

effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations also must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking incidental to target missile operations on San Nicolas Island, CA, were published on September 2, 2003 (68 FR 52132), and remain in effect until October 2, 2008.

Pursuant to these regulations, NMFS has issued an LOA to the NAWC-WD. Issuance of the LOA is based on a finding made in the preamble to the final rule that the total takings by this project (with the mitigation) will have no more than a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stock for taking for relevant subsistence uses. NMFS also finds that the applicant will meet the requirements contained in the implementing regulations and LOA, including monitoring and reporting requirements.

According to the draft technical report, the NAWC-WD performed a total of three missile launches between February and November 2007. A dual launch of Rolling Airframe Missiles (RAM) occurred on 26 April, 2007; and single GQM-163A Supersonic Sea-Skimming Target (SSST) were launched on June 12 and 13, 2007. California sea lions were observed during all three launches on all three launch dates. Northern elephant seals were observed during all three launches on the three dates. Pacific harbor seals were not observed during launches on any launch dates. Based on monitoring efforts between February and November 2007, the NAWC-WD estimates that approximately 567 sea lions, 40 harbor seals, and no elephant seals were affected by launch sounds. There was no evidence of injury or mortality during or immediately succeeding the launches for any pinniped species. NMFS finds that the level of taking under the 2008 LOA will be consistent with the findings made in the final rule for this action.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF45

Marine Mammals; File No. 42-1908

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355 (Dr. Lisa Mazzaro, Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit to conduct research and enhancement on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) being held in captivity and to import and export parts from all cetaceans and pinniped species (excluding walrus) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 8, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 31811) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Mystic Aquarium has been issued a permit to continue activities authorized under Permit No. 42-1642-03 for the following two projects: Project 1: Research and display of captive Steller sea lions including authorization (1) to import or receive a second intact adult

male Steller sea lion and subsequently return this animal to its facility of origin, if necessary; and (2) to import up to nine female Steller sea lions from the Vancouver Aquarium, and to receive a "non-releasable" one year old male Steller sea lion from The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California. At any one time the maximum number of adult male SSL maintained at Mystic Aquarium will be two and the number of females and pups will not exceed nine.

Project 2: Receipt, import and export of tissues from a maximum of 10,000 animals, up to 30 samples per animal per year (i.e., 5000 pinniped and 5000 cetaceans) under NMFS jurisdiction in the U.S. and abroad (i.e. worldwide). Samples will be analyzed for purposes of research on marine mammal health (e.g., nutrition, disease, immune function, environmental stressors).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF50

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public meeting in Pago Pago, American Samoa to discuss potential

management actions pertaining to pelagic longline and pelagic purse seine fishing in offshore waters around American Samoa.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Saturday February 23, 2008 at the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources Conference Room. Written comments will be accepted until March 7, 2008. For specific times, and the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held on Saturday February 23, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the American Samoa Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources Conference Room, Pago Pago, American Samoa. Send written comments to Kitty M. Simonds, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The agenda for the meeting is as follows. Council is seeking public input on agenda items 2 and 3.

Saturday February 23, 2008 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. American Samoa Purse-Seine Close Area Alternatives
3. American Samoa Pelagic Longline Management Program Modification Alternatives
4. Public Comments

American Samoa Purse-Seine Closed Area Alternatives

At its 138th meeting held in June 2007, the Council discussed the potential for increases in purse seine fishing within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone surrounding American Samoa and directed staff to develop a paper examining potential options to expand the existing 50 miles large pelagic vessel exclusion zone specifically for purse seine vessels to avoid potential gear conflicts between these vessels and the American Samoa longline and domestic troll vessels. At its 139th meeting held in October 2007, the Council recommended an amendment be developed which included a range of preliminary alternatives as follows:

Alternative 1: No-Action

Under the no-action alternative waters within 3–50 nm around American Samoa would continue to be closed to pelagic fishing by vessels greater than

50ft in length including purse seine vessels

Alternative 2: Close Entire EEZ Waters around American Samoa to Purse Seine Fishing

Under Alternative 2, a closed area would be established to exclude purse seine vessels from operating within all EEZ waters around American Samoa

Alternative 3: Close 75 nm around American Samoa to Purse Seine Fishing (Preliminarily Preferred)

Under Alternative 3, a closed area would be established to exclude purse seine vessels from operating within 75 nm around American Samoa

American Samoa Longline Management Program Modification Alternatives

At its 139th Council meeting, the Council directed staff to draft a regulatory amendment that would provide a framework to adjust the American Samoa longline limited entry program, including establishing a process to reopen the limited entry permit application process, amending the large (>50ft) pelagic vessel 50 nm closed areas, and eliminating the minimum landing requirements for all vessel size classes in the American Samoa longline limited entry program.

