

Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notices

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information:

1. We conduct this tagging program under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C.742f), the Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-666c), and the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a – 757g).
2. Your response is voluntary. We will remove all names and identifying information when we compile the results and only summary information will be reported. The horseshoe crab tagging program provides vital information to fishery managers about the migration patterns, distribution, and abundance of horseshoe crabs along the Atlantic coast. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act.
3. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. This information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned clearance number 1018-0127.
4. Average time required per response depends on the number of tags applied by an agency in 1 year. Agencies tag between 25 and 9,000 horseshoe crabs annually, taking between 2 to 5 minutes per crab. We estimate that it will take you between 1 to 750 hours to complete the form, depending on the number of crabs tagged. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, tagging crabs, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the form.
5. Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form may be directed to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222-ARLSQ, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.