

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,407.

Estimated Time Per Response: Permit applications and transfers, 30 minutes; additional information (when requested) for the coastal pelagic fishery, 1 hour; appeals, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 333.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$575.

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: June 29, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061606A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the draft updated Recovery Plan (Plan) for the fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*). NMFS

is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on September 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Angela Somma, Chief, Endangered Species Division, Protected Resources Division, NMFS. Comments may be submitted by: (1) E-mail:

finwhale.recoveryplan@noaa.gov, include in the subject line the following document identifier: Fin Whale Recovery Plan. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; (2) Chief, Endangered Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; (3) Fax: (301) 427 2523. Interested persons may obtain the Plan for review from the above address or on-line from <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica DeAngelis, (562-980-3232), e-mail *Monica.DeAngelis@noaa.gov*; or Shannon Bettridge, (301-713-2322 ext. 141), e-mail *Shannon.Bettridge@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (15 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. Accordingly, NMFS provided a contract for preparation of a draft Recovery Plan for fin and sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*) whales that was released for public comment and review in 1998 (63 FR 41802). The draft Recovery Plan for the fin and sei whale was never finalized. NMFS has since determined that the recovery plans for the fin and sei whales should be separated. This Plan updates the 1998 Recovery Plan's information for the fin whale and discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to fin whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of this species are identified and discussed. The Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of this endangered species. NMFS' goal is to restore endangered fin whale populations to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems, and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS will consider all substantive comments and information

presented during the public comment period in the course of finalizing this Plan.

Dated: June 29, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061606B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the draft Recovery Plan (Plan) for the sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*). NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on September 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Angela Somma, Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS. Comments may be submitted by: (1) E-mail:

spermwhale.recoveryplan@noaa.gov, include in the subject line the following document identifier: Sperm Whale Recovery Plan. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; (2) Mail to: Chief, Endangered Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; (3) Fax: (301) 427 2523.

Interested persons may obtain the Plan for review from the above address or on-line from <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica DeAngelis, (562-980-3232), e-mail *Monica.DeAngelis@noaa.gov*; or Shannon Bettridge, (301-713-2322 ext. 141), e-mail *Shannon.Bettridge@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (15

U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. This Plan discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to sperm whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of this species are identified and discussed. The Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of this endangered species. NMFS' goal is to restore endangered sperm whale populations to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems, and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS will consider all substantive comments and information presented during the public comment period in the course of finalizing this Plan.

Dated: June 29, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.062706C]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application to renew and to modify a scientific research permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application to renew and modify a permit for scientific research from the National Park Service (NPS) in Point Reyes Station, CA (1046). The permit would affect federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon, threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon, and threatened Central California Coast steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by e-mail must be sent to the following address: FRNpermits.SR@noaa.gov. The application and related documents are available for review by appointment, for Permit 1046 Modification 2: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 315, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (ph: 707-575-6097, fax: 707-578-3435).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Jahn at phone number 707-575-6097, or e-mail: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Renewal and Modification Request Received

NPS requests to renew and modify a 5-year permit (1046) for take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to monitor out-migrating salmonid smolts in Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek watersheds in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual

non-lethal take of 9,875 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 750 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 9,875 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 3 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap or pipe trap), handling, and release of fish. NPS also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 2,625 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, 250 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, and 2,625 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap or pipe trap), handling, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging, fin-clipping, and release of fish.

NPS requests take of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct a juvenile salmonid diet composition study in Olema Creek, Pine Gulch, and Redwood Creek watersheds in Marin County, California. NPS requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 250 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon and 150 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by fyke-net trap, pipe trap, or electrofishing), handling, stomach sampling (a process during which a blunt hypodermic syringe is used to flush stomach contents out of the esophagus), and release of fish.

NPS requests take of previously dead adult carcasses of Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to collect genetic information on spawning salmonids in the following watersheds: Olema Creek, Lagunitas Creek, Pine Gulch, Redwood Creek, and Easkoot Creek in Marin County, California; West Union Creek, Martini Creek, San Vicente Creek, and Denniston Creek in San Mateo County, California; and Alhambra Creek and Frankin Creek in Contra Costa County, California. NPS requests authorization to handle, tissue sample, and release an estimated 550 Central California Coast coho salmon adult carcasses, 150 California Coastal Chinook salmon adult carcasses, and 750 Central California Coast steelhead adult carcasses annually. NPS does not request any take of live adult salmonids for this study.

NPS requests take of adult Central California Coast coho salmon, California Coastal Chinook salmon, and Central California Coast steelhead to conduct adult spawner population monitoring, population abundance, fish migration, and population genetics studies in