

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Greater Atlantic Region Logbook Family of Forms**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before February 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov](mailto:Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0212 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to James StCyr, Greater Atlantic Regional Office, Analysis & Program Support Division, Data Processing & Quality Branch, 55 Great Republic Dr, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978) 281-9369 or [james.stcyr@noaa.gov](mailto:james.stcyr@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****I. Abstract**

This request is for the revision of a current information collection. Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. Fishing vessels permitted to participate in federally permitted fisheries in the

Greater Atlantic Region are required to submit logbooks containing catch and effort information about their fishing trips. Participants in the tilefish and open access herring fisheries are also required to make reports on the catch, which are currently submitted via an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. In addition, vessels fishing under the Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) or Mid-Atlantic Research Set-Aside (RSA) programs are required to submit research catch information through the IVR system. The IVR system will be taken offline in 2021 and reports will need to be submitted using our web based system, Fish Online. The information submitted is used by several offices of the NOAA Fisheries Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Councils, and state fishery enforcement agencies under contract to the NOAA Fisheries Service in order to develop, implement, and monitor fishery management strategies. This action seeks to revise Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for the impacted requirements.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information is collected through an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0212.

*Form Number(s):* 80-30, 80-140.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission [revision of a current information collection].

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,299.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 minutes for VTRs; 12.5 minutes for the Shellfish Log; 3 minutes standardized response time for the 6 web forms—Soawning Blocks, Monkfish DAS, EFP, Herring, RSA, and Tilefish).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,487.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$58,653.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.  
*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and

cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648-XA718]

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of a proposed evaluation and pending determination and permit application for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a proposed evaluation and pending determination (PEPD) is available for public comment on a hatchery and genetic management plan (HGMP) for Skykomish River steelhead submitted under limit 6 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 4(d) Rule. NMFS is also making an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit application available for public comment. The permit application is for a trap and haul operation at Sunset Falls, also on the Skykomish River in Washington State.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**)

no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on January 21, 2021. Comments received after this date may not be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the PEPD and/or permit application should be addressed to Emi Melton; NMFS, West Coast Regional Office; 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may be submitted by email. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: [hatcheries.public.comment@noaa.gov](mailto:hatcheries.public.comment@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the email comment the following identifier: Comments on Skykomish River PEPD and/or permit application.

The documents are available on the internet at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/skykomish-summer-steelhead-hatchery-program-and-sunset-falls-trap-and-haul-program>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emi Melton at (503) 736-4739 or by email at [emi.melton@noaa.gov](mailto:emi.melton@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated

#### Background

The Tulalip Tribes and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (collectively the co-managers) have submitted an HGMP to NMFS pursuant to limit 6 of the ESA 4(d) Rule for a summer steelhead hatchery program in the Skykomish River basin. The hatchery program is intended to contribute to fulfilling Federal tribal trust responsibilities and treaty rights guaranteed through treaties and affirmed in *U.S. v. Washington* (1974). It is also designed to contribute to the survival and recovery of Puget Sound steelhead and produce summer steelhead for sustainable fisheries.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has also submitted an ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) permit application for a trap and haul program in the Skykomish River basin. The trap and haul program traps various species of salmon, steelhead, and trout, and hauls them above Sunset Falls to provide better habitat for these species.

#### Authority

16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*; § 222.303 also issued under 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*

Dated: December 17, 2020.

**Angela Somma,**

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA700]

#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Erickson Residence Marine Access Project in Juneau, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA).

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from Jim Erickson for the re-issuance of a previously issued incidental harassment authorization with the only change being effective dates. The initial IHA authorized take of seven species of marine mammals, by Level A and Level B harassment, incidental to construction associated with the Erickson Residence Marine Access Project in Juneau, Alaska. The project has been delayed and none of the work covered in the initial IHA has been conducted. The initial IHA was effective from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Mr. Erickson has requested re-issuance with new effective dates of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The scope of the activities and anticipated effects remain the same, authorized take numbers are not changed, and the required mitigation, monitoring, and reporting remains the same as included in the initial IHA. NMFS is, therefore, issuing a second identical IHA to cover the incidental take analyzed and authorized in the initial IHA.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** An electronic copy of the final 2020 IHA previously issued to Mr. Erickson, Mr. Erickson's application, and the **Federal Register** notices proposing and issuing the initial IHA may be obtained by visiting <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-erickson-residence-marine-access-project-auge-bay-alaska>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call

the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Fowler, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

#### Summary of Request

On November 27, 2019, NMFS published final notice of our issuance of an IHA authorizing take of marine mammals incidental to the Erickson Residence Marine Access Project (84 FR 65360). The effective dates of that IHA