

**Federal Register Notice
Request for Public Comment
Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) in Maine
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)**

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is seeking additional public comments on the paperwork and regulatory burdens associated with its program to "... reimburse aquaculture industry businesses; conduct biosecurity, protocols and audits; develop site-specific ISA action plans; compile fish inventories and mortality reports (and keep records of the inventories and reports); and conduct disease surveillance ..." - APHIS notes that ISA is a "... clinical disease resulting from infection with the ISA virus; signs include hemorrhaging, anemia, and lethargy. ISA poses a substantial threat to the economic viability and sustainability of salmon aquaculture in the United States and abroad ..."

The title of the June 12, 2018 USDA Federal Register Notice is "Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request"

The title of the March 30, 2018 APHIS Federal Register Notice is "Notice of Request for Revision to and Extension of Approval of an Information Collection; Infectious Salmon Anemia; Payment of Indemnity"

The June 12, 2018 Federal Register Notice was signed on an unspecified date by Ruth Brown who is a Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer with the USDA Office of the Chief Information Officer

The March 30, 2018 Federal Register Notice was signed on March 26, 2018 by Kevin Shea who is the Administrator of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Source: June 12, 2018 USDA Federal Register Notice

March 30, 2018 APHIS Federal Register Notice

Comments Due By: **July 12, 2018**

The June 12, 2018 USDA Federal Register Notice is posted at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-06-12/html/2018-12585.htm>

The March 30, 2018 APHIS Federal Register Notice is posted at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-30/html/2018-06514.htm>

Additional information about the Maine Infectious Salmon Anemia Virus Control Program Standards is posted at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/aquaculture/downloads/isa_standards.pdf

Questions may be directed to Teresa Robinson who is the Maine ISA Program Aquaculture Liaison with the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services in Edmunds Township, Maine at 207 319 3703

Summary: The following information is taken from the June 12, 2018 USDA Federal Register Notice:

Title: Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA)--Payment of Indemnity.

OMB Control Number: 0579-0192.

Summary of Collection: The Animal Health Protection Act (AHPA) of 2002 is the primary Federal law governing the protection of animal health. The law gives the Secretary of Agriculture broad authority to detect, control, or eradicate pest or diseases of livestock or poultry. Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA) is a clinical disease resulting from infection with the ISA virus; signs include hemorrhaging, anemia, and lethargy. ISA poses a substantial threat to the economic viability and sustainability of salmon aquaculture in the United States and abroad. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will collect information using VS Form 1-22 ISA Program Enrollment Form, VS Form 1- 23 All Species Appraisal and Indemnity Claim Form, VS Form 1-24 Proceeds from Animals Sold for Slaughter Form, and VS Form 1-26 Appraisal and Indemnity Request for Affected Premises Using Contract Growers Form.

Need and Use of the Information: APHIS uses the following information activities to reimburse aquaculture industry businesses; conduct biosecurity, protocols and audits; develop site-specific ISA action plans; compile fish inventories and mortality reports (and keep records of the inventories and reports); and conduct disease surveillance. Each program participant must sign an ISA Program Enrollment Form in which they agree to participate fully in USDA's and the State of Maine's ISA Program. APHIS will collect the owner's name and address, the number of fish for which the owner is seeking payment, and the appraised value of each fish.

The owner must also certify as to whether the fish are subject to a mortgage. Without the information, it would be impossible for APHIS to launch its program to contain and prevent ISA outbreaks in the United States.