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Daniel M. Horowitz,

Managing Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Northeast Multispecies Amendment 16.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0605.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 1,482.

Average Hours per Response: Pre-trip notification, trip start hail, trip forward hail, 48-hour notification for all multispecies vessels and provision of weigh-out slips to monitoring providers, 2 minutes each; monitoring system for discards and database entry, 3 minutes; transfer of annual catch entitlement, call-in for vessel monitoring system (VMS) unit confirmation, area and days-at-sea declaration, notification of monitor emergency, relay catch/discard data, days-at-sea transfers, 5 minutes each; VMS certification form, reporting of monitor deployments, Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization reporting, 10 minutes each; catch-reporting requirements, vessel trip-end hails, 15 minutes; notification of ejection from sector, monitoring reporting requirements for safety, copies of contracts and supporting documents, 30 minutes; Office of Law Enforcement debrief of monitor, 2 hours; sector

manager weekly catch reports; 4 hours; sector manager annual catch reports, 12 hours; monitoring and reporting service provider's application, and response to denial, 10 hours each; submission of proposed special access programs; 20 hours; operations plan and NEPA analysis, 640 hours total.

Burden Hours: 80,637.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection. Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Secretary of Commerce has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. We, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the Regional Fishery Management Councils are delegated the majority of this responsibility. The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) develops management plans for fishery resources in New England.

In 2010, we implemented a new suite of regulations for the Northeast (NE) multispecies fishery through Amendment 16 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (Amendment 16). This action updated status determination criteria for all regulated NE multispecies or ocean pout stocks; adopted rebuilding programs for NE multispecies stocks newly classified as being overfished and subject to overfishing; revised management measures, including significant revisions to the sector management measures, necessary to end overfishing, rebuild overfished regulated NE multispecies and ocean pout stocks, and mitigate the adverse economic impacts of increased effort controls. It also implemented new requirements under Amendment 16 for establishing acceptable biological catch (ABC), annual catch limits (ACLs), and accountability measures (AMs) for each stock managed under the FMP, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Revisions: The Restricted Gear Requirements have been removed from the regulations. Therefore the requirement to declare into these areas via VMS, or to receive an LOA are also removed from this information collection.

Also, percentages of trip monitoring, planned to change after the first three years, are changed.

In an attempt to consolidate reporting requirements that are mandated by the NE multispecies regulation, we propose moving some requirements out of OMB Control No. 0648-0202, Northeast Region Permit Family of Forms, and

into this collection, including: The Days-at-Sea Transfer Program, Expedited Submission of Proposed Special Access Programs, and North Atlantic Fisheries Organization Reporting Requirements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually, weekly, on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and Examiner Applications.

OMB Control Number: 0693-0006.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 850 (50—Awardees; 800—Examiners).

Average Hours per Response: Award Applications, 74 hours; Examiner Applications, 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 4,500.

Needs and Uses: Public Law 100-107, the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Improvement Act of 1987, established an annual U.S. National Quality Award. The Secretary of Commerce leads and

NIST develops and manages the Award in corporation with the private sector. The purposes of the Award are to promote competitiveness and quality awareness, recognize the performance achievements of U.S. companies, and share successful strategies and practices. The law explicitly states that "An organization may qualify for an award only if it permits a rigorous evaluation of the way in which its business and other operations have contributed to improvements in quality." The failure to collect the information required of the Award and Examiner applicants would make it impossible to evaluate the applications and grant the Awards, and violate our statutory responsibilities.

Revision: New Baldrige Award eligibility rules require applicants for the national award first receive the top-tier award from a Baldrige-based state or sector program. This intentionally reduced the number of national applications in an effort to strengthen Baldrige-based programs and to highlight the quality of national applications. The new eligibility rules therefore bring the most mature, best-qualified organizations to the national program.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; education and health care institutions, and government entities may apply for the Award. Individuals with expertise in the business, education, health care, and/or nonprofit fields are eligible to apply to become members of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Examiners.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at jjessup@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5167 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K._Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 17952

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Daniel P. Costa, Ph.D., Department of Biology and Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) in California, Oregon and Washington.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 12, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17952 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colette Cairns or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant would conduct research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to investigate foraging, diving, energetics, food habits, and at sea distribution along the California coast. Procedures would include capture, sedation, morphometrics, isotope and Evans blue dye administration, blood sampling, tagging/marketing, instrument attachment, stomach lavage and enema, urine sampling, swabs, blubber/muscle biopsy, metabolic measurements, doubly-labeled water measurements, hair and vibrissae collection, milk sampling, and scat collection. Up to 100 pups/juveniles and 100 adults would be sampled annually, with some or all of the procedures performed. The applicant also requests authorization to recapture tagged California sea lions throughout their U.S. range. Harassment of up to 8,450 California sea lions, 500 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and 300 northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) annually incidental to these activities is requested. The applicant also requests unintentional research-related mortality of up to 20 California sea lions over the course of the permit. Import and export of pinniped samples is also requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 8, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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