**Authority:** The collection of this information is authorized by Title 45 U.S.C. 1177 and CFR Part 259. The data is for the evaluation of eligibility for compensation from the Fishermen’s Contingency Fund. Compensation will not be considered unless all requested information is furnished.

**Purpose:** In order to determine eligibility for the Fishermen’s Contingency Fund, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires financial information, vessel owner contact data, vessel and licensing information, damage estimates, replacement invoices, verification of payments, fish ticket data, economic and fuel loss estimates, snag information, and other data as relevant.

**Routine Uses:** NMFS will use this information to determine eligibility for compensation from the Fishermen’s Contingency Fund. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS’ Financial Services Division. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in Commerce/NOAA-21, Financial Services Division.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility and compensation from the program.