

issues and range of alternatives to be addressed in Amendment 6 and its environmental impact statement (EIS).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, February 15, 2011. The public hearings will be held from January 4, 2011 to February 9, 2011. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The Council will take comments at public meetings in Gloucester, MA; Hyannis, MA; New Bedford, MA; Warwick, RI; Portland, ME; Riverhead, NY; Manahawkin, NJ; Ocean City, MD, and New Bern, NC. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written comments should be sent to Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135 or submitted via e-mail to monkfishab@noaa.gov with Scoping Comments on Monkfish Amendment 6 in the subject line. Requests for copies of the scoping document and other information should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. monkfish fishery is jointly managed by the NEFMC and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), with the NEFMC having the administrative lead. On November 30, 2010, the NEFMC, in coordination with NMFS, published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for Amendment 6 to the Monkfish FMP (75 FR 74005).

At that time only one hearing was scheduled to be held on December 15, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in conjunction with the MAFMC meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. The purpose of this notification is to alert the interested public of additional public scoping hearings that were scheduled following the publication of the NOI for Amendment 6. The following schedule provides the information for these public hearings.

The dates, times, locations and telephone numbers of the hearings are as follows:

Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 3 p.m.— Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930; *telephone:* (978) 282-0308;

Monday, January 10, 2011 at 3 p.m.— Holiday Inn, 1127 Route 132, Hyannis, MA 02601; *telephone:* (508) 775-1153;

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 9 a.m.— Fairfield Inn & Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740; *telephone:* (774) 634-2000;

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 4 p.m.— Hilton Garden Inn, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886; *telephone:* (401) 734-9600;

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 1 p.m.— Clarion Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101; *telephone:* (207) 774-5611;

Monday, January 31, 2011 at 1 p.m.— Holiday Inn Express East End, 1707 Old Country Road, Riverhead, NY 11901; *telephone:* (631) 548-1000;

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 9 a.m.— Holiday Inn, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08050; *telephone:* (609) 481-6100;

Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 9 a.m.— Clarion Fontainebleu Hotel, 101st Street on the Ocean, Ocean City, MD 21842; *telephone:* (800) 638-2100;

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.— Hilton Riverfront Hotel, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560; *telephone:* (252) 638-3585.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 6, 2010.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File Nos. 13307, 13544, and 14586

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit and two permit modifications to take sea turtles and marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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) 713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Amy Sloan, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 3, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 9580) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles and marine mammals had been submitted by Jeanette Wyneken, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL (File No. 14586). On March 3, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 9580) that a modification of Permit No. 13544, issued April 17, 2009 (74 FR 18354), had been requested by Jeffrey Schmid, PhD, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Naples, FL, for sea turtle research. On April 1, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 16428) that a modification of Permit No. 13307-01, issued July 11, 2008 (73 FR 39950), had been requested by Kristen Hart, PhD, USGS, Davie, L, for sea turtle research. The requested permit and permit modifications have been issued under the authority of 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, for Permit No. 14586, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 14586 authorizes the permit holder to annually collect baseline data regarding the abundance and distribution of cetaceans [numerous non-listed species and endangered fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaengliae*), and North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*) whales] and sea turtles [leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*)] in the Straits of Florida off Florida's southeast coast. Research is authorized to occur before, during, and after ocean energy technology testing via vessel and aerial surveys. The permit expires on November 30, 2015.

Permit No. 13544 authorizes the permit holder to characterize the aggregations of Kemp's ridley, loggerhead, green, and hawksbill sea turtles in the nearshore waters of Lee County in southwest Florida by annually performing capture, weighing, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging, biopsy sampling; and for subsets of animals, fecal sampling and external tagging). The modified permit authorizes researchers to additionally satellite tag a subset of Kemp's ridley and loggerhead sea turtles to determine their seasonal distribution and possible migrations in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. The permit modification is valid until the permit expires on April 30, 2014.

Permit No. 13307-01 authorizes the permit holder to address fine-scale temporal and spatial patterns of sea turtle habitat use, ecology, and genetic origin within the Dry Tortugas National Park by annually capturing, weighing, flipper tagging, PIT tagging, and sampling (blood, tissue, feces, and lavage) green, hawksbill, and loggerhead sea turtles, a subset of which may be externally tagged with satellite and acoustic transmitters. The permit modification increases the number of green sea turtles that may be captured to 80 per year due to the high rate of recent capture success. The modification is valid until the permit expires on June 30, 2013.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 3, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR)

abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 10, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher W. Cummings, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, CFTC, (202) 418-5445; Fax: (202) 418-5528; e-mail: ccummings@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0049.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Procedural Requirements for Requests for Interpretative, No-Action, and Exemptive Letters (OMB Control No. 3038-0049). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Commission Regulation 140.99 requires persons submitting requests for exemptive, no-action, and interpretative letters to provide specific written information, certified as to completeness and accuracy, and to update that information to reflect material changes. Regulation 140.99 was promulgated pursuant to the Commission's rulemaking authority contained in Section 8a(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 12a(5) (2000). Regulation 41.3 requires securities brokers and dealers submitting requests for exemptive orders to provide specified written information in support of such requests. Regulation 41.3 was promulgated in response to the requirement in the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 that the Commission establish procedures for requesting such orders.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 29, 2010 (75 FR 60087).

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 7 hours per response. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable

instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Futures Commission Merchants, Introducing Brokers, Commodity Pool Operators, Commodity Trading Advisors, Associated Persons, Floor Brokers, Floor Traders, Securities Brokers and Dealers, Retail Foreign Exchange Dealers.

Estimated number of respondents: 100.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 1,050 hours.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0049 in any correspondence.

Christopher W. Cummings, Division of Clearing and Intermediary Oversight, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581 and Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Attention: Desk Officer for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 2, 2010.

David Stawick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63435; File No. 4-621]

Joint Public Roundtable on Issues Related to Capital and Margin Requirements for Swaps and Security-Based Swaps

AGENCIES: Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") (each, an "Agency," and collectively, the "Agencies").

ACTION: Notice of roundtable discussion; request for comment.

SUMMARY: On Friday, December 10, 2010, commencing at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m., staff of the Agencies will hold a public roundtable meeting at which invited participants will discuss provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act") that require the Agencies