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Dated: November 19, 2003.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D.112103C]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Space-Based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements.**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 January 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robert Bassett at 301-757-5681 or at Robert.Bassett@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

NOAA operates two space-based data collection systems: the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Data Collection System and the Argos Data Collection System. Both systems are operated to support environmental applications. Since the entire capacity of the systems is not used by NOAA, this extra capacity is made available to other users who meet

certain criteria set forth in 15 CFR Part 911.

**II. Method of Collection**

Applications are submitted on paper forms, which can be mailed or faxed to NOAA.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0157.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; and State, Local, or Tribal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 390.

*Estimated Time Per Respon:* 3 hours for a GOES application, and 1 hour for an Argos application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 440.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$488.

**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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D.112103D]

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Red Crab and Exempted Fishing Permit Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System Collection**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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 January 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Brian Hooker, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

Vessels with red crab limited access permits, or vessels bearing an Exempted (Experimental) Fishing Permit (EFP), are required to report their catches. This submission seeks to authorize the collection of this information via an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. The collection of information in this manner is necessary to monitor catch levels in a timely manner, so that effort controls can be implemented before catch limits are attained. The information necessary for IVR catch reports is a fraction of that required by vessel logbooks.

The collection of catch data for red crab is authorized at 50 CFR 648.7(b)(iii), which requires catch reports to be submitted via IVR within 24 hours after offloading. The authorization for the collection of EFP catch reports is at § 600.745(c)(2).

Currently the reports are submitted in paper form, but NOAA proposes that some bearers of an EFP be subject to an IVR reporting requirement and be required to call within 24 hours of the start of a fishing trip and within 24 hours of landing and offloading.

## II. Method of Collection

The IVR system is an automated system that operates electronically. The respondent is prompted to enter data via the keypad of the telephone. It is a toll-free call.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0212.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 55.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

## 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112003D]

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for research permits (1185, 1280, 1452) and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications for a permit for scientific research from Natural Resource Scientists, Inc (NRS) in Red Bluff, CA (1185), Turlock Irrigation District (TID) in Turlock, CA (1280), and California Rivers Restoration Fund (CRRF) in El Dorado, CA (1452). The permits would affect federally threatened Central Valley steelhead. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on December 29, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the permit applications should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permits 1185, 1280, and 1452: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph:916-930-3614, fax: 916-930-3629). Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 3226 (301-713-1401).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosalie del Rosario at phone number 916-930-3614, or e-mail: [Rosalie.delRosario@noaa.gov](mailto:Rosalie.delRosario@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 a 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

This notice is relevant to federally threatened Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

### Applications Received

NRS requests a 5-year permit (1185) for take of adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead to monitor outmigrant salmonids in the Merced River. NRS requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 5 adult and 10 juvenile Central Valley steelhead (with no incidental mortality) resulting from capturing, measuring, and releasing fish.

TID requests a 5-year permit (1280) for take of adult and juvenile Central Valley steelhead to study the relationship between fall-run Chinook salmon outmigration patterns and flow fluctuation patterns in the Tuolumne River. TID requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 36 juvenile Central Valley steelhead (number includes 3 percent incidental mortality) and 5 adult Central Valley steelhead (no incidental mortality) resulting from seining, trapping, electrofishing, and angling activities. CRRF requests a 3-year permit (1452) to measure and collect scale samples from adult *O. mykiss* using hook and line and adult carcasses in the lower Tuolumne River. CRRF requests authorization for an estimated annual take of 340 adult Central Valley steelhead, with less than 1 percent incidental mortality, resulting from capture by hook and line fishing.