

sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories in Japanese and other Asian markets; (3) advises the Secretary of Commerce during consultations with other Governments on issues concerning sales of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets; and (4) assists in establishing priorities for the initiative to increase sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories to Japanese markets, and otherwise provide assistance and direction to the Secretary of Commerce in carrying out the intent of that section; and (5) assists the Secretary of Commerce in reporting to Congress by submitting an annual written report to the Secretary on the sale of U.S.-made automotive parts in Japanese and other Asian markets, as well as any other issues with respect to which the Committee provides advice pursuant to its authorizing legislation. At the meeting, committee members will discuss specific trade and sales expansion programs related to automotive parts trade policy between the United States and Japan and other Asian markets.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on September 2, 1999, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the September 24 meeting of the Committee and of any subcommittee thereof, dealing with privileged or confidential commercial information may be exempt from the provisions of the Act relating to open meeting and public participation therein because these items are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (9)(B). A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Department of Commerce Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Main Commerce.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

Henry P. Misisco,

Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

[FR Doc. 99-23596 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-DR-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399B]

Requirements for All Marine Mammal Special Exception Permits To Take, Import and Export Marine Mammals; for Maintaining a Captive Marine Mammal Inventory

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

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 November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ann Hochman, Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Fur Seal Act and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibit the taking, import, and export of marine mammals with certain exceptions. Respondents will be applicants for and holders of scientific research and enhancement permits, commercial and educational photograph permits, public display permits for captures and first-time imports, and General Authorizations for Level B scientific research projects. Applicants wanting a permit or authorization to take, import or export must provide certain information to be used as a basis for

determining whether a permit or authorization should be issued. Permit holders and authorized researchers under the General Authorization are required to report periodically on activities conducted, species taken, and to update information as necessary on any marine mammals held captive for purposes of maintaining the marine mammal inventory as required under the 1994 Amendments to the MMPA.

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be in the form of applications, annual and final reports, and notifications responding to requirements in regulations and instructions; no forms are required.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0084

Form Number: N/A

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Non-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; businesses or other for-profit; and Federal government. The majority of the affected public will be from the scientific research community, photographic journalists, and public display facilities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 570

Estimated Time Per Response: 29 hours for permit applications for scientific research (SR), enhancement (EN), public display (PD), Letters of Intent under the General Authorization (GA), and major amendments to permits; 10 hours for applications for photography permits; 3 hours for minor amendments and requests for changes under the GA; 2 hours for requests for the retention or transfer of nonreleasable rehabilitated marine mammals; 12 hours each for reports for SR, EN or projects under the GA; and 2 hours for recordkeeping needs. Public display reports and annual recordkeeping are each estimated at 2 hours. Photography annual reports and recordkeeping are each estimated at 2 hours. Notifications of transports and submission of Marine Mammal Data Sheets have been estimated at one hour and one-half hour, respectively.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,295

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$580

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: August 30, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 99-23482 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-F

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399C]

Requirements for Taking Endangered or Threatened Species for Research/ Enhancement Purposes

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

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 November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karen Salvini, Office of

Protected Resources, Room 13603, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, (301) 713-1401 (x130).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of endangered species for research/enhancement purposes. The corresponding regulations established procedures for persons to apply for such permits. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA prior to issuing a permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions. In order to issue permits as under ESA section 10(a)(1)(A), NMFS must determine that (1) such exceptions were applied for in good faith, (2) if granted and exercised will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species, and (3) will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be in the form of applications, annual reports, and final reports responding to requirements in regulations and instructions; no forms are required.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: N/A

Type of Review: Regular submission

Affected public: Non-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; businesses or other for-profit; and Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 140

Estimated Time Per Response: 40 hours for permit applications, 10 hours for permit modification requests, 10 hours for annual reports, and 20 hours for final reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$290

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: August 30, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 99-23483 Filed 9-9-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-F

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399D]

Application Form for Membership on Sanctuary Advisory Councils for the National Marine Sanctuary Program

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

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 November 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Elizabeth Moore, Marine