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

[I.D. 060204E]

**Marine Mammals; Permit Nos. 782-1438-08, 782-1446-07, and 774-1437-07**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following Permit Holders have requested that the Permits listed above be extended until June 30, 2005.

782-1438-08 and 782-1446-07—The National Marine Mammal Laboratory,

National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, [Dr. Robyn Angliss, Principal Investigator]; and

774-1437-07—The National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038, (Dr. Steve Reilly, Principal Investigator).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: Permit Nos. 782-1438-08, 782-1446-07, and 774-1437-07

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruth Johnson (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendments to Permit Nos. 782-1438-08, 782-1446-07, and 774-1437-07 are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 222-226).

Permit No.782-1438-08 authorizes the permit holder to take various cetacean species by harassment during aerial/vessel surveys, biopsy sampling,

capture/release to estimate species abundance; determine species distribution and stock structure; and collect data from beluga whales on seasonal distribution, surfacing intervals, movements relative to ice cover and human activities, genetic population structure, contaminant levels, and food preference. Activities occur in the North Pacific.

Permit No. 782-1446-07 authorizes the permit holder to take pinnipeds by harassment during aerial/ground/vessel surveys for stock assessment, capture, tag, and brand animals for long term identification of individuals and information on reproductive success, survival and longevity. Activities occur in California, Washington and Oregon.

Permit No. 774-1437-07 authorizes the permit holder to take pinnipeds and cetaceans by harassment during aerial/ground/vessel surveys and photogrammetry, biopsy sampling and photo-id studies to estimate abundance and determine population structure in U.S. territorial and international waters.

Dated: June 3, 2004.

**Patrick Opay,**

*Acting 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; Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038-0025, Practice by Former Members and Employees of the Commission**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to practice before the Commission by former members and employees of the Commission.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to John P. Dolan, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John P. Dolan at (202) 418-5220; FAX: (202) 418-5524; e-mail: [jdolan@cftc.gov](mailto:jdolan@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB

for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Practice by former members and employees of the Commission, OMB control number 3038-0025—Extension.

Commission Rule 140.735-6 governs the practice before the Commission of former members and employees of the Commission and is intended to ensure that the Commission is aware of any existing conflict of interest. The rule generally requires former members and employees who are employed or retained to represent any person before the Commission within two years of the termination of their CFTC employment to file a brief written statement with the Commission's Office of General Counsel. The proposed rule 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) (1994). The intervening years since the last extension have not indicated a change in the burden.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

#### ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

17 CFR section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
17 CFR 140.735-6 .....	3	1.5	4.5	.10	0.45

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

This estimate is based on the number of responses received over the last three years.

Dated: June 2, 2004.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### The Governance of Self-Regulatory Organizations

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This Request for Comments continues the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's ("CFTC or Commission") ongoing review of self-regulatory organizations ("SROs"). The request discusses recent changes in the U.S. futures industry and the Commission's governance requirements prior to and after passage of the

Commodity Futures Modernization Act ("CFMA"). Based on this discussion, the request seeks answers from industry participants and other interested persons to a series of questions on SRO governance and self-regulation.

**DATES:** Responses must be received by July 26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written responses should be sent to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Responses may also be submitted via e-mail at [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). "SRO Governance" must be in the subject field of responses submitted via e-mail, and clearly indicated in written submissions. This document is also available for comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Braverman, Deputy Director, (202) 418-5487; Rachel Berdansk, Special Counsel, (202) 418-5429; or Sebastian Pujol Schott, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 418-5641. Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

The Commodity Exchange Act ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> among other things, seeks to enhance regulatory efficiency in the futures industry through self-regulation by exchanges, clearinghouses, and other organizations registered with or designated by the Commission.<sup>2</sup> Simultaneously, the Act recognizes the public interest inherent in transactions executed on U.S. futures exchanges and provides for oversight by the Commission.<sup>3</sup> As the primary industry regulator, the Commission strives for transparent, competitive, and financially sound futures markets that operate free from manipulation, and to protect market participants from fraud and other abusive practices.

Acknowledging both the importance of industry self-regulation and its own obligation to foster and maintain market integrity, CFTC Chairman James E.

<sup>1</sup> 7 U.S.C. 1, *et seq.* (2000).

<sup>2</sup> SROs include designated contract markets ("DCMs" or "exchanges"), derivatives transaction execution facilities, registered futures associations, and derivatives clearing organizations ("DCOs").

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 5.