

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Diana Hynek  
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer  
Office of the Chief Information Officer  
14th and Constitution Ave. NW.  
Room 6625  
Washington, DC 20230

04/21/2006

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a new information collection received on 03/27/2006.

TITLE: Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test (conducted by NWS Western Region and West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center)

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE  
OMB NO.: 0648-0539  
EXPIRATION DATE: 04/30/2009

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	0	0	0
New	460	45	0
Difference	460	45	0
Program Change		45	0
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

NOTE: The agency is required to display the OMB control number and inform respondents of its legal significance (see 5 CFR 1320.5(b)).

---

OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

---

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**Feedback Survey for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test**  
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-xxxx**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

The mission of NOAA's National Weather Service is to "protect lives and property." Tsunamis, though infrequent, pose an extremely serious risk to life and property in coastal areas of Washington, Oregon, and California. The National Weather Service operates and maintains a dedicated system (known as the "Tsunami Warning System") to detect tsunamis and issue timely warnings to the public. The Tsunami Warning System consists of a few basic components, including "detection", "evaluation/assessment," and "warning/dissemination." It is the last part of this system we are testing – specifically the "dissemination" portion. Dissemination takes place over multiple communications paths, including the "NOAA Weather Wire" (landline and satellite up/downlinks), NOAA Weather Radio (local airwaves), the Emergency Alert System (EAS) (in partnership with local television/radio stations), state emergency communications systems, and various privately-operated pager and cell phone systems. To ensure the Tsunami Warning System, and specifically that portion of the warning system in Washington, Oregon, and California (under management of NWS, Western Region), the Tsunami Warning System must be tested periodically. Although it is not possible to fully test every possible communication path (since some of these paths are not under NOAA's control), it is highly desirable that NWS identify deficiencies with any of these pathways.

To properly assess the effectiveness of such testing, we need to solicit and collect specific feedback from our customers in NWS Western Region regarding the effectiveness of the test, and most importantly, identification of problems which could interfere with the future transmission and reception of tsunami warnings. Requested information will include the location of feedback responders and the method through which they received the test message. Responders will also have the opportunity to provide more detailed (open-ended) information if desired. As noted in section B.3., follow-up, where possible, will be conducted following this test, to further identify and correct communications/technical problems related to tsunami warning dissemination (where under NOAA/NWS control; NWS staff will work others on problems not under NOAA control, as appropriate).

The enclosed survey will greatly facilitate and enhance the collection of this critical feedback information. This survey will be conducted once per year, immediately following a planned test of the Tsunami Warning System each September, and allow for the rapid and efficient collection of feedback information regarding the effectiveness of the Tsunami Warning System. Information from this survey will greatly assist the National Weather Service in identifying strengths and deficiencies of the Tsunami Warning System (and related sub-systems), and in planning for necessary improvements, to ensure lives and property are saved in the event of a tsunami.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. 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.**

This will be a web-based survey. Information will be gathered and summarized by National Weather Service personnel. Data will be collected immediately following a limited test of the Tsunami Warning System, once annually in September. As stated in #1, above, results will be used solely for the purpose of improving the Tsunami Warning System. Emphasis of this test is on related communications systems in California, Oregon, and Washington used to disseminate Tsunami Warnings (as issued by NOAA/NWS' West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center (WC/ATWC), in Palmer, Alaska). No personal information will be required or requested from respondents, other than identifying their general location. Survey responses will be requested from emergency managers, the media, law enforcement officials, local government agencies/officials, and the general public. Responses will be solicited for a limited period immediately following completion of this test, not to exceed two weeks.

As explained in the preceding paragraph, the information gathered has utility. The National Weather Service will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should the National Weather Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the 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.**

This will be a web-based survey. Responses will be counted and summarized in an automated fashion, but no statistical analysis of the results will be conducted. Some follow up information may be obtained by telephone.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

This [web-based] survey will be the only formal means used to collect information regarding the effectiveness of this [annual] Tsunami Warning System Test.

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

This survey is not intended for small businesses or other small entities.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If post-test information is not collected from the test recipients, NOAA/National Weather

Service will be severely limited in its ability to identify deficiencies in the Tsunami Warning System in California, Oregon, and Washington. Without such information, it will be very difficult to make necessary improvements to affected warning systems and processes. Collection of this information is required only once annually, and only for a limited period (not to exceed two weeks).

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

None.

**8. Provide a copy of 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.**

A federal register notice was published on January 6, 2006. No comments were received. (No prior formal surveys were conducted.

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

None.

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

Personal information will not be collected, and survey responses will not be made public. Responses will be retained for official purposes only.

**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.**

N/A.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

Completion of this survey will require approximately 1-5 minutes for each respondent. Based on an expected total 340 respondents and 5 minute maximum per survey response, the web survey portion of the annual burden estimate is approximately 29 hours. Additionally, as described in paragraph B.3.d, follow-up may be required in the event the survey responses reveal communications/technical problems with this test. By the estimate in B.3.D, an additional burden of 16 hours may be required to follow up, for a total burden of 45 hours:

60 additional responses from survey respondents @ 6 minutes per response: 6 hours.  
60 new respondents and responses @ 10 minutes per response: 10 hours.

