

U.S. demand is low relative to the abundance of the species.

II. Method of Collection

Activity reports are made by radio when fishing begins or ceases, to report on the transfers of fish, and to file weekly reports on the catch or receipt of fish. Foreign vessels are also subject to recordkeeping requirements. These include a communications log, a transfer log, a daily fishing log, a consolidated fishing or joint venture log, and a daily joint venture log. These records must be maintained for three years.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0075.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6 minutes for a joint venture report; 30 minutes per day for joint venture recordkeeping; and 7.5 minutes per day for recordkeeping by transport vessels.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 422.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$500.

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 shall 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: April 9, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040904C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; In-depth Community Profiling of Fishing Communities in the Southeast Region

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 15, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via e-mail at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Brent Stoffle, NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Dr., Miami, FL 33149, 305–361–4276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this research is to develop in-depth community profiles for fishing communities in the Southeast Region, excluding the U.S. Caribbean. The Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA, particularly National Standard 8, NS 8), National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), and Executive Order (EO) 12898 (Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations) require that social impact analyses be conducted when federal agencies propose new regulations. These analyses require the social and cultural baseline data for various stakeholders, including descriptions of the commercial, recreational (including for hire) and subsistence fishing sectors. This effort is in response to the urgent need for research consistent with these new definitions and guidelines.

This research not only focuses on the development of an extensive description of fishing communities and the social and economic networks embedded within these communities, but also solicits fishermen's perceptions about various kinds of common management options. The purpose of this is to be able to provide managers with a sense of what types of management options are determined to be more effective than others from the perspective of the fishermen. Some examples of the types of options to be discussed are Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Individual Fishing Quotas, Seasonal Closures and Limited Entry.

II. Method of Collection

The data will be collected through individual and group interviews. Those interviewed will include a variety of stakeholders, including commercial, recreational, and subsistence fishermen, owners of packing houses, and key local, state and federal fisheries personnel. As well, business owners directly and indirectly impacted by fishing will be interviewed in order to identify the social and economic networks that exist within and outside of the place-based definition of a fishing community.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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 shall 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: April 9, 2004.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File Nos. 226-1752, 116-1742, and 878-1715

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for permits to import marine mammals for purposes of public display: Theater of the Sea, 84721 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, Florida 33036 (File No. 226-1752) and Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821 (File No. 116-1742). In addition, notice is hereby given that Daniel F. Cowan, M.D., The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77555-0555 (File No. 878-1715) has applied in due form for a permit to take parts from species of marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The application requests and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

File No. 116-1742: Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018; and

File Nos. 226-1752 and 878-1715: Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these requests should

be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 226-1752, 116-1742, or 878-1715.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore, Jill Lewandowski, or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

File No. 226-1752: Theater of the Sea requests authorization to import one male, adult bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*) from West Edmonton Mall, Alberta, Canada to their facility in Islamorada, Florida for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility is: (1) open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards of the Alliance for Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 58-C-0182, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-59).

File No. 116-1742: Sea World, Inc. requests authorization to import one female, adult beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*), identified as "Allua", from the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Center, British Columbia, Canada to Sea World of California in San Diego, California. The

applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, Sea World of California, 1720 South Shores Road, San Diego, California 92109 is: (1) open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards of the AZA and the Alliance for Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 93-C-069, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-59).

In addition to determining whether these applicants meet the three public display criteria, NMFS must determine whether the applicants have demonstrated that the proposed activity is humane and does not represent any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of marine mammals; that the proposed activity by itself, or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and that the applicant's expertise, facilities and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

File No. 878-1715: Dr. Cowan proposes to acquire, import and export specimen samples (blood, tissue or body fluids) from all marine mammal species (pinnipeds and cetaceans) under NMFS jurisdiction. An unlimited number of samples would be taken from the following: (1) stranded marine mammal carcasses; (2) other legally taken (collected) dead animals, or (3) live stranded marine mammals as part of a program of diagnosis and rehabilitation of live stranded marine mammals. Importation and exportation are requested in order to provide specimens to the international scientific community for consultation of diagnosis. The objective of this permit is to utilize samples to determine the cause of disease or death or of stranding, leading to treatment, for example, in a mass mortality event or of individuals from endangered stocks. The applicant has requested a 5-year permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal