

MMPA. The Marine Mammal Stranding Reports are submitted by members of the marine mammal stranding network—the vast majority of whom are volunteers who have been authorized by NMFS to respond to strandings.

There are three marine mammal stranding data forms proposed for use. All the forms are intended to accurately characterize marine mammal strandings data. The new Marine Mammal Human Interaction and Marine Mammal Disposition Reports are designed to supplement the existing main form, the Marine Mammal Stranding Report.

The Marine Mammal Stranding Report was designed to provide a basic record of a marine mammal stranding event. The proposed Marine Mammal Stranding Report contains minor modifications of the form currently in use by the stranding networks. The modifications were made to increase consistency with data collected and currently used databases, to clarify meanings of data fields, and to improve the overall readability and appearance of the form.

The Marine Mammal Human Interaction Report is designed to provide stranding responders with a tool to objectively examine and collect data on marine mammal strandings specific to signs of human interaction. The Report is intended to prompt the examiner to collect data that will lead to a human interaction determination of “yes”, “no”, or “could not be determined”. The determination is recorded on the Marine Mammal Stranding Report, but the detailed information supporting this determination is provided on the Marine Mammal Human Interaction Report. The data collected on this form will help managers determine the frequency and type of human interactions that occur with marine mammals.

The Marine Mammal Disposition Report is designed to provide information regarding the treatment and disposition of a live marine mammal after initial examination and/or rehabilitation. Stranding network participants submit the Marine Mammal Stranding Report on a timely basis, but a live stranded animal may require longer care and/or may be deemed non-releasable and may be permanently retained in a captive display facility. The Marine Mammal Disposition Report allows the stranding network to provide follow-up information on the care, release, tagging, and specimen collection of live stranded marine mammals. This information will help managers track the final disposition of marine mammals that strand alive.

II. Method of Collection

Stranding Network members submit basic biological data contained on the reporting forms to NMFS Regional Offices for compilation and analysis.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0178.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 89–864, 89–870, and 89–869.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit, Federal government, and state and local government

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,240

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,200

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 28, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012800]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss stock assessment plans for 2000. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 28–February 29, 2000. The meeting will begin on Monday, February 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., and reconvene February 29, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.; the meeting will run as late as necessary each day to complete scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, 45 SE 82nd Drive, Suite 100, Gladstone, OR 97027–2522.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326–6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to plan the stock assessment process for groundfish species in 2000. The meeting will consider revisions to the terms of reference used for 1999 stock assessments, revise the goals and objectives for the annual stock assessment cycle, develop a calendar for 2000 stock assessment activities, confirm the list of species to be assessed in 2000, designate the resources and personnel for the assessments and the reviews, and discuss ways of improving coordination of the process. The meeting will also consider developing draft terms of reference for the process to rebuild overfished stocks.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may be discussed at the meeting, those issues will not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No. 000131021-0021-01]

National Weather Service (NWS) Modernization and Associated Restructuring; Final Certification of No Degradation of Service for the Combined Consolidation and/or Automation and Closure of Eight Weather Service Offices (WSO)

AGENCY: NWS, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On January 28, 2000, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere transmitted to Congress notice of Consolidation and/or Automation and Closure certification approval for WSOs Hartford, Connecticut; Kahului, Hawaii; Portland, Maine; Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts; Concord, New Hampshire; Providence, Rhode Island; and Beckley, West Virginia. Pub. L. 102-567 requires the final certifications be published in the FR. This notice is intended to satisfy that requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final certification packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300 ext. 136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These eight certifications were proposed in the March 26, 1999, FR for public comment. The 60-day public comment period closed on May 26, 1999. One public comment was received from Mr. Jack W. Ferns, Director, State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, pertaining to WSO Concord. The comment and the NWS response is set forth here for reference.

Comment on Concord: Mr. Ferns wrote, "A number of years ago our office opposed the consolidation of Flight Service Stations (FSS) and specifically the closure of the FSS at Concord. We felt strongly, at the time, that losing [sic] the FSS would compromise aviation safety. Now with the proposed closure of the NWS we feel that Concord has been dealt a second blow.

While we understand the effects of automation on our economy and the existing modernization process, we continue to recognize that weather services available on a person to person basis is becoming obsolete.

Our Department supports your effort to commission and certify an Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) at Concord. Thank you for the opportunity to respond."

NWS Response: Mr. John Jensenius, Liaison Officer for WS Concord, spoke with Mr. Ferns to assure him of the NWS commitment to provide continued support to the Concord area. Mr. Ferns said he is disappointed he will no longer be able to walk to the Concord office and discuss the weather with NWS personnel. Mr. Jensenius told him he could call the Portland forecast office, located in Gray, Maine, anytime for a weather briefing and offered to provide Mr. Ferns with a tour of the Portland office. Mr. Ferns stated he would try to work a tour into his schedule.

At its June 25, 1999, meeting, the Modernization Transition Committee (MTC) endorsed these certifications as not resulting in a degradation of service.

After consideration of the public comment received and the MTC endorsements, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere approved these eight combined consolidation and/or automation and closure certifications and transmitted notice of approval to Congress on January 28, 2000. Certification approval authority was delegated from the Secretary of Commerce to the Under Secretary in June 1996. The NWS is now completing the certification requirements of Pub. L. 102-567 by publishing the final consolidation and/or automation and closure certification notice in the FR.

Dated: February 1, 2000.

John E. Jones, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 17 February 2000 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Items of discussion will include designs

for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C. January 28, 2000.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Safety

Standard for Cigarette Lighters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the *Federal Register* of November 24, 1999 (64 FR 66171), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information required in the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters (16 CFR Part 1210). No comments from members of the public were received in response to the *Federal Register* notice. By publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of that collection of information without change for three years from the date of approval.

The Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters requires disposable and novelty lighters to be manufactured with a mechanism to resist operation by children younger than five years of age. Certification regulations implementing the standard require manufacturers and importers to submit to the Commission a description of each model of lighter, results of prototype qualification tests for compliance with the standard, and a physical specimen of the lighter before the introduction of each model of lighter in commerce.

The Commission uses the records of testing and other information required