Total respondents:  $340 + 60 = 400$ ; total responses:  $340 + 120 = 460$ ; total hours:  $29 + 16 = 45$ .

**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 #12 above).**

There will be no public costs associated with this survey.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

No external costs. Minimal costs for staff time will be needed for assessment of survey results (approximately 24 man-hours (GS-13) = \$735 anticipated for assessment and responses to any survey responses which indicate problems needing follow-up actions).

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

N/A.

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

N/A. Results will not be published.

**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.**

N/A.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

No exceptions.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

**1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g. establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.**

Based on information from local NOAA/NWS offices with coastal areas of responsibility, the



following numbers outline the expected responses to this feedback survey. The emphasis here is on obtaining quality responses over the widest possible area (i.e. coastal areas only) over which this test will be conducted. A few quality responses from each portion of the coast is more important than a large number of responses from only a few areas. Success of this test will be based on verifying that the test message was successfully transmitted over all portions of the west coast (from Washington to California). The responses are also vital in determining if communications or other technical problems exist in any given area(s). If communications or technical problems are identified via the feedback responses, this information will allow NWS to target corrective actions, potentially saving lives and property in the event of an actual tsunami warning in the future. Although a higher number of responses is of course desirable, the actual number of responses, in of itself, is less important than the quality of responses and amount of area represented by the responses. We anticipate the largest response rate from coastal Emergency Managers (with whom NWS works very closely), for which there is typically one per county or major city. In the expected numbers below, we expect only one individual at each location (or office) receiving the test message will respond for that office. Therefore, these numbers are lower than might otherwise be expected. Additionally, although it is technically possible for each NWS office to gain feedback (via telephone or in-person) from the below agencies/individuals in the days and weeks following the test, speed is of the essence in providing feedback, and this web-based survey will allow for rapid response. If too much time elapses between the test conclusion and provision of feedback, critical details may be forgotten, which could result in important problems not being identified and corrected. Such a lapse could lead to loss of life and property in the event of an actual tsunami warning being issued.

**Estimated number of responses and percent of represented geographical area (categories listed from most important to least important):**

County/Major City Emergency Managers: 35 (representing ~ 80% of total area)

Media (television, radio, primarily): 80 (representing ~ 60% of total area)

U.S. Coast Guard: 15 (representing ~ 80% of total area)

Law Enforcement: 75 (representing ~ 20% of total area)

Local fire departments: 75 (representing ~ 20% of total area)

State/local road departments: 25 (representing ~ 25% of total area)

Elected local officials: 35 (representing ~ 5% of total area)

Total Responses Estimated: 340

**2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.**

No formal statistical analysis is to be conducted. Responses from the web-based survey will only be counted and summarized for the categories in Part B, question #1, above. The purpose of this data collection is not to estimate satisfaction of the entire customer base. Even single responses may provide critical information concerning the tsunami warning systems. Individual problems noted by survey responses will be acted upon. It is not necessary in this case to make assumptions concerning the overall customer base, based on the limited number of responses.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.**

Notification of NWS test plans and specific requests for feedback will begin up to (in some cases, more than) 6 months in advance of the scheduled test. Primary contacts will be made by each office's "Warning Coordination Meteorologists," who are experts in outreach and customer service. **An approximate timeline and methodology for contacting potential respondents follows (please refer to paragraph 1 for approximate numbers for each category of respondent):**

- a. **Up to 6 months (or more) in advance:** Emergency Managers contacted and provided vital details (e.g. test date and intent to gather feedback on test success). Additionally, media personnel are also provided vital information. Primary means of contact will be in-person contact (phone or face-to-face) and direct e-mail.
- b. **From 1 month to 1-2 weeks in advance:** Emergency Managers and media personnel are sent reminder messages; law enforcement, U.S. Coast Guard, fire department personnel, state/local road department personnel, and select local elected officials are initially contacted. Primary means of contact will include transmitting "Public Information Statements (primarily for media and others who routinely receive a wide variety of NWS forecast products, and also for the general public), information posted on local NWS web sites, direct e-mail, information broadcasts on NOAA Weather Radio, and personal contact (phone and in-person meetings). Specific information about the test plan, and how and where (web link) to provide feedback for this test will be provided.
- c. **From 1-2 weeks to one day prior:** Reminders will be provided to all of the above contacts, using all the above contact methods, emphasizing personal contact (time-permitting). In addition, local NWS offices will work with local media to publish stories where possible in newspapers and on television/radio stations (note: this is extremely difficult to estimate quantitatively, so no further attempt to do so is made here).
- d. **Post-test period follow-up:** Following this Tsunami Warning Communications Test, feedback responses (from this survey) will be evaluated by each participating NWS office's Warning Coordination Meteorologist (WCM). If communications and/or other technical problems were noted in particular geographical areas, the WCM will attempt to determine the source of the response (to the extent possible) and follow-up for more detail. Although names will not be requested as part of this survey, if the affiliation and location are known, the WCM will have a good starting point. Additionally, the WCM will attempt to contact other knowledgeable people in the same area for purposes of corroborating information, or for obtaining additional detail necessary to identify and correct problems with the warning system. The following is a reasonable estimate of the additional burden: Assume 30 survey responses indicate there was a problem with the test, and all 30 responses relate to the same general problem. The local WCM would respond to approximately 1/2 of those responses, spending 6 minutes with each person (1.5 hours total). The WCM then calls an additional 15 people to corroborate the information and obtain more detail, spending 10 minutes with each (2.5 hours total). This makes for a total additional burden of 4 hours per local office's area. Assume there are a total of four offices responding with problems in their areas. The total additional burden for the four

offices would be 16 hours.

