

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Number of Respondents:* 175.

*Average Hours per Response:* 5 minutes for a regular tag; 30 minutes for an archival (implanted electronic) tag.

*Burden Hours:* 41.

*Needs and Uses:* The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has prepared groundfish Fishery Management Plans (FMP) for the following fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska: Groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) EEZ under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands EEZ under the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area. These FMPs are implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 679. General regulations that also pertain to these fisheries appear in subpart H of 50 CFR part 600.

As part of these plans, the Groundfish Tagging Program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery off Alaska and the Northwest Pacific. The program area includes the Pacific Ocean off Alaska (the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, the Alexander Archipelago of Southeast Alaska), California, Oregon, and Washington. Distribution, movement rates and direction, growth, recruitment and mortality estimated from tag recoveries are important parameters used in groundfish population assessment models and in developing allocation systems.

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

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

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

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 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

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, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

Dated: July 14, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions Between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons**

**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 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 5 p.m. September 15, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey instrument(s) and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; *phone:* (202) 606-9826; *fax:* (202) 606-5318; or via the Internet at [christopher.emond@bea.gov](mailto:christopher.emond@bea.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

Form BE-185, Quarterly Survey of Financial Services Transactions between U.S. Financial Services Providers and Foreign Persons, obtains quarterly data from U.S. financial services providers whose sales of covered financial services to foreign persons exceeded \$20 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year, or whose purchases of covered financial services from foreign persons exceeded \$15 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current

fiscal year. The data collected are cut-off sample data. In addition, estimates are developed based upon previously reported or estimated data for non-respondents, including those U.S. financial services companies that fall below the reporting threshold for the quarterly survey but reported on a previous benchmark survey.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in financial services, analyze its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, support U.S. commercial policy on trade in financial services, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Responses will be due within 45 days after the close of each calendar quarter, except for the respondents' final quarter of their fiscal year, when reports are due within 90 days after the close of the quarter. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to cross-border trade in financial services.

The BE-185 Form remains the same. No changes in the data collected or in exemption levels are proposed.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from our Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax, or e-mail.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0608-0065.

*Form Number:* BE-185.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 hours per mandatory response; and 1 hour per other responses.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 16,900.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended and by Section 5408 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988.

##### **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 will 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: July 13, 2009.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Economic Analysis

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Quarterly Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets With Foreign Persons**

**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 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 5 p.m. September 15, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at [dhynek@doc.gov](mailto:dhynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information or copies of the survey and instructions to Christopher Emond, Chief, Special Surveys Branch, Balance of Payments Division, (BE-50), Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; phone: (202) 606-9826; fax: (202) 606-

5318; or via the Internet at [christopher.emond@bea.gov](mailto:christopher.emond@bea.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

Form BE-125, Quarterly Survey of Transactions in Selected Services and Intangible Assets with Foreign Persons, obtains quarterly data from U.S. companies whose sales of covered services or intangible assets to foreign persons exceeded \$6 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year, or whose purchases of covered services or intangible assets from foreign persons exceeded \$4 million for the previous fiscal year or are expected to exceed that amount during the current fiscal year. The data collected are cut-off sample data. In addition, estimates are developed based upon previously reported or estimated data for non-respondents, including those U.S. persons who fall below the reporting threshold for the quarterly survey but reported on a previous benchmark survey.

The data are needed to monitor U.S. international trade in these transactions, analyze its impact on the U.S. and foreign economies, compile and improve the U.S. economic accounts, support U.S. commercial policy on trade in selected services and intangible assets, conduct trade promotion, and improve the ability of U.S. businesses to identify and evaluate market opportunities.

Responses will be due within 45 days after the close of each calendar quarter, except for the final quarter of the respondents' fiscal year, when reports are due within 90 days after the close of the quarter. The data from the survey are primarily intended as general purpose statistics. They are needed to answer any number of research and policy questions related to cross-border trade in services and intangible assets.

The BE-125 Form remains the same. No changes in the data collected or in exemption levels are proposed.

##### **II. Method of Collection**

The surveys are sent to the respondents by U.S. mail; the surveys are also available from our Web site. Respondents return the surveys one of four ways: U.S. mail, electronically using BEA's electronic collection system (eFile), fax, or e-mail.

##### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0608-0067.

*Form Number:* BE-125.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,800.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 16 hours per mandatory response; and 1 hour per other responses.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 98,800.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* The International Investment and Trade in Services Survey Act, 22 U.S.C. 3101-3108, as amended.

#### **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 will 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: July 13, 2009.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**[Docket No. 071003556-81194-02]**

**RIN 0648-XQ22**

#### **Fisheries off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Amendment 15**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** List of Limited Entry Trawl Vessels Issued Pacific Whiting Vessel Licenses.