Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODDS)

The authority to collect the information required in ODDS is authorized under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information collection number 0648-0318. More information about this authorization is available on NOAA’s Paperwork Reduction Act Web page (http://www.cio.noaa.gov/services_programs/prasubs.html). This authorization expires every three years. The current information collection in ODDS is authorized through July 31, 2022.

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response to log a trip in ODDS and 5 minutes per response to request to be placed in the full observer coverage category. These estimated public reporting burdens include the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection-of-information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, et seq.) as amended in 2006; 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: The collection of this information in ODDS is authorized under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

PURPOSE: ODDS is an Internet-based system used to facilitate observer and EM deployment on vessels in the partial coverage category. ODDS also is used to facilitate communication among the vessel owners or operators, NMFS, and the observer provider. The welcome and login screen for ODDS is at https://chum.afsc.noaa.gov:7104/apex/f?p=140:1. A vessel owner or operator may also provide information to NMFS by calling the call center at 1-855-747-6377.

ROUTINE USES: The primary use for ODDS is for owners or operators of vessels in the trip selection pool to log their fishing trips so that NMFS can determine if a particular fishing trip is randomly selected for observer or EM coverage. In addition to logging fishing trips, the owners or operators of some vessels may request placement in either the full coverage category or the EM selection pool rather than the partial coverage trip selection pool.

DISCLOSURE: Providing information through ODDS is required for a vessels in the partial coverage category of the North Pacific Observer Program under regulations at § 679.51(a)(1). Some information submitted through ODDS is made available to the public through the North Pacific Observer Program Annual Report posted at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/observer-program.