These issues were brought before the Council by fishery participants who were concerned that rapid changes in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery over the past several years has resulted in lower than anticipated participation in the fishery, and that the current measures including the large vessel area closure, minimum landing requirements and initial permit qualification criteria be reviewed in order to ensure that the management program continues to ensure sustained participation in the domestic longline fishery and to maintain opportunities for substantial participation by indigenous American Samoans in this fishery while minimizing adverse impacts on American Samoa communities.

Regarding potential modification to the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry permit and landing requirements, the preliminary alternatives to be discussed include:

Alternative 1: No Action

Under Alternative 1, the Council would not re-open the permit application process and would not remove the minimum landing requirement.

Alternative 2

Under Alternative 2, the Council would not re-open the permit application process but would remove the minimum landing requirement.

Alternative 3

Under Alternative 3 the Council would re-open the permit application process but would not remove the minimum landing requirement.

Alternative 4

Under Alternative 4 the Council would re-open the permit application process and would also remove the minimum landing requirement.

Regarding the American Samoa large pelagic vessel area closure, the preliminary alternatives to be discussed include:

Alternative 1: No Action, Maintain Current 50 nm closure to vessels greater than 50 ft.

Under Alternative 1, the Council would maintain the current 50 nautical mile area closure for pelagic fishing vessels greater than 50 ft. around the islands of the American Samoa Archipelago

Alternative 2: Modify the area closure to 25 nautical miles

Under Alternative 2, the Council would temporarily reduce the area closure from 50 nautical miles to 25 nautical miles. The Council would also review the status of the fishery every two years to determine whether the closure should be maintained at 25 miles or return back to 50 nautical miles.

Alternative 3: Modify the area closure to 12 nautical miles

Under Alternative 3, the Council would temporarily reduce the area closure from 50 nautical miles to 12 nautical miles. The Council would also review the status of the fishery every two years to determine whether the closure should be maintained at 12 miles or return back to 50 nautical miles.

Alternative 4: Suspend the 50 mile area closure indefinitely

Under Alternative 4, the Council would suspend the 50 mile area closure indefinitely. The Council would also review the status of the fishery every two years to determine whether the closure should be returned back to 50 nautical miles.

The order in which agenda items addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agenda and written comments will be accepted until March 7, 2008.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808)522-8220 (voice) or (808)522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 4, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled the Financial Management Survey (FMS) form to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mrs. Stacy Bishop at (202) 606-6962. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine_T._Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2007. This comment period ended December 31, 2007. No public comments were received from this notice.

Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of the Financial Management Survey form which will be used by Grants Management Specialists at the Corporation to assess the capacity of potential grantees to manage federal funds.

The Financial Management Survey (FMS) form must be completed as a pre-award assessment tool by potential grantees to address questions about its organization type, financial systems, funds management, and internal controls to administer federal funds properly. The FMS is used to ensure uniform consideration of the capacity of prospective grantees to manage federal funds and becomes the basis for determining the areas of the organization's financial and management systems that may warrant technical assistance.

Type of Review: Renewal with minor revisions.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Financial Management Survey Form.

OMB Number: 3045-0102.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: First-time applicants or current grantees re-competing for funding.

Total Respondents: 20 annually.

Frequency: One (1) time.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20 hours annually.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

Peg Rosenberry,

Director, Office of Grants Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0025]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Buy American Act, Trade Agreements Act Certificate

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Buy American Act, Trade Agreements Act Certificate. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 56728, on October 4, 2007. No comments were received. This OMB clearance expires on May 31, 2008.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 10, 2008.