

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dan Lew, (206) 526-4252 or Dan.Lew@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to conduct a survey with the objective of measuring the preferences that U.S. residents have toward protecting the Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), which is a listed species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 35). NMFS is charged with protecting this species and has identified numerous potential protection options, and begun implementing selected options, to this end (68 FR 204). Since different management options are available to protect Steller sea lions, it is important to understand the public's attitudes toward the variety of potential impacts on Steller sea lions, Alaskan fisheries and fishing communities, and the nation. This information is currently not available, yet is crucial to ensure the efficient management of Alaskan fisheries and protection of Steller sea lions.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected primarily through a mail survey of a random sample of U.S. households. Additional data will be collected in telephone interviews with individuals who do not respond to the mail survey.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

2,400 by mail, 2,000 by telephone.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes per mail respondent, 6 minutes per telephone respondent.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: August 10, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 October 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Steve Turner, (305) 361-4482 or Steve.Turner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The participants in most Federally-managed fisheries in the Southeast Region are currently required to keep and submit catch and effort logbooks from their fishing trips. A subset of these vessels also provide information

on the species and quantities of fish, shellfish, marine turtles, and marine mammals that are caught and discarded or have interacted with the vessel's fishing gear. A subset of these vessels also provide information about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs.

The data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and management decisions made by national and international fishery management organizations. Interaction reports are needed for fishery management planning and to help protect endangered species and marine mammals. Price and cost data will be used in analyses of the economic effects of proposed regulations.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted on paper forms. Logbooks are completed daily and submitted on either a by trip or monthly basis, depending on the fishery. Fixed costs are submitted on an annual basis. Other information is submitted on a trip basis.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0016.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,658.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for a catch and effort report for the Columbian waters fishery; 10 minutes for logbook trip reports in other fisheries; 2 minutes for a negative catch and effort or logbook trip report; 12 minutes for a headboat logbook in the Gulf of Mexico reef fishery and coastal migratory pelagic fisheries and the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery; 15 minutes for an aquacultured live rock logbook report; 10 minutes for a trip operating cost survey from the 20% sample of fishermen selected; 30 minutes for an annual fixed-cost economic survey from the 20% sample of fishermen selected; 10 minutes for cost data in the swordfish fishery; and 15 minutes for a discard and marine mammal/bird/sea turtle interaction report from the 20% sample of fishermen selected.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,773.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications to renew and to modify scientific research permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications to modify and renew permits for scientific research from the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) in Santa Cruz, CA (1044) and Dr. Michael Fawcett (M. Fawcett) in Bodega, CA (1045). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit applications for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on September 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted by e-mail must be sent to the following address FRNpermits.SR@noaa.gov. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permits 1044 Modification 4 and 1045 Modification 1: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 315, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (ph:

707-575-6097, fax: 707-578-3435, e-mail: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Jahn at phone number 707-575-6097, or e-mail: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to Federally threatened Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*O. kisutch*), threatened California Coastal Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened Northern California steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), threatened South-Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and endangered Southern California steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Permit Extension and Modification Request Received

SWFSC requests a 5-year extension and modification of permit (1044) for take of Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon, Central California Coast coho salmon, California

Coastal Chinook salmon, Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, Northern California steelhead, Central California Coast steelhead, Central Valley steelhead, South-Central California Coast steelhead, and Southern California steelhead to conduct salmonid population distribution, population abundance, life history, population dynamics, and population genetics research in various streams and estuaries throughout California.

SWFSC requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 500 juvenile California Coastal Chinook salmon, 500 juvenile Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon, and 500 juvenile Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon, with no more than 2.5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by electrofishing, seine, trap, or hook and line), handling, and release of fish. SWFSC also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 3,500 juvenile Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon and 2,000 juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon, with no more than 2.5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by electrofishing, seine, trap, or hook and line), handling, sampling (by collection of scales, fin clips, or stomach contents), marking (using fin clips, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags, visible implant elastomer (VIE) tags, or visible implant alpha (VI alpha) tags), and release of fish.

SWFSC also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 25,000 juvenile Northern California steelhead, 20,000 juvenile Central California Coast steelhead, 5,000 juvenile Central Valley steelhead, 35,000 juvenile South-Central California Coast steelhead, and 3,000 juvenile Southern California steelhead, with no more than 5 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by electrofishing, seine, trap, or hook and line), handling, sampling (by collection of scales, fin clips, or stomach contents), marking (using fin clips, PIT tags, VIE tags, or VI alpha tags), and release of fish.

SWFSC also requests authorization for an estimated annual non-lethal take of 1,000 adult Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast coho salmon and 250 adult Northern California steelhead with no more than 1 percent unintentional mortality to result from capture (by seine, trap, or hook and line), handling, sampling (by collection of scales or fin clips), marking (using fin clips, PIT tags, or external anchor tags), and release of fish.