

vessel surveys and when using a remotely operated vehicle to study brumating behavior. Up to 540 green, 40 hawksbill, 210 Kemp's ridley, and 130 loggerhead sea turtles would be captured, annually, by hand, or dip, tangle, or strike net, marked, biologically sampled (blood, tissue, scute), tagged (flipper and passive integrated transponder [PIT]), measured, weighed, and photographed prior to release. A subset of captured sea turtles would receive a satellite tag or a combination of an acoustic and archival tag and a subset of green sea turtles would be lavaged prior to release. The permit would be valid for 10 years from the date of issuance.

File No. 22123: Jeffrey Schmid, Ph.D., Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples, FL 34102, proposes to continue long-term in-water studies of sea turtles inhabiting the Charlotte Harbor and Ten Thousand Islands estuarine complexes on the southwest coast of Florida to determine species composition, abundance, size-class distribution, migration patterns, growth, habitat preference, and site fidelity. Up to 60 Kemp's ridley and 30 loggerhead sea turtles, annually, would be captured by strike net, biologically sampled (blood, scute, tissue), tagged (PIT, flipper), transported to and temporarily held in a facility for opportunistic fecal collection, photographed, measured, and weighed prior to release. A subset of captured Kemp's ridley and loggerhead sea turtles also would receive a satellite tag or radio and sonic tags prior to release. Up to 20 green sea turtles, annually, would be captured by strike net, biologically sampled (blood, scute, tissue), tagged (PIT, flipper), photographed, measured, weighed, and receive a satellite tag or radio and sonic tags prior to release. Up to five hawksbill sea turtles, annually, would be captured by strike net, biologically sampled (blood, scute, tissue), tagged (PIT, flipper), photographed, measured, and weighed prior to release. The permit would be valid for 10 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: July 12, 2018.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XG336

International Whaling Commission; 67th Meeting; Announcement of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting being held prior to the 67th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). Because the meeting will address U.S. positions, any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at the meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation.

DATES: The public meeting will be held August 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910, in the Spring Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Doherty, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, NOAA Fisheries (phone: (301) 427-8385 or email: Carolyn.Doherty@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. The U.S. IWC Commissioner is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and other U.S. Government agencies.

Additional information about the IWC meeting, including a draft agenda for the meeting, is posted on the IWC Secretariat's website at <https://iwc.int/iwc67>.

NOAA will hold a public meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the September 2018 IWC meeting in Florianopolis, Brazil. Because the meeting will address U.S. positions, the

substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at the meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. In particular, persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. Persons deemed by NOAA to be ineligible to attend will be asked to leave the meeting. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating positions.

The August 7, 2018, meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Spring Room of the Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Doherty, Carolyn.Doherty@noaa.gov or (301) 427-8385, by July 23, 2018.

Dated: July 12, 2018.

Christopher W. Rogers,

Acting Director, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Environmental Compliance Questionnaire for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Federal Financial Assistance Applicants

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

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 September 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental

Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Department of Commerce, Room 6616,
14th and Constitution Avenue NW,
Washington, DC 20230 (or via the
internet at pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or
copies of the information collection
instrument and instructions should be
directed to Frank M. Sprtel, (301) 628–
1641 or frank.sprtel@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for a revision and
extension of a currently approved
information collection through the
*Environmental Compliance
Questionnaire for National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration Federal
Financial Assistance Applicants*
(Questionnaire). This Questionnaire is
used by the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to
collect information about proposed
activities for the purpose of complying
with the National Environmental Policy
Act (“NEPA,” 42 U.S.C. 4321–4370) and
other environmental compliance
requirements associated with proposed
activities. NEPA requires federal
agencies to complete an environmental
analysis for all major federal actions,
including funding non-federal activities
through federal financial assistance
awards where federal participation in
the funded activity is expected to be
significant. The Questionnaire is used in
conjunction with NOAA Notices of
Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The NOFO will indicate the specific
questions to which an applicant must
respond in one of three ways: (1) The
applicable questions are inserted
directly into the NOFO with reference to
the OMB Control Number (0648–0538)
for this form; (2) the NOFO will specify
which questions (e.g., 1, 2) an applicant
must answer, with the entire OMB-
approved Questionnaire attached to the
NOFO; or (3) applicants to be
recommended for funding will be
required to answer relevant questions
from the Questionnaire. The federal
program officer will determine which
questions are relevant to each specific
applicant. Answers must be provided
before the application can be submitted
for final funding approval.

This Questionnaire has been revised
to (1) remove repetitive questions; (2)
revise specific questions to use plain
language; and (3) add questions that
would be helpful to a wider range of
NOAA programs.

II. Method of Collection

The information may be submitted
electronically or on paper (faxed or
mailed).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0538.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for
profit organizations; individuals or
households; not-for-profit institutions;
state, local, or tribal government; and
Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents:
736.

Estimated Time per Response: 4
hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden
Hours:* 1,030.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to
Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting
costs.

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: July 12, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and
Information Administration****BroadbandUSA Webinar Series**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications
and Information Administration, U.S.
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings—
monthly webinars.

SUMMARY: The National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration (NTIA), as part of its
BroadbandUSA program, will host a
series of webinars on a monthly basis to
engage the public and stakeholders with
information to accelerate broadband
connectivity, improve digital inclusion,
strengthen policies and support local
priorities. The Practical Broadband
Conversations webinar series will
provide an ongoing source of
information on a range of topics and
issues being addressed by
BroadbandUSA, including but not
limited to best practices for improving
broadband deployment, digital
inclusion, workforce skills, and e-
government.

DATES: BroadbandUSA will hold the
webinars from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Eastern Time on the third Wednesday of
every month, beginning October 17,
2018 and continuing through September
18, 2019.

ADDRESSES: This is a virtual meeting.
NTIA will post the registration
information on its BroadbandUSA
website <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov>
under Events.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elaine Sloan, National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration, U.S. Department of
Commerce, Room 4872, 1401
Constitution Avenue NW, Washington,
DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–8231;
email: broadbandusawebinars@ntia.doc.gov. Please direct media
inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public
Affairs, (202) 482–7002; email press@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA’s
BroadbandUSA program serves as a
trusted and neutral strategic advisor,
collaborating with federal, state and
local government, and industry leaders
working to advance smart city and
broadband initiatives designed to attract
new employers, create quality jobs,
improve educational opportunities,
increase health outcomes and advance
public safety.

BroadbandUSA convenes workshops
on a regular basis to bring stakeholders
together to discuss ways to improve
broadband policies, share best practices,
and connect state and local stakeholders
to other federal agencies and funding
sources for the purpose of expanding
broadband infrastructure and adoption
throughout America. Experts from
NTIA’s BroadbandUSA program are
available to provide technical assistance
and to connect stakeholders with
additional resources, such as best
practices, guides and program models.