

information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0292.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,500.

Number of Respondents: 10,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 9 minutes.

Needs and Uses: Under provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must report all incidental mortality or serious injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, and individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 6066, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Vessel Permits.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0327.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 4,700.

Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes for initial applications, 6 minutes for renewal applications.

Needs and Uses: Persons wishing to participate in the Federal Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fishery (Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish) must apply for an annual fishing permit. The information in the applications is necessary for managing the fishery and complying with international obligations.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, and, individuals.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Dated: May 26, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 000526158-0158-01]

RIN 0648-XA52

Guidelines for Research, Exploration and Salvage of RMS Titanic

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed guidelines; notice of hearing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: These proposed guidelines have been developed for future research

on, exploration of, and if appropriate, salvage of RMS Titanic. As mandated by the RMS Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 (Act), the proposed guidelines were developed in consultation with the United Kingdom, France, Canada and others. The broad and diverse public interest in RMS Titanic was also considered in developing the proposed guidelines. While the proposed guidelines set forth a preferred policy of in situ preservation of RMS Titanic, they also set forth the parameters for the research, recovery and conservation of RMS Titanic artifacts for the benefit of the public. Comments are requested on these proposed guidelines. NOAA also specifically requests comments from interested members of academia and research institutions.

DATES: Comments on this proposal must be received at the appropriate address (See **ADDRESSES**) by 5:00 P.M. on July 3, 2000; public hearing, June 15, 2000, 9:30 A.M.; requests to present oral testimony must be received on or before June 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on these proposed guidelines and requests to present oral testimony at the hearing should be sent to NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC IV, Suite 11515, Silver Spring, MD 20910; attention Titanic guidelines comments. Comments may also be sent via a facsimile (fax) to (301) 713-0404. The hearing will be held in Room 4830 of the Department of Commerce Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig McLean, (301) 713-3125 ext. 151, or Ole Varmer, (301) 713-2967 ext 211.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These proposed guidelines are issued under the authority of the RMS Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 (Act). Section 5(a) of the Act directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to enter into consultations with the United Kingdom, France, Canada and others to develop international guidelines for research on, exploration of, and if appropriate, salvage of RMS Titanic. The guidelines are to (1) be consistent with the national and international scientific, cultural, and historical significance of RMS Titanic and the purposes of the Act, and (2) promote the safety of individuals involved in such operations.

The purposes of the Act are to: (1) Encourage international efforts to designate RMS Titanic as an international maritime memorial to those who lost their lives aboard the ship in 1912; (2) direct the United States to enter into negotiations with other