

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Postponement of Preliminary Determination

We have determined that the respondent parties to this proceeding are cooperating, thus far, in this investigation. We also have determined that this case is extraordinarily complicated because of the novel legal and methodological issues in this investigation and that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination. In particular, the Department must consider novel questions regarding the appropriate date of sale, differences in quantity adjustments, and affiliation. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, as amended, we are postponing the date of the preliminary determination as to whether sales of open-end spun rayon singles yarn from Austria have been made at less than fair value until not later than March 18, 1997.

This notice is published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act, and 19 CFR 353.15(d).

Dated: January 15, 1997.

Jeffery P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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International Trade Administration**University of Connecticut Health Center, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments**

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 96-110. *Applicant:* University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT 06030-3505.

Instrument: High Intensity Xenon Flashlamp, Model XF-10.

Manufacturer: Hi-Tech Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 57397, November 6, 1996. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) a three-lens quartz condenser, (2) a flash repetition rate, variable from 0.05-10Hz and (3) pulse length, variable from 400-1500ns. *Advice received from:* The National Institutes of Health, November 22, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-111. *Applicant:* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3270.

Instrument: 4 each Operant Boxes with 9-Hole Nosepoke Wall. *Manufacturer:* Paul Fray Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 57397, November 6, 1996. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) a 9-hole nosepoke panel to permit randomized positioning of stimuli in a 5-choice serial reaction time task for rats and (2) 4.0 cm-deep ports to minimize undesirable head orientation. *Advice received from:* The National Institutes of Health, November 22, 1996.

Docket Number: 96-112. *Applicant:* Harvard University, Boston, MA 02115.

Instrument: Stopped-Flow Spectrometer, Model SX.18MV. *Manufacturer:* Applied Photophysics Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 61 FR 57397, November 6, 1996. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides measurement of small-sample enzyme/substrate reactions at temperatures as low as -5° C. *Advice received from:* The National Institutes of Health, November 22, 1996.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**Southwest Region Logbook Family of Forms; 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 March 24, 1997.

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 Svein Fougner, Fisheries Management Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, telephone 310-980-4034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Federal Fisheries Logbook Program administered by the Southwest Region, NMFS, is the principal mechanism for monitoring the extent and nature of fishing in the pelagic longline, crustacean, bottomfish and precious corals fisheries in the western Pacific region. These fisheries are regulated under fishery management plans prepared by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Persons who have permits to participate in these fisheries must maintain and provide to the Southwest Regional Administrator, NMFS, data concerning catch, effort, results of experimental fishing, or other records. These data are needed to ensure the ability to determine the effects of the fishery on the fish stocks, determine the economic and social values associated with the fisheries, evaluate the effectiveness of management and the impacts of potential changes in management, and enforce the regulations governing the fisheries.

II. Method of Collection

Where logbooks are required, permittees are provided with the required forms that are filled out while on a fishing trip and are submitted to the Regional Administrator on the completion of a trip. For experimental fishing, permittees are advised of the information that must be provided to the Regional Administrator at the completion of the experiment, but are left to furnish that information in the manner they see fit. NMFS will provide guidance as requested. Observers may be placed on vessels to ensure that more complete and accurate data are provided to NMFS than could reasonably be expected of the fishing vessel operator. Sales report forms are provided where appropriate. Pre-trip and pre-landings reports are made by radio or by messaging using automated vessel monitoring system equipment. Protected species interaction reports are made in a manner determined by the permittee.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0214.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals and Businesses (commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 215.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes per logbook day, 5 minutes for sales reports and notifications, and 4 hours for experimental fishing reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,293.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0—no capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

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: January 13, 1997.

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: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has revised the marine mammal stock assessment reports and the guidelines upon which the reports were based in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Draft revised reports are available for public review and comment. Copies of the revised guidelines are also available for review.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments and requests for copies of reports or guidelines to: Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas C. Eagle, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, at (301) 713-2322; Douglas P. DeMaster at (206) 526-4045, Alaska Fisheries Science Center (F/AKC), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 regarding Alaska regional stock assessments; James Lecky at (310) 980-4020, Southwest Regional Office (F/SWO3), NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213, regarding Pacific regional stock assessments; or Gordon Waring at (508) 495-2311, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097 for Atlantic regional stock assessments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) required NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments for each stock of marine mammals that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These reports contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries

with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock.

NMFS convened a workshop in April 1996 to evaluate the guidelines upon which stock assessment reports were based and to revise the guidelines as needed. The workshop results indicated that substantive changes to the guidelines were not required; however, several provisions were clarified, primarily to ensure that default values for various parameters were interpreted correctly.

The MMPA also requires NMFS and FWS to update these reports annually for strategic stocks of marine mammals and every 3 years for stocks determined to be non-strategic consistent with any new information. NMFS has revised those reports for which new information is available. Table 1 contains a summary of the information included in the reports. NMFS solicits public comments on the draft revised reports.

Most proposed changes to the stock assessment reports incorporate new information into abundance or mortality estimates. Stock structure was also reexamined, which resulted in revised stock identification for killer whales in the Alaska and Pacific regions and for harbor porpoise in Alaska; none of these stocks is designated as strategic.

Three stocks were identified as special subsistence stocks in the initial stock assessment reports; these included harbor seals in the Gulf of Alaska and beluga whales in Cook Inlet and Norton Sound. After examining new information, and in accordance with advice from the Alaska Scientific Review Group, NMFS proposes to revise these reports to present the full information required under the MMPA. Two of the stocks, Gulf of Alaska harbor seals and Cook Inlet beluga would be identified as strategic stocks because total human-caused mortality exceeds the calculated Potential Biological Removal level (PBR). Norton Sound beluga would be identified as non-strategic. Any management actions concerning these or any other stock that is used for subsistence purposes would be addressed through a co-management process as indicated by section 119 of the MMPA.

New abundance estimates for beaked whales in the Pacific Ocean, which included a recently developed correction factor for animals not seen on the track line, allowed NMFS to determine that human-caused mortality and serious injury of these stocks did not exceed PBR; therefore, these stocks have been designated as nonstrategic. Uncertainty in field identification of these stocks does not allow either mortality or abundance estimates to be