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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 7, 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; U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Reporting System

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

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 13, 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 Chris Fanning, (562) 980-4198 or Chris.Fanning@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southwest Region (SWR) manages the U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty of 1981 (Treaty). Owners of vessels that fish from U.S. West Coast ports for albacore tuna will be required to notify NMFS SWR of their desire to be on the list of vessels provided to Canada each year indicating vessels eligible to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the jurisdiction of Canada. Additionally, vessel operators are required to report in advance their intention to fish in Canadian waters prior to crossing the maritime border as well as to mark their fishing vessels to facilitate enforcement of the effort limits under the Treaty. The vessel operators are also required to maintain and submit a logbook of all catch and fishing effort. The regulations implementing the reporting and vessel marking requirements under the Treaty are at 50 CFR 300.172-300.176.

The estimated burden below includes hours to complete the logbook requirement, although it is assumed that most if not all of the respondents already fill out the required logbook under the mandatory West Coast Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) (Form No.: 88-197, OMB Control No. 0648-0223, expires 05/31/2008). Duplicate reporting under the Treaty and HMS FMP is not required. Most years, there will be much less fishing (and thus less reporting) under the Treaty than the level on which the estimate is based.

II. Method of Collection

Requests to be placed on the vessel eligibility list may be made in writing via mail or fax, by e-mail, or by telephone. Communications to comply with 'hail in' and 'hail out' requirements are made via ship to shore radio or via telephone and are compiled in an electronic database accessible by NMFS via a web interface. Vessel marking requirements entail painting the letter 'U' immediately after the U.S. Coast Guard documentation identification number already on the vessel. Logbooks are maintained in pre-printed paper format and submitted via mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0492.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes to make the request to be placed on the eligible list per year; 10 minutes for each set of two haul reports for border crossings per year; 5 minutes to make the required vessel markings per year; and an estimated 2 and one-half hours for logbook maintenance and submission.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 283.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,955.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Correction to Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Omnibus Notice for Compliance of National Marine Fisheries Service Permits With the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996

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

ACTION: Correction.

This is to correct the notice of the same title published June 6, 2007, Volume 72, page 31289.

In addition to the information collections listed on June 6, 2007, this

action applies to the following NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service permit collections:

OMB Control No.

1. 0648-0327, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Permit Family of Forms.
2. 0648-0194, Antarctic Marine Living Marine Resources Conservation and Management Measures.
3. 0648-0387, International Dolphin Conservation Program.

The sentence following the original list should now read "All but five of these fifteen permit collections currently require some or most of this information."

All other pertinent information still applies.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA73

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS has made a preliminary determination that an application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) warrants further consideration. The application was submitted to NMFS by a California-based commercial fisherman requesting an exemption for a single vessel from the longline fishing prohibitions within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the west coast during the 2007 fishing year beginning mid-September 2007. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species (HMS FMP). However, further review and consultation is necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS proposes to

review the EFP and requests public comment on the application.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this notice, identified by RIN 0648-XA73 by any of the following methods:

- E-mail:

LonglineEFP.SWR@noaa.gov. Include the RIN in the subject line of the message.

- Federal e-Rulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Following the instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Rodney R. McInnis, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

- Fax: (562) 980-4047.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Helvey, Southwest Region, NMFS, (562) 980-4040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An application for an EFP was submitted to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) by Peter Dupuy, a commercial fishing vessel owner, in March, 2006. The EFP would exempt a single vessel from following the gear and fishing restrictions at 50 CFR 660.712(a) implementing the HMS FMP that prohibit owners and operators of vessels registered for use of longline gear from using longline gear to fish for or target HMS within the U.S. EEZ. The applicant applied for the EFP with the intent to conduct an exploratory test fishery with a single vessel to gather information on the economic viability and environmental effects, including the potential impacts to protected species and non-target finfish interactions, of fishing for swordfish in the West Coast EEZ.

At its April 2007, meeting, the Council, with advice from its HMS Management Team and HMS Advisory Subpanel, adopted a preferred alternative for conditioning the EFP and forwarded that alternative to NMFS, recommending that the agency review the proposed EFP and, if consistent with Federal law, issue the permit. The Council recommended that the applicant be subject to a interaction cap of one short-finned pilot whale and 12 striped marlin, and not fish off the state of Washington. The Council also recommended that the fishery be managed through limits on the amount of incidental take of protected species that may be exposed to and adversely affected by this action that are to be established based upon section 7 consultations under the Endangered Species Act by NMFS for marine mammals and sea turtles and by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for

seabirds. If any one of the limits set by these consultations is reached by the fishery authorized by the EFP, the permit would be immediately revoked. The EFP would require 100 percent NMFS observer coverage for all fishing under the EFP. The Council's recommendations, described above, would be established as permit conditions.

If approved, the EFP would authorize a single vessel to longline fish in the EEZ off of Oregon and California. Under the proposed terms and conditions of the EFP, the vessel would target swordfish utilizing shallow-set longline gear which is set at a shallower depth (<100 m) than deep-set longline gear which is typically set in the deeper thermocline zone (~300-400 m) for tunas. The applicant would be allowed a maximum of four trips between September and December, 2007, and a maximum of 14 sets per trip. Fishing will neither be allowed within 30 nautical miles of the coastline nor within the Southern California Bight as defined by the applicant. Utilizing shallow-set longline gear configuration, the mainline cannot exceed 100 km and no more than 1,200 hooks can be deployed per set. The use of 18/0 circle hooks with a 10° offset and the use of mackerel or mackerel-type bait (as described at 50 CFR 665.33(f) and (g), respectively) is required. To reduce potential interactions with seabirds, gear would not be set until one hour after local sunset and must be fully deployed before local sunrise with attached time/depth recorders to estimate fishing depth. Utilization of a NMFS-certified shark de-hooking device will be required to improve the post-release survivability of incidentally captured sharks.

Aside from the exemptions described above, the vessel fishing under the EFP would be subject to all other regulations implementing the HMS FMP, including measures to protect sea turtles, marine mammals, and sea birds.

The EFP application would be effective for 2007 only. In accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-6, an appropriate National Environmental Policy Act document will be completed prior to the issuance of the EFP. A draft environmental assessment on the EFP was presented to the Council and public in April 2007. Further review and consultation is necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. As required in Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), NMFS is engaged in formal consultation to determine if the proposed action is likely to jeopardize the continued