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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041105D]

Endangered Species; Permit No. 1247

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for a modification to scientific research permit No. 1247 submitted by Thomas F. Savoy, CT Department of Environmental Protection, Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, Connecticut, 06371, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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) 427-2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, phone (978) 281-9328, fax (978) 281-9394.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jefferies (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of § 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

Mr. Savoy is authorized to sample for and collect 500 shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) annually in the Connecticut River. The objectives of the study are to collect data on current distribution, abundance, length structure and movements of shortnose sturgeon in this river system. This modification will extend the permit through June 30, 2006.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA was based on a

finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense announces the following proposed new public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Director of Administration and Management, Directorate for Organizational and Management Planning, Attn: Mr. Mark Munson, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1950; e-mail: mark.munson@osd.mil; telephone (703) 697-1141/1143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and

associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 697-1141/1143.

Title and OMB Control Number: Secretary of Defense Biennial Review of Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities; OMB Control Number 0704-0422.

Needs and Uses: Section 192(c) of Title 10, U.S.C., requires that the Secretary of Defense review the services and supplies provided by each Defense Agency and DoD Field Activity. The purposes of the Biennial Review are to ensure the continuing need for each Agency and Field Activity and to ensure that the services and supplies provided by each entity is accomplished in a more effective, economical, or efficient manner than by the Military Departments. A standard organizational customer survey process serves as the principal data-gathering methodology in the Biennial Review. As such, it provides valuable information to senior officials in the Department regarding the levels of satisfaction held by the organizational customers of the approximately 27 Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities covered by the Biennial Review.

Affected Review: Business or other-for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 625.

Number of Respondents: 2500.

Responses Per Respondents: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Biennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The Biennial Review employs a survey to assess organizational-customer satisfaction with the associated business line and addresses overall responsiveness to customer requirements, satisfaction with specific products and services, and quality of coordination with organizational customers. The survey identifies distinct areas of business (business lines) for all Defense Agencies and DoD Field Activities participating in the Review, creates lists of organizational customers specific to each business line, and uses a set of standard evaluation questions across all business lines. Respondents covered by this announcement are private-sector customers of these business lines, such as for the Federal Voting Assistance Program and Defense Finance and Accounting Service.