

business as defined by the Small Business Act. This information assists regional staff in preparing initial and final regulatory flexibility analyses (IRFA/FRFA) analyses required as part of various rulemakings.

In addition, NMFS anticipates making a minor change to the certification statement on the ownership interest, transfer and renewal forms to be consistent with other certification statements given on other forms. Specifically, the certification statement will include a clause that the individual making the certification (signing the form) is authorized to do so.

II. Method of Collection

Renewal forms are mailed to all permit owners and they may respond by mail or request access from NOAA Fisheries (user ID and password) to renew using the online permit renewal system. Ownership interest forms and permit transfer forms are available from the region's Web site but must be submitted to NOAA Fisheries by mail or in person. Applications for an exempted fishing permit must be submitted in a written format. The exempted fishing permit data reports may be submitted in person, faxed, submitted by telephone or emailed by the monitor, plant manager, vessel owner or operator to NOAA Fisheries or the states of Washington, Oregon, or California.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0203.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions, State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 516.

Estimated Time per Response: Permit renewals, 20 minutes; Permit transfers, 30 minutes; Sablefish ownership interest form, 30 minutes; EFP Applications, 32 hours; EFP Trip Notifications 2 minutes; EFP Harvest Plans: 16 hours; EFP Data Reports: Logbook, 2 hours; bi-weekly catch report, 30 minutes; EFP Summary Reports: Interim report, 8 hours; final report, 40 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,819 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$55,118.

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: January 23, 2013.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Tilefish Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 05, 2013, from 9 a.m. until noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option. Details on webinar registration and telephone-only connection details are available at: <http://www.mafmc.org>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review fishery performance and create an

Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report for Tilefish in preparation for the Scientific and Statistical Committee visitation/review of the established Tilefish ABC for 2014.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the MAFMC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

William D. Chappell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB155

Endangered Species; File No. 17095-01

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for a permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., 450 Broadway, Suite 3, Buchanan, NY 10511, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 17095 authorizing scientific research on endangered shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for

Public Comment” from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/>, and then selecting File No. 17095-01 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9328; fax (978)281-9394.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1.Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. 17095-01 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application(s) would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 17095, issued on April 11, 2012 (77 FR 21750), is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 17095 currently authorizes the Permit Holder to: Monitor shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon abundance and distribution through the Hudson River Biological Monitoring Program (HRBMP) in the Hudson River from River Mile 0 (Battery Park, Manhattan, NY) to River Mile 152 at Troy Dam (Albany, NY). Researchers are authorized to non-lethally capture, handle, measure, weigh, scan for tags, insert passive integrated transponder and dart tags, photograph, tissue sample, and release up to 82 shortnose sturgeon and 82 Atlantic sturgeon annually. Additionally, researchers are permitted to lethally collect up to 40 shortnose sturgeon and up to 40 Atlantic sturgeon eggs and/or larvae (ELS) annually.

To account for a higher than expected catch per tow sampling performed

authorized under Permit No. 17095, the Permit Holder now wishes to increase the takes authorized for of juvenile, sub-adult and adult Atlantic sturgeon to 200 fish per year. Take would not exceed a total of 600 Atlantic sturgeon captured over the permit life. The Permit Holder also requests that the sampling activities for juvenile, sub-adult and adult shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon be expanded to include upper New York Harbor (~River Mile -2.0). The amount of lethal collection of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon ELS would remain the same. The modification would be valid until the permit expires August 28, 2017.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08a/08b, eIDS, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/21-22, PTO/SB/24-27, PTO/AIA/22, PTO/SB/24B, PTO/AIA/24, PTO/AIA/24B, PTO/SB/30-33, PTO/AIA/31-33, PTO/SB/35-39, PTO/SB/43, PTO/SB/61, PTO/SB/63-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO/AIA/96, PTO/SB/130, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A & 413C, and EFS-Web.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 11,972,191 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 4,827,580 responses per year, with an estimated 1,255,171 (26%) submitted by small entities.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public an average of 1 minute, 48 seconds (0.03 hours) to 10 hours to complete either the paper or the electronic versions of the information described in this

submission, depending on the nature of the information. This estimated time includes gathering the necessary information, creating the documents, and submitting the completed requests to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: During the pendency of a patent application or the period of enforceability of a patent, situations arise that require collection of information for the USPTO to further process the patented file or the patent application. This information can be used by the USPTO to continue the processing of the patent or application or to ensure that applicants are complying with the patent regulations. These situations involve responses filed by applicants to various USPTO actions and may include information disclosures and citations; requests for extensions of time; the establishment of small entity status; abandonment or revival of abandoned applications; disclaimers; appeals; expedited examination of design applications; transmittal forms; requests to inspect, copy and access patent applications; publication requests; and certificates of mailing/transmission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and non-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, email: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before February 28, 2013 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: January 23, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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