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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Crab Economic Data Reports (EDRs)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2007.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region (NMFS) manages the crab fisheries in the waters off the coast of Alaska through the Crab Rationalization (CR) Program. The CR Program reallocates Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) crab resources among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. Section 313(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act authorizes a mandatory data collection program for the fisheries of the CR Program. According to section 313(j)(1), the data from the economic data report (EDR) will be used "to study the impacts of the crab rationalization program," to ensure that the program will achieve "equity between the

harvesting and processing sectors," and to monitor the "economic stability for harvesters, processors and coastal communities."

An EDR is required from any owner or leaseholder of a vessel or processing plant that harvested or processed crab in specified BSAI crab fisheries during the prior calendar year.

II. Method of Collection

The EDRs may be completed on-screen, printed, and submitted by mail, fax, or hand delivery. Four versions of the EDR exist, one each for catcher vessels, catcher/processors, stationary floating crab processors, and shoreside processors. In addition, a Web-based system is available for catcher vessels.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0518.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 187.

Estimated Time per Response: 7 hours and 30 minutes to complete and submit an Annual Catcher Vessel EDR; 12 hours and 30 minutes to complete and submit an Annual Catcher/Processor EDR; 10 hours to complete and submit an Annual Stationary Floating Crab Processor EDR; and 10 hours to complete and submit an Annual Shoreside Processor EDR.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,429.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$ 3,307.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Region BSAI Crab Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 5, 2007.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region manages the crab fisheries in the waters off the coast of Alaska, under the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) Crab through the Crab Rationalization Program (Program). BSAI crab resources are allocated among harvesters, processors, and coastal communities. This collection-of-information addresses the permits, transfers, and cost recovery procedures for the Program. Implementing regulations may be found at 50 CFR part 680.

II. Method of Collection

The applications can be completed on-screen, printed, and submitted by mail, fax, or hand delivery. However, some applications require notary certification and therefore cannot be faxed. The cost recovery information may be submitted online.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0514.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,480.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Crab Quota Share (QS) and Processor Quota Share (PQS); 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Crab Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Permit or Crab Individual Processor Quota (IPQ) permit; 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete and submit Application for Crab Harvesting Cooperative IFQ Permit; 30 minutes to complete and submit Application for Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) Permit; 30 minutes to complete and submit Application for Crab IFQ Hired Master; 21 minutes to complete and submit Application for Federal Crab Vessel Permit; 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete and submit Application To Become an Eligible Crab Community Organization (ECCO); 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Eligibility To Receive Crab QS/IFQ or PQS/IPQ by Transfer; 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Transfer of QS, IFQ, and IPQ; 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Transfer of Crab QS/IFQ to or From an ECCO; 2 hours to complete and submit Application for Inter-cooperative Transfer; 30 minutes to complete and submit RCR Fee Submission; 40 hours to prepare and submit Right of First Refusal Provisions (ROFR) Contracts; 30 minutes to complete and submit a ROFR Waiver; and 4 hours to complete and submit an appeal on NMFS decisions.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,466.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$ 31,742.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA88

Marine Mammals; File No. 1034–1685

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Markus Horning has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1034–1685–01.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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)427–2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562)980–4001; fax (562)980–4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jaclyn Daly, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 20, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 33981) that an amendment to Permit No. 1034–1685–01 had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations

governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 1034–1685–01, issued on November 12, 2004 (72 FR 69585), authorized the permit holder to surgically implant transmitters, attach tags, collect blood, and perform blubber biopsy and ultrasound and bioelectrical impedance analysis on up to 30 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) undergoing rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center (TMMC). In addition, the permit authorized intramuscular injections of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), pre-and post blood collection under anesthesia, and fecal sampling for up to 6 California sea lions at TMMC. The amended Permit No. 1034–1685–02 authorizes the permit holder to increase the number of California sea lions at The Marine Mammal Center that receive ACTH injections to 12 animals and inject 6 animals with a sterile saline solution as a control group. In addition, a new Co-investigator has been added to the permit.

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

Dated: August 28, 2007.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XC36

Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The 96th meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene Tuesday, September 25, 2007, through Thursday September 27, 2007 (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times, dates, and agenda items).