4(m)(2) to provide its selected harvesters and processors to NMFS for approval. The Aleut Corporation must submit its selections to NMFS each year at least 14 days before harvesting pollock or processing pollock in the AI directed pollock fishery. The information submitted by The Aleut Corporation consists of the names of the harvesting vessels and processors it has selected, the Federal fisheries permit numbers or Federal processor permit numbers of these participants, and the fishing year for which approval is requested. No information is submitted in years that the Aleut Corporation will not be harvesting or processing pollock in the AI directed fishery.

On approval, NMFS sends The Aleut Corporation a letter that includes a list of the approved participants. A copy of this letter must be retained on board each participating vessel and on site each shoreside processor at all times.

More information on the AI pollock fishery is provided on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/aleutian-islands-pollock-fishery-alaska>.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and

entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0513.

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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; Bay Watershed Education and Training Program National Evaluation System

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 20, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

Title: Bay Watershed Education and Training Program National Evaluation System.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0658.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 2,583.

Average Hours per Response: Awardee-respondents will complete an online survey in 60 minutes and teacher-respondents will complete two online surveys in 30 minutes each.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,027.

Needs and Uses: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Education is sponsoring data collection efforts on its Bay Watershed Education and Training (B–WET) program. The NOAA B–WET program is authorized under 33 U.S.C. 893a(a), the America COMPETES Act, which states: “The

Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is authorized to conduct, develop, support, promote, and coordinate formal and informal educational activities at all levels to enhance public awareness and understanding of ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric science and stewardship by the general public and other coastal stakeholders, including underrepresented groups in ocean and atmospheric science and policy careers.” B-WET advances NOAA’s mission by awarding education grants that foster an environmentally literate citizenry who have the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to protect watersheds and related ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems. B-WET currently funds projects in seven regions (California, Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, Gulf of America, Hawaii, New England, and the Pacific Northwest).

To ensure that educational activities funded by B-WET are of the highest quality, and efficiently utilize federal resources, B-WET has created an across-region, internal evaluation system to provide ongoing monitoring of program implementation and to identify opportunities for improved program outcomes. The evaluation system is maintained by B-WET staff with assistance from an outside contractor. The evaluation system collects information from B-WET program-funded grantees and project participants.

B-WET awardees of grants or cooperative agreements, and the awardees’ teachers who attend professional development programs provided by the awardees, are asked to voluntarily complete online survey forms to provide data for the evaluation system. Information collected from awardees includes program elements such as program duration, format, audience, location, support and/or materials offered, and topics covered. Information collected from teacher professional development participants includes teaching methodologies, program satisfaction, program coverage, suggestions for improvement, and teaching confidence. Information collected from teachers at the end of the school year following their participation in a professional development program includes time spent teaching topics covered in the professional development program, types of activities used with their students, teachers’ perceptions of student learning, and teaching practices utilized. One individual from each awardee organization is asked to complete a survey once per year of the

award, and the teacher participants are asked to complete one survey at the end of their professional development program and another survey at the end of the following school year. Responses to the survey questions are aggregated and analyzed as part of ongoing evaluation efforts.

Based on a review of evaluation system results, B-WET has made program improvements by adjusting its Federal Notice of Funding Opportunities and program guidelines. On-going data collection enables NOAA to monitor program implementation and outcomes on a regular basis and supports adaptive management of the program.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; state, local or tribal government; or individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: 33 U.S.C. 893a(a), the America COMPETES Act.

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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; Evaluation of SE Catch Shares Programs

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance

with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 29, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: Evaluation of SE Catch Shares Programs.

OMB Control Number: 0648–XXXX.

Form Number(s): [None].

Type of Request: Regular submission [new information collection].

Number of Respondents: 913.

Average Hours per Response: 0.34 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 310.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for a new information collection. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to conduct a survey of catch share participants in the southeast region. This evaluation is required by Congress every 5 to 7 years, as stipulated in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) and its subsequent reauthorizations. The proposed socioeconomic study will examine the performance of these programs. The survey will collect information on demographics, factors influencing market transparency and efficiency, changes in fishing and marketing practices following the adoption of catch share programs, and miscellaneous attitudinal questions. The data gathered will be used for required, periodic evaluations of these programs and the development of amendments to fishery management plans, which require descriptions of the human and economic environment and socioeconomic analyses of regulatory proposals. Additionally, the information collected will be used to strengthen fishery management decision-making and satisfy various legal mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; MSA), Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Endangered Species Act (ESA), and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other pertinent statutes.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.