

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Procedures for Supporting Documentation

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 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental 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 Ms. Dawnielle Battle, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room 6877, Washington, DC, 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Exporters will retain in their files for a period of five years (1) certain supporting documents that previously accompanied the request for an export license and then were retained by BXA, and (2) all other records that they had previously been required to be retained for two years. Also outlined are the procedures for returning unused or partially used import certificates, or their equivalent, to the foreign importer.

II. Method of Collection

Record retention and submission of documents.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0694-0064.

Form Number: Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,558.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 to 30 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 313 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

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 will also become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021898A]

Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Bluefin Tuna Rebuilding Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas announces a bluefin tuna rebuilding workshop.

DATES: The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger, (301)713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop has the following objectives: (1) To evaluate and review current stock assessment knowledge for bluefin tuna; (2) to discuss items/issues to be considered relative to establishing a rebuilding program for bluefin tuna; (3) to consider a matrix of rebuilding scenarios; (4) to discuss additional rebuilding scenario alternatives, and (5) to make recommendations.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301)713-2276 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021998B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1130, 1131, 1132, 1133) and an amendment to an application for a scientific research permit (1102).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Geological Survey, Cook, WA (USGS) (1130), the Port of Portland, Portland, OR (POP) (1131), S. Gordon Rogers, Satilla Management Associates, Inc. (1132), and Andre M. Landry, Texas A&M University (1133), have applied in due form for permits, and that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Vancouver, WA (WDFW) (1102) has submitted in due form an amendment to an application for a

permit to take listed species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before March 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

For permits 1102, 1130, and 1131: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/ NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400); and

For permits 1132 and 1133: Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permits 1102, 1130, and 1131: Robert Koch, Protected Resources Division (503-230-5424).

For permit 1132: Terri Jordan, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

For permit 1133: Michelle Rogers, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: USGS (1130), POP (1131), S. Gordon Rogers (1132), Andre M. Landry (1133), and WDFW (1102) request permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

USGS (1130) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, endangered, artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with research designed to determine the movement, distribution, and passage behavior of radio-tagged juvenile salmonids at Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day Dams on the Columbia River. USGS also requests a take of juvenile lower Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) which is currently proposed as threatened. The results of the research will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to

assess fish passage efficiency at John Day and The Dalles Dams and to increase bypass efficiency for juvenile salmonids at the dams by effectively designing and positioning prototype surface bypass/collection structures. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be acquired from Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) personnel at Bonneville, John Day, and McNary Dams; implanted with radio transmitters; transported; held for as long as 24 hours; released; and tracked electronically. SMP personnel are authorized to collect ESA-listed fish under the authority of permit 822. Indirect mortalities of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with the scientific research are also requested.

POP (1131) requests a two-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon; juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead; and juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead associated with research designed to determine the presence and distribution of fish in shallow water habitats between the lower end of Hayden Island and the Sandy River delta on the Columbia River. POP also requests a take of juvenile lower Columbia River steelhead which is currently proposed as threatened. Information obtained as a result of research activities will be used to: 1) develop a comprehensive management plan for the lower Columbia River steelhead evolutionarily significant unit in cooperation with the states of OR and WA; 2) prepare environmental impact assessments associated with shoreline development projects, such as a proposed marine terminal facility on the western half of Hayden Island; and 3) design mitigation plans to compensate for the loss of shallow water habitat due to future shoreline development projects. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be captured using electrofishing, seines, or bottom trawls; handled; and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

S. Gordon Rogers, Satilla Management Associates, Inc. (1132), requests a one year permit to collect tissue samples and morphometric measurements from 30 shortnose sturgeon in Georgia rivers. In addition, the any fish that samples were collected from would also be marked with conventional and PIT tags. Collection method would be tended gill and trammel nets.

Andre M. Landry, Texas A&M University (1133), requests a five-year

permit (1133) to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of conducting studies on population status and recovery potential, habitat preference, movement and migration, foraging patterns, and impact of man's activities such as commercial and recreational fishing, dredging and habitat alteration/pollution. The applicant requests authorization to take up to 200 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 20 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 300 green (*Chelonia mydas*), and 200 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles annually from locations within the Gulf of Mexico, primarily through the use of entanglement nets. Captured turtles may be weighed, photographed, and measured; tagged with flipper, PIT, radio and/or satellite tags; and blood, fecal and tissue sampled. Additionally, stomach lavage techniques may be deployed where necessary.

On October 31, 1997, a notice was published (62 FR 58942) that NMFS received an application (1102) for a three-year permit from WDFW that would authorize takes of ESA-listed adult salmon and steelhead, including adult, threatened, Snake River steelhead, for the purpose of scientific research. NMFS has received an amendment to the application requesting: 1) That the permit be valid for a duration of five years; and 2) a take of adult lower Columbia River steelhead, which is currently proposed as threatened. Indirect mortalities of ESA-listed adult steelhead associated with research activities are also requested.

To date, protective regulations for threatened Snake River steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA have not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues protective regulations that prohibit takes of Snake River steelhead. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of Snake River steelhead, does not presuppose the contents of the eventual protective regulations. To date, a listing determination for lower Columbia River steelhead under the ESA has not been promulgated by NMFS. This notice of receipt of applications requesting takes of this species is issued as a precaution in the event that NMFS issues a listing determination. The initiation of a 30-day public comment period on the applications, including their proposed takes of lower Columbia River steelhead, does not presuppose a listing determination.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific

reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Nancy I. Chu,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the CME for Designation as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Russian Ruble

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options on the Russian ruble. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME Russian ruble futures and options.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC

20581, telephone (202) 418-5279. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mpenick@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commissions, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 18, 1998.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

"FEDERAL REGISTER" CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 F.R. 8167.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to March 5, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Golden Field Office; Notice of Time Variance

AGENCY: Golden Field Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of time variance.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy's Golden Field Office is reducing the standard 14 day review and comment period for Notice Of Scoping and Review of Predecisional Draft Environmental Assessment in connection with the proposed granting of a Right-Of-Way Easement to the Public Service Company of Colorado. In accordance with 10 CFR 1021.343(b) Reduction of Time Periods, DOE is reducing the time period for review and comment from 14 days to 7 days.

DATES: Comments to the notice of Scoping and Predecisional Draft will be due to DOE 7 days after the date of issuance.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Deborah A. Turner, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden CO, 80401, Phone (303) 275-4746, Fax (303) 275-4788.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON GENERAL DOE NEPA REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756, Fax (202) 586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Service Company of Colorado has conducted extensive public and state agency outreach and coordination regarding the installation of a 26 mile high pressure natural gas line in the state of Colorado. The outreach and coordination activities have been ongoing since August 1996 and all other Federal, State, and local approvals have been obtained. A 0.25 mile portion of this pipeline is proposed to cross the South Table Mountain (STM) Site located in Golden, Colorado. The Golden Field Office is preparing an Environmental Assessment in relation to the potential granting of the Right-of-Way Easement that will allow the 0.25 mile portion of pipeline to be installed across our STM site. Construction and installation of the pipeline has already