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Department of Commerce, Room 6086,  
14th and Constitution Avenue NW,  
Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at  
MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to George Darcy, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 1 Blackburn Circle, Gloucester, MA, 01930, (978)281-9331, fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Regulations of 50 CFR 648.8 and 697.8 require that all vessels with Federal permits to fish in the Northeast display the vessel's official number. The numbers must be in a specific size at specified locations. The display of the identifying number aids in fishery law enforcement.

**II. Method of Collection**

No information is collected. The official number must be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull and on a weather deck.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0350.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,821.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 45 minutes (15 minutes for each of three markings).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,363.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$58,000.

**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: May 1, 2001.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D.050301B]

**Northeast Region Gear Identification Requirements**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed information 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 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Regulations (50 CFR 648.81(f), 648.84, 648.123(b)(3), 648.144(b), and 697.21) require that Federal fishing permit holders using specified fishing gear mark that gear with specified information (the official vessel numbers, Federal permit number, tag number, or other method identified in the regulation). The regulations also specify

how the gear is to be marked (e.g. location and visibility). Marking of gear aids law enforcement and also helps identify gear involved in damage, loss, or civil proceedings.

**II. Method of Collection**

No information is collected.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0351.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,859.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 minute per marking.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 36,417.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$65,115.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Southwest Region Vessel Identification Requirements**

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