DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XA999
Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Notice; affirmative finding renewal.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, (Assistant Administrator) has granted an affirmative finding 2-year renewal to the Government of Ecuador under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This affirmative finding renewal will allow yellowfin tuna harvested in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) in compliance with the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP) by Ecuadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Ecuadorian jurisdiction to be imported into the United States. The affirmative finding renewal was based on review of documentary evidence submitted by the Government of Ecuador and obtained from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

DATES: The affirmative finding renewal is effective from April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2013 (retroactive).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone 562–980–4000; fax 562–980–4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, the IATTC, or the Department of State.

The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP and obligations of membership in the IATTC. Every 5 years, the government of the harvesting nation must request an affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator. NMFS.

ADDRESS: The MRFSS/MRIP Calibration Workshop will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh Brownstone—University, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; telephone: (800) 331–7919 or (919) 828–0811.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, Science and Statistics Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Changes in estimated recreational catch resulting from the revised estimation process developed through MRIP may have consequences to assessment and management of many fish stocks. Managers and scientists need to consider how revised marine recreational catch values will affect stock assessments and management actions, and how to best incorporate revised values into assessment and management systems. SEDAR and NOAA Fisheries are working cooperatively to address these recreational catch issues through the planned workshop. Workshop objectives are to review a range of studies that may provide insight for potential MRIP-MRFSS calibrations, develop possible calibration methods, and develop guidance for incorporating revised estimates into stock assessments.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 1 p.m.–6 p.m.: Review of calibration methodologies applied in other monitoring programs and MRFSS/MRIP calibration studies.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012: 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.: Overview of catch estimates, impacts of re-estimates on stock assessments, discussion of calibration methods.

Thursday, March 29, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.: Discussion of calibration procedures and recommendations.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Council office (4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; (843) 571–4366) at least 5 business days prior to the workshop.

Dated: March 6, 2012.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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reviews the affirmative finding and determine whether the harvesting nation continues to meet the requirements. A nation may provide information related to compliance with IDCP and IATTC measures directly to NMFS on an annual basis or may authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS to annually renew an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation. An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the IDCP.

As a part of the affirmative finding process set forth in 50 CFR 216.24(f), the Assistant Administrator considered documentary evidence submitted by the Government of Ecuador or obtained from the IATTC and has determined that Ecuador has met the requirements under the MMPA to receive a renewal of their affirmative finding.

After consultation with the Department of State, the Assistant Administrator issued Ecuador’s affirmative finding renewal, allowing the continued importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP by Ecuadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Ecuadorian jurisdiction through March 31, 2013.


Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Correction

In the Notice of Intent to Renew, beginning on page 13101 in the issue of March 5, 2012, make the following correction. On page 13101 in the middle column in the third paragraph under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION replace the sentence “The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 29, 2012 (73 FR 81916).” with the sentence “The Federal Register notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 29, 2011 (76 FR 81916).”

Dated: March 6, 2012.

David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974 System of Records Notice

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).

ACTION: Notice of the retirement of one Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is providing notice that it is retiring one system of records notice, CFTC–7, Formal Employment Discrimination Complaint and Reasonable Accommodation Files. The Commission is retiring the system notice because the records are covered by existing government-wide notices, EEOC/GOVT–1, Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government Complaint and Appeal Records, and OPM/GOVT–10, Employee Medical File System Records. The Commission will continue to collect and maintain records regarding discrimination and sexual harassment claims, complaints and related material and will rely upon and follow the existing Federal government-wide system of records notice entitled OPM/GOVT–10, Employee Medical File System Records (71 FR 35360 June 19, 2006). Eliminating CFTC–7 will not have an adverse impact on individuals and will promote the overall streamlining and management of CFTC Privacy Act record systems. Accordingly, this notice formally terminates system of records notice CFTC–7 and removes it from the inventory of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 6, 2012, by the Commission.

David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Revision to Guidance, “Federal Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Reporting”

AGENCY: Council On Environmental Quality.


SUMMARY: On October 5, 2009, President Obama signed Executive Order (EO) 13514, “Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance” (74 FR 52217), in order to establish an integrated strategy toward...