

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 18, 2005.

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 the Internet 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 Dianne Stephan, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (phone (978) 281-9397).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NMFS must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). NMFS permits fishing vessels and dealers in order to collect the information necessary to comply with domestic and international obligations, secure compliance with regulations, and disseminate necessary information.

Current regulations at 50 CFR part 635.4 require that vessels participating in commercial and recreational fisheries for highly migratory species (HMS), dealers purchasing Atlantic HMS from a vessel, and dealers importing or exporting bluefin tuna or importing swordfish obtain a permit from NMFS. A final rule which will go into effect on July 1, 2005, (69 FR 67268, November 17, 2004) will also require the HMS International Trade Permit (ITP) for international trade of frozen bigeye tuna, southern bluefin tuna, and export of swordfish.

This action addresses the renewal of permit applications currently approved under 0648-0327, including vessel permits for Atlantic tunas, HMS charter/headboats, and HMS angling, and the HMS ITP. In addition, vessel permits for swordfish (directed, incidental, and hand gear) and sharks (directed and incidental) currently approved under collection 0648-0205 will be merged into this collection and renewed; dealer permits for sharks and swordfish currently approved under collection 0648-0205 will be merged into this

collection and renewed; and dealer permits for Atlantic tunas, currently approved under collection 0648-0202 will be merged into this collection and renewed.

II. Method of Collection

Applications for Atlantic Tunas, HMS Angling, and HMS Charter/Headboat Vessel Permits may be submitted online at www.nmfspermits.com, mailed, or faxed. All other applications including dealer permits and other vessel permits must be mailed.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0327.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations (vessel owners and dealers).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,520.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes for the HMS ITP Application, initial and renewal of Shark and Swordfish Dealer Permit Applications, and renewal of Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit Application; 6 minutes for renewal application for the following vessel permits: Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, and HMS Angling; 15 minutes for initial Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit Application; 20 minutes for initial and renewal of Shark and Swordfish Vessel Permit Applications; and 30 minutes for initial applications for the following vessel permits: Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, and HMS Angling.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,506.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,477,988.

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: February 11, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Region Logbook Family of Forms

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

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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Alaska Region manages the U.S. groundfish fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Alaska under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMPs). The North Pacific Fishery Management Council prepared the FMPs pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The regulations implementing the FMPs are at 50 CFR part 679.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 50 CFR part 679 form

the basis for this collection of information. NMFS Alaska Region requests information from participating groundfish participants. This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of the groundfish fisheries of the EEZ off Alaska.

II. Method of Collection

Internet and facsimile transmission of paper forms. Paper reports, electronic reports, and telephone calls are required.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0213.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; and business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,033.

Estimated Time Per Response: 18 minutes for Catcher Vessel trawl gear daily fishing logbook (DFL); 28 minutes for Catcher Vessel longline and pot gear DFL; 30 minutes for Catcher/processor trawl gear daily cumulative production logbook (DCPL); 41 minutes for Catcher/processor longline and pot gear DCPL; 31 minutes for Shoreside processor DCPL; 31 minutes for Mothership DCPL; 8 minutes for Shoreside Processor Check-in/Check-out Report; 7 minutes for Mothership or Catcher/processor Check-in/Check-out Report; 11 minutes for Product Transfer Report; 17 minutes for Weekly Production Report; 11 minutes for Daily Production Report; estimated time to electronically submit the Weekly Production Report (5 min./report); 5 minutes to electronically submit the check-in/check-out report; 35 minutes for Weekly Cumulative Mothership ADF&G Fish Tickets; 14 minutes for U.S. Vessel Activity Report; 23 minutes for buying station report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 36,705.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$188,000.

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: February 10, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

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. 393-1772, 545-1761, 587-1767, 1071-1770, 731-1774, 945-1776, 782-1719, 1000-1617

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for permits and for permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for a permit or permit amendment for scientific research on marine mammals:

Deborah A. Glockner-Ferrari, 39 Woodvine Court, Covington, LA 70433, (File No. 393-1772);

North Gulf Oceanic Society (Craig O. Matkin, Principal Investigator), 2030 Mary Allen Avenue, Homer, AK 99603, (File No. 545-1761); Dan R. Salden, Ph.D., Hawaii Whale Research Foundation, 52 Cheshire Drive, Maryville, IL 62062-1931, (File No. 587-1767);

The Dolphin Institute (Adam A. Pack, Ph.D., Principal Investigator), 420 Ward Avenue, Suite 212, Honolulu, HI 96814, (File No. 1071-1770);

Robin Baird, Ph.D., Cascadia Research, 218 1/2 W. 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, (File No. 731-1774);

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (Christine M. Gabriele, Principal Investigator) P.O. Box 140, Gustavus, AK 99826, (File No. 945-1776);

NMFS, National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML), 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98102, (Permit No. 782-1719); and

Whitlow W. L. Au, Ph.D., University of Hawaii, P.O. Box 1106, Kailua, HI 96734 (Permit No. 1000-1617).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments on the new applications and amendment requests must be received on or before March 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed 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 request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427-2521, 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. 393-1772, 545-1761, 587-1767, 1071-1770, 731-1774, 945-1776, 782-1719, or 1000-1617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubard, Amy Sloan, or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits and amendments 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 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 222-227), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Applications for Permits

Deborah A. Glockner-Ferrari (File No. 393-1772) requests a 5-year permit to continue long-term population studies of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) on their winter breeding grounds with a particular emphasis on defining life histories, documenting behavior and recording distribution. Incidental observations would be made