

6. 0648-0399, Limits on Applications of Take Prohibitions (Threatened Salmonids);

7. 0648-0402, Application and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits under the Endangered Species Act;

8. 0648-0463, Pacific Islands Region Coral Reef Ecosystems Permit Form;

9. 0648-0490, Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms;

10. 0648-0471, Highly Migratory Species Scientific Research Permits, Exempted Fishing Permits, and Letters of Authorization; and

11. 0648-0293, Application for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

All but four of these eleven permit collections currently require some or most of this information.

The primary purpose of these revisions is to bring NMFS into compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA) of 1996, 31 U.S.C. Section 7701. This action is in line with the Department of Commerce Interim Final Rule 0648-AA24 (April 16, 2007), which revises and replaces Department of Commerce debt collection regulations to conform to the DCIA.

In addition, this action will add to the developing consistency of permit requirements across NMFS regions and divisions, ultimately reducing the public's burden in completing these forms (a significant number of vessels fish in more than one region or division).

This action will add no burden or cost to the public. There should be no research or retrieval required for any of the information. As the information will be added to existing forms, no additional transmission costs will be incurred.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2007.

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).

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 these information collections; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 31, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Tag Recapture Card

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

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2007.

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 Eric S. Orbesen, 800-437-3936 or Eric.Orbesen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The primary objectives of a tagging program are to obtain scientific information on fish growth and movements necessary to assist in stock assessment and management. This is accomplished by the random recapture of tagged fish by fishermen and the

subsequent voluntary submission of the appropriate data.

II. Method of Collection

The recapture cards will be sent out to the constituents who will fill in the cards with the pertinent information when and if they recapture a tagged fish and mail the cards back to our offices.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0259.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1.

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.

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: May 31, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Pacific Tuna Fisheries Logbook

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

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 6, 2007.

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 Trisha Culver, 562-980-4239 or trisha.culver@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

United States participation in the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) results in certain recordkeeping requirements for U.S. fishermen who fish in the IATTC's area of management responsibility. These fishermen must maintain a log of all operations conducted from the fishing vessel, including the date, noon position, and the tonnage of fish aboard the vessel, by species. The logbook form provided by the IATTC is universally used by U.S. fishermen to meet this recordkeeping requirement, as permitted by the regulations. The information in the logbooks includes areas and times of operation, and catch and effort by area. Logbook data are used in stock assessments and other research concerning the fishery. If the data were not collected or if erroneous data were provided, the IATTC assessments would likely be incorrect and there would be an increased risk of overfishing or inadequate management of the fishery.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel operators maintain bridge logs on a daily basis, and the forms are either mailed to the IATTC or to the National Marine Fisheries Service at the completion of each trip. The data are processed and maintained as confidential by the IATTC.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0148.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 129.

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.

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: May 31, 2007.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XA62

**Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions;
Application for Exempted Fishing Permit**

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

ACTION: Notification of a request to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This exempted fishing permit (EFP) application is a continuation of a collaborative project involving the University of New Hampshire (UNH), Durham, NH; the Lobster Conservancy,

Friendship, Maine; the New England Aquarium, Boston, MA; and the Atlantic Offshore Lobstermen's Association, Candia, NH. The EFP proposes to continue monitoring legal sized egg bearing female lobsters (berried lobsters) carrying early-stage eggs. The continuation of this project will allow participating Federal lobster permit holders, fishing in designated study areas, to preserve a maximum of ten eggs from each berried lobster captured in commercial lobster gear, to allow researchers to determine what percentage of eggs are fertilized, and estimate the egg developmental stage and time to maturity. The berried lobsters will then be released unharmed. This project would not involve the authorization of any additional trap gear, and all trap gear would conform to existing Federal lobster regulations. There would be no anticipated adverse effects on protected resources or habitat as a result of this research. The EFP would waive the prohibition on removal of eggs for a maximum of 13 participating vessels. The Director, State, Federal and Constituent Programs Office, Northeast Region, NMFS (Office Director) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Office Director has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFPs would be consistent with the goals and objectives of Federal management of the American lobster resource. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue EFPs. NMFS announces that the Office Director proposes to issue EFPs and, therefore, invites comments on the issuance of EFPs for this research.

DATES: Comments on this lobster EFP notification for berried lobster monitoring and data collection must be received on or before June 21, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments - Lobster EFP Proposal". Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 978-281-9117, or by e-mail to LobsterMay2007@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "Comments - Lobster EFP Proposal".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Ross, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9234, fax (978)-281-9117.

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