

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Susan Schechter, OMB Desk Officer either by fax (202-395-7245) or email (susan_schechter@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: May 22, 2003.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions.

Form Number(s): SOC-QI/SF.1, SOC-QI/MF.1.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0110.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 8,725 hours.

Number of Respondents: 24,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension of the currently approved collection for the Survey of Housing Starts, Sales, and Completions, otherwise known as the Survey of Construction (SOC). The respondents are home builders, real estate agents, rental agents, or new home owners of sampled residential buildings.

The Census Bureau uses the information collected in the SOC to publish estimates of the number of new residential housing units started, under construction, completed, and the number of new houses sold and for sale. Data for two principal economic indicators are produced from the SOC: New Residential Construction (housing starts and housing completions) and New Residential Sales. In addition, a number of other statistical series are produced, including extensive information on the physical characteristics of new residential buildings, and indexes measuring rates of inflation in the price of new buildings.

Government agencies and private companies use statistics from SOC to monitor and evaluate the large and

dynamic housing construction industry. For example, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System uses data from this survey to evaluate the effect of interest rates in this interest-rate sensitive area of the economy. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data in developing the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The private sector uses the information for estimating the demand for building materials and the many products used in new housing and to schedule production, distribution, and sales efforts. The financial community uses the data to estimate the demand for short-term (construction loans) and long-term (mortgages) borrowing.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: Monthly.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Susan Schechter, (202) 395-5103.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dhynek@doc.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Southeast Region Dealer and Interview Family of Forms.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0013.
Type of Request: Regular submission.
Burden Hours: 397.
Number of Respondents: 85.
Average Hours Per Response: 20 minutes.

Needs and Uses: NOAA proposes to add a reporting requirement to this family for forms. Fishery quotas are established for species in the deep-water and shallow-water management units within the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (50 CFR 622.42(a)(ii) and (iii)). Existing methods of monitoring these fishery quotas have proven to be ineffective, and for the past two years landings for the species in these management units have exceeded the quotas. The Southeast Fisheries Science Center intends to use the authority under section 50 CFR 622.5(c)(3)(ii) to require dealers to report purchases (landings) on a monthly basis and every two weeks for the last two months of the season (year).

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

Frequency: Monthly, biweekly for last two months of year.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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