

2000, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) a Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is June 26, 2000);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is July 10, 2000); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: June 5, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060500B]

Submission For OMB Review; 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: Application for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0293.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 620.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes for an initial application, 9 minutes for a renewal application.

Needs and Uses: The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) requires any

commercial fisher operating in a Category I or II fishery to register for a certificate of authorization that will allow the fisher to take marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations. Category I and II fisheries are those identified by NOAA as have either frequent or occasional takings of marine mammals.

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: June 2, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 060500LE]

Submission for OMB Review; 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: Project Design for Research, Exploration, or Salvage of the R.M.S. Titanic and/or Its Artifacts.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 48.

Number of Respondents: 2.

Average Hours Per Response: 12 hours per project design or report.

Needs and Uses: The R.M.S. Titanic Act of 1986 directs NOAA to enter into consultations with other nations to develop international guidelines for research on, exploration of, or salvage of

the Titanic. Proposed guidelines are being published. They include requests for the voluntary submission of project designs and later reports. The information will allow NOAA to assess the potential and actual impacts of activities.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions, not-for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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: June 1, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060600A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) 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 Bluefin Tuna Mandatory Catch Reporting.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0328.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approve collection.

Burden Hours: 955.

Number of Respondents: 8,697.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes per permit holder per fish using the call-in system; 10 minutes per permit holder per fish using the catch card system.

Needs and Uses: As a member of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), the U.S. is required to take part in the collection of biological statistics for research purposes. In addition to this requirement, the U.S. must abide by the specific quota assigned to it by the ICCAT. The mandatory catch reporting program provides current information on the vessel owners participating in the Atlantic tuna fisheries, thus facilitating the quota monitoring necessary to avoid exceeding the quota. It also aids the National Marine Fisheries Service in the enforcement of fishery regulations.

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, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.060100C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for an enhancement permit (1258); Issuance of permits 1245 and 1231; Issuance of Amendment #1 to Permit #1178.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a permit application from the North Carolina Zoological Park (NCZP) (1258); NMFS has issued permit

1245 to Mr. J. David Whitaker, of South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) (1245); Amendment #1 to permit 1178 to Mr. Darryl Christenson, of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NMFS-NEFSC) (1178); and permit 1231 to Dr. Llewellyn M. Ehrhart, of University of Central Florida, Dept. of Biological Science (UCF) (1231).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5:00 pm eastern standard time on July 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For Amendment #1 to permit 1178, and permits 1258, 1231 and 1245, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 (Ph.: 301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Amendment #1 to permit 1178, and permits 1258, 1231 and 1245: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that 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 the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

The following species are covered in this notice: endangered shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

New Applications Received

NMFS has received and application from the North Carolina Zoological Park has requested a five year permit to continue to maintain four (4) adult shortnose sturgeon in captivity for enhancement purposes. The applicant currently possesses four adult shortnose sturgeon received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery at Warm Springs Georgia in November 1996 under scientific research permit #986. Permit 986 will expire on December 31, 2000 and the permit holder does not wish to renew the enhancement aspects of the permit. As a result, the North Carolina Zoological Park is applying for an individual permit to continue maintenance of these fish.

Permits and Amendments Issued

Notice was published on March 21, 2000 (65 FR 15131) that Mr. J. David Whitaker, of South Carolina Department of Natural Resources applied for a scientific research permit (1245). The applicant has requested a three year permit to establish scientifically-valid indices of abundance for the northern sub-population of the threatened loggerhead turtle and the endangered Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles which occur in the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern United States. This study is intended to capture juveniles and adults, thereby providing a more comprehensive assessment of total population abundance and an assessment of the health of individual animals. Permit 1245 was issued on May 19, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1245 expires October 31, 2002.

NMFS has amended permit #1178 issued October 19, 1998. The amendment removes three annual