

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 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 Walter Ikehara, (808) 944-2275 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires longline vessel operators to notify NMFS in the event an endangered short-tailed albatross is hooked or entangled during fishing operations. Following the retrieval of the seabird from the ocean, as required by Federal regulations, the vessel captain must record the condition of the injured short-tailed albatross on a recovery data form. The information will be used by a veterinarian in providing advice to the captain caring for the short-tailed albatross. If the albatross is dead, the captain must attach an identification tag to the carcass to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) biologists in follow-up studies on the specimen. This collection is one of the terms and conditions contained in the biological opinion issued by USFWS, and is intended to maximize the probability of the long-term survival of short-tailed albatross accidentally taken by longline gear.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include e-mail of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms within 72 hours of landing.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0456.
Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1.

Estimated Time per Response: Notification, reporting, and tagging and specimen handling, 1 hour each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$80 in recordkeeping/reporting costs, mainly for at-sea communications costs.

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: September 12, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA707

Notice of Availability of a Draft Companion Manual for Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management and Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA announces the availability of a draft companion manual to provide agency-wide guidance for executing compliance with Executive Order 11988 *Floodplain Management* and Executive Order 11990 *Protection of Wetlands*. The companion manual provides procedures and guidance in accordance with

specific sections of Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990. The purpose of the companion manual is to promote quality and consistency in implementing floodplain management and protection of wetlands across the agency and to provide the necessary procedures to agency personnel.

DATES: Written comments and input will be accepted on or before September 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Emily Johannes, Senior Environmental Technical Advisor, NOAA, Safety and Environmental Compliance Office, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 11115, Silver Spring, MD 20910; e-mail emily.johannes@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Emily Johannes, Senior Environmental Technical Advisor, NOAA, 301-713-2870 x132, emily.johannes@noaa.gov. A copy of the draft companion manual can be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.seco.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the availability of a draft companion manual to provide agency-wide guidance for executing compliance with Executive Order 11988—*Floodplain Management* and Executive Order 11990—*Protection of Wetlands*. Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require Federal agencies to avoid, mitigate, and minimize harm to floodplains and wetlands from land use and construction activities and to consider the public safety and conditions to property located in or adversely affecting floodplains. This companion manual provides procedures and guidance in accordance with section 4(d) of Executive Order 11988 and section 6 of Executive Order 11990. The purpose of the companion manual is to promote quality and consistency in implementing floodplain management and protection of wetlands across the agency. The companion manual provides agency-wide compliance processes and guidance for RPMs to use to efficiently and effectively comply with the Executive Orders when undertaking actions involving Federal lands, land use, or real property. NOAA is accepting comments on the draft companion manual for 15 calendar days, beginning on September 16, 2011, until September 30, 2011.

Written Comments

Today's publication is a notice of internal NOAA guidance and not a rulemaking. If you choose to submit comments, please limit such comments to issues pertinent to the companion manual itself and explain the reasons

for any recommended changes. Where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph of the companion manual which you are addressing.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.

Dated: September 9, 2011.

James Norris,

Director, Safety and Environmental Compliance Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA697

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: NMFS has issued permit 15926 to UC Davis Department of Animal Science Genomic Variation Laboratory [Responsible Party: Dr. Bernie P. May], Department of Animal Science, University of California, Davis, One Shields Avenue Davis, CA 95616; and permit 16083 to Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated [Responsible Party: Dave A. Vogel], P.O. Box 1210, Red Bluff, CA 96080; for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: Permits 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, 13415 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 427-2521; and NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95894-4706; phone (916) 930-3600; fax (916) 930-3629.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Witalis at phone number (916)

930-3606, or e-mail shirley.witalis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to Federally endangered Sacramento River winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), threatened California Central Valley steelhead (*O. mykiss*), and threatened Southern distinct population segment of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*). Permits 15926 and 16083 have been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permits

Permit 15926 was issued to UC Davis Department of Animal Science Genomic Variation Laboratory (UC Davis) on September 7, 2011, authorizing the transfer of ESA-listed tissue specimens from the California Department of Fish and Game Central Valley Salmonid Tissue Archive to UC Davis, for purposes of genetic investigation. The archived collection includes tissue specimens from endangered Sacramento River (SR) winter-run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), threatened Central Valley (CV) spring-run Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*), and threatened California Central Valley (CCV) steelhead (*O. mykiss*). UC Davis will genotype the tissues, utilizing microsatellite and single nucleotide polymorphism (SNPs) markers, to study genetic relationships associated with different geographic populations and identify potential salmonid sources for introduction into the San Joaquin River Restoration Program project area, below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, in the Central Valley, California. Permit 15926 will expire on October 31, 2016.

Permit 16083 was issued to Natural Resource Scientists, Incorporated (NRSI) on June 27, 2011, authorizing the take of ESA-listed SR winter-run Chinook salmon, CV spring-run Chinook salmon, CV steelhead and threatened Southern distinct population segment of North American (sDPS) green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*) for scientific research purposes. NRSI will collect fish entrainment data at five unscreened irrigation water diversions located along the Sacramento River and Delta, in Sutter, Yolo and Sacramento counties, in the Central Valley, California.

Juvenile fish will be captured by fyke net, identified to species, enumerated and measured. Dead or moribund fish will be returned to the irrigation canals and live fish will be released into the Sacramento River. The objectives of the study are: to determine correlation of fish entrainment with river diversion flows, to quantify benefits to fish populations from screening small-scale agricultural diversions, and to advance the development of criteria for prioritizing fish screening projects on the Sacramento River. Permit 16083 will expire on January 31, 2013.

Dated: September 12, 2011.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA696

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 for scientific research permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received applications for section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) scientific research permits from FISHBIO Environmental, LLC (FISHBIO) in Oakdale, CA (16531), and California Department of Water Resources Environmental Services (DWR-ES), in West Sacramento, CA (16543). This document serves to notify the public of 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 October 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit applications should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to: FRNpermitsSAC@noaa.gov or fax to the number indicated for the request. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite