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**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Les Cockreham, (907) 271-3021 or [les.cockreham@noaa.gov](mailto:les.cockreham@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Marine Mammal Protection Act exempts Alaskan natives from the prohibitions on taking, killing, or injuring marine mammals if the taking is done for subsistence or for creating and selling authentic native articles of handicraft or clothing. The natives need no permit, but non-natives who wish to act as a tanner or agent for such native products must register with NOAA and maintain and submit certain records. The information is necessary for law enforcement purposes.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper documentation is submitted.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0179.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 54.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Applications and reports, 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 108.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$54.

**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: October 6, 2008.

**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; Gear-Marking Requirement for Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan**

**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.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kristy Long, (301) 713-1401 or [Kristy.Long@noaa.gov](mailto:Kristy.Long@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The purpose of this proposed collection of information is to enable National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to reduce the

serious injury and mortality of large whales, especially right whales, due to incidental entanglement in United States (U.S.) commercial fishing gear. Any persons setting trap/pot or gillnet gear in some areas of the Atlantic Ocean would be required to paint or otherwise mark their gear with one or two color codes, designating the type of gear and area where the gear is set. The surface buoys of this gear would also need to be marked to identify the vessel or fishery. These marking requirements would apply in the various management areas under the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP). Additionally, fishermen in the Southeast U.S. Restricted Area South would need to call-in before departing on a fishing trip to arrange for an observer.

The goals of this collection of information are to obtain more information on where large whales are being entangled and on what type gear responsible for the entanglement. This information will allow NMFS to focus further risk reduction measures in certain areas or fisheries, where needed, to meet the goals of the ALWTRP. Also, fisheries observers can provide information to managers on whether regulations need to be modified to address compliance or safety issues.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information collected is in the form of gear marking and telephone calls.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0364.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,270.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Gear marking per vessel, 5 minutes \* 50 marks = 4 hours and 10 minutes; trip notification to observers, 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 18,399.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$11,203.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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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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Dated: October 6, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Documentation of Fish Harvest**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Otha Easley, (727) 824-5306 or [Otha.Easley@noaa.gov](mailto:Otha.Easley@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The seafood dealers who process red porgy, gag, black grouper, or greater amberjack during seasonal fishery closures must maintain documentation, as specified in 50 CFR part 300, subpart K, that such fish were harvested from areas other than the South Atlantic. The

documentation includes information on the vessel that harvested the fish and on where and when the fish were offloaded. The information is required for the enforcement of fishery regulations.

**II. Method of Collection**

The information is in the form of a paper affidavit which remains with the respondent.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0365.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XK92**

**Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that individuals and institutions have been issued Letters of Confirmation for activities conducted under the General Authorization for Scientific Research on marine mammals. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a list of names and address of recipients.

**ADDRESSES:** The Letters of Confirmation and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Office of Protected Resources, Permits Division, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested Letters of Confirmation have been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216). The General Authorization allows for bona fide scientific research that may result only in taking by level B harassment of marine mammals. The following Letters of Confirmation were issued in Fiscal Year 2008.

*File No. 10047:* Issued to Robert B. Griffin, Ph.D., Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236 on October 22, 2007, for photo-identification, behavioral observations, and underwater videography of Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), and rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*) in the Gulf of Mexico and waters off the Florida Keys through October 31, 2012.

*File No. 10038:* Issued to David Mann, Ph.D., University of South Florida, College of Marine Science, 140 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, on October 22, 2007, for vessel surveys of distribution and abundance of 22 species of cetaceans on the West Florida Shelf. Activities include photo-