**Additional Notes:** This feedback survey will be our primary means of determining how successful our test is, and more importantly, how and where to focus our efforts on improving our products and services. The information received via responses to the survey is critical, and in some cases, it may be the only means by which system deficiencies threatening safety of life and property are identified. This ties directly to NOAA/NWS' mission – “to protect life and property”. As described above in Part B, #1, we anticipate between 5 and 80% response rate, based on information from our local offices, but this is highly sufficient for our needs, because those individuals and groups responding already have knowledge of our products and services. While the general public may also respond to the survey, and such responses are certainly welcome, their response rate is expected to be very low – likely much less than 1%. Past experience has shown us that such information typically does not provide much detail and specificity. Therefore, the general public will not be a focus of our survey.

**4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.**

No prior testing of the survey is planned. Potential respondents will be advised in advance regarding survey location (web-based URL). The questions are very simple and short, objective in nature, and will only require 1-5 minutes per respondent for completion.

**5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.**

N/A. Again, no formal statistical analysis is intended. The information collection contact is Jeff Lorens, NOAA/National Weather Service, Western Region Headquarters, (801) 524-4000, ext. 265.



**NOAA/NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
Western Region**

**Tsunami Warning Communications Test: (date)**

We appreciate your participation in this Tsunami Warning Communications Test. Your responses to the questions below are essential for improving the NOAA/National Weather Service's Tsunami Warning System. In addition to your responses to specific questions, we also welcome your general comments. Response to this survey is voluntary. No personal information is needed or requested. Responses will be collected and summarized for official purposes only.

- 1. Your location (nearest city and state) [Text box for entry]**
- 2. Your affiliation (select response):**
  - Emergency Management
  - Law Enforcement
  - U.S. Coast Guard
  - U.S. Navy
  - Media
  - Fire Department
  - Department of Transportation (e.g. state/county road department)
  - Elected Official
  - General Public
  - Other – please specify [Text box for entry]
- 3. Time (local) which you first received this message [Text box for entry]**
- 4. How did you receive the test message? (select all that apply)**
  - National Warning System (NAWAS)
  - NOAA Weather Radio (NWR)
  - NOAA Weather Wire Service (NWWS)
  - Television
  - Radio
  - E-mail
  - Pager
  - Cell Phone
  - Internet
  - Outdoor siren(s)
  - Law enforcement telecom system
  - Other – please specify [Text box for entry]
- 5. If you received this test message from a television broadcast, please indicate your type of television service:**
  - N/A – did not receive via television

- Local cable service provider
  - Satellite service provider
  - Direct reception (over the air from a local transmitter)
- 6. Please indicate how much advance notice you had for this test:**
- One month or more
  - 1-4 weeks
  - 3-6 days
  - 1-2 days
  - less than one day
  - No advance notice
- 7. If you have any additional comments, please enter them in the box provided below: [\[text box for response\]](#)**

**Thank you!**

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Jeffrey Lorens, NOAA National Weather Service, Western Region Headquarters, Meteorological Services Division (MSD), 125 S. State Street, Rm 1235, Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1102; phone: (801)524-4000 x265, or [Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov).

Personal information will not be collected, and survey responses will not be made public. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected 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.

of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0314.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 275.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s); 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment; 16 hours for background documentation for nominees; and 1 hour for a request to reinstate state authority.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,607 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$700.

### 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: December 30, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. E5-8320 Filed 1-5-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-P

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey Form for Feedback for Annual Tsunami Warning Communications Test

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

**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 March 7, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Jeff Lorens, 801-524-4000 or [Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Lorens@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The NOAA/National Weather Service Western Region and West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center conduct test to assess the effectiveness of their Tsunami Warning communications system. This survey is required to gather specific feedback immediately following testing, which is conducted annually in September. Post-test feedback will be requested from emergency managers, the media, law enforcement officials, local government agencies/officials, and the general public. This will be a web-based survey. The responses will be solicited for a limited period immediately following completion of this test, not to exceed two weeks. This web-based survey will allow for a rapid and efficient collection of information regarding the effectiveness of the Tsunami Warning System, particularly with respect to communications systems and related processes.

##### II. Method of Collection

Web-based survey.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government; and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

### 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: December 30, 2005.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

[FR Doc. E5-8322 Filed 1-5-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-KE-P

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Multispecies Days-At-Sea Leasing Program

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

**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 March 7, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or