

Firms (5 minutes); Workers (10 minutes)
 Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:
 Processing Firms (15) = 7.5 hours;
 Non-processor Harvesting Firms (20)
 = 1.5 hours; Workers 1100 workers*10
 min = 183.3 hours; Total Burden
 Hours = 192

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.0

Respondents will not need to buy equipment or materials to respond to this survey

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 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Proposal to Collect Economic and Social Information From West Coast Limited Entry Fixed Gear Permit and Vessel Owners

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 April 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to James L. Seger, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW 5th, Suite 224, Portland, Oregon 97201 (telephone: 503-326-6352) or Stephen P. Freese, National Marine Fisheries Service, Trade and Industry Services Division, Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA, 98115, (206) 526-6113.

I. Abstract

Data will be collected from vessel and permit owners on economic and social characteristics of firms harvesting in the West Coast limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery. The fishery is currently managed as a derby fishery which has become intolerably short. The data to be collected is intended to assist the Council and Secretary of Commerce in evaluating the effects of alternatives to derby fishery management. These alternatives have substantial allocative implications. There is broad industry support for certain provisions in the alternatives, e.g. a requirement that the owner of the permit or vessel be on board the vessel during fishing operations. However, the information necessary to determine the degree to which such provisions would change or maintain the current practices is not available. The questions to be asked of vessel and permit owners in the fixed gear sablefish sector will cover the following topics: legal organization of ownership (e.g. individual, partnership, corporation, etc.), participation of the vessel owner in fishing operations, status of family members as participants in the fishing operation, number of employees, number of years of participation in the fishery, vessel's home port, number of dependents, dependence on fishing income, level of household income. Questions on other social characteristics (age, sex, marital status, education level) may also be asked.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be administered through the mail. Following the initial mailing a reminder post card will be sent. Nonrespondents will be sent a second mailing of the questionnaire.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular Submission

Affected Public: Owners of West Coast Longline and Fishpot Groundfish Limited Entry Permits and Vessels
Estimated Number of Respondents: 240
Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 20 hours

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.0

Respondents will not need to purchase equipment or materials to respond to this survey

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 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Proposal to Collect Cost and Earnings Information on Participants in the Pacific Whiting Industry

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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 April 29, 1996.

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Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Stephen P. Freese, F/NWO1-Trade and Industry Services Division, Bin C15700, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Data on the costs and earnings of the four major groups of participants in the Pacific whiting industry will be collected. The following groups will be surveyed: (1) shorebased processors of whiting; (2) at-sea processors of whiting; (3) catcherboats that harvest Pacific whiting; and (4) processors of whiting wastes. Companies associated with these groups will be surveyed for production, cost, and revenue information. In general, questions will be asked concerning amount of time spent processing or harvesting whiting; amounts of whiting harvested, processed, or converted to waste; the harvesting or processing of species other than whiting; ex-vessel and wholesale revenues; product recovery rates; and fixed, variable, and capital costs. The data will be used for the Regulatory Impact Review (E.O. 12866) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act of the Pacific Whiting onshore-offshore allocation decisions to be made by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Secretary of Commerce. As required by law, data will be kept on a confidential basis.

II. Method of Collection

Because of the voluntary nature of the survey, the small number of companies in each user group, and the unique characteristics of each processor, it will be necessary to survey all processors and harvesters to develop appropriate estimates and to allow the necessary aggregation of data to protect confidentiality. Most likely, all of the data collection will be done by NMFS economists unless funding is located for contracting the catcher vessel survey. Questionnaires will be mailed to each member of each survey group and in many instances will be followed up by interviews where questions and responses can be clarified.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular Submission

Affected Public: Pacific whiting harvesters and processors and Pacific whiting waste processors

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Total=79: 12 Shorebased processors, 17 at-sea processors, 40 catcher vessels, and 10 whiting waste processors

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 79

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.0

Respondents will not need to buy equipment or materials to respond to this survey

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.

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Dated: February 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 982 (P254D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Pacific Whale Foundation (Paul H. Forestall, Ph.D., Principal Investigator), 101 N. Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui, HI 96753-8833, has been issued a permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/955-8831).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On

November 15, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 57402) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) over a 5-year period, during observational and photo-identification studies in waters in the Hawaiian Islands area. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 950531144-5304-02]

RIN 0651-XX02

Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") is publishing the final version of the guidelines to be used in