

human environment or effects on threatened or endangered species beyond those analyzed in these documents. NMFS now reviews the remaining requirements to issue a permit to take the subject listed species incidental to the CA thresher shark/swordfish DGN fishery (≥ 14 inch mesh) and WA/OR/CA sablefish pot fisheries.

Recovery Plans

Recovery Plans for humpback whales, fin whales, and sperm whales have been completed (see <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/recovery/plans.htm#mammals>). Accordingly, the requirement to have recovery plans in place or being developed is satisfied.

Vessel Registration

MMPA section 118(c) requires that vessels participating in Category I and II fisheries register to obtain an authorization to take marine mammals incidental to fishing activities. Further, section 118(c)(5)(A) provides that registration of vessels in fisheries should, after appropriate consultations, be integrated and coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with existing fisher licenses, registrations, and related programs. Participants in the CA thresher shark/swordfish DGN fishery (≥ 14 inch mesh) and WA/OR/CA sablefish pot fisheries already provide the information needed by NMFS to register their vessels for the incidental take authorization under the MMPA either through the federal groundfish limited entry permit process of the federal Vessel Monitoring System. Therefore, vessel registration for an MMPA authorization is integrated through those programs in accordance with MMPA section 118.

Monitoring Program

The CA thresher shark/swordfish DGN fishery (≥ 14 inch mesh) has been observed since the early 1990s. Levels of observer coverage vary over years but are adequate to produce reliable estimates of mortality and serious injury of listed species (e.g., from 2000–2010, coverage ranged from 12.0 to 22.9 percent). As part of the West Coast groundfish fishery and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act objectives, the WA/OR/CA sablefish pot fishery, as managed under the groundfish FMP, is observed at about 1–6% per year. Accordingly, as required by MMPA section 118, a monitoring program is in place.

Take Reduction Plans

Subject to available funding, MMPA section 118 requires the development

and implementation of a Take Reduction Plan (TRP) in cases where a strategic stock interacts with a Category I or II fishery. The stocks considered for this permit are designated as strategic stocks under the MMPA because they are listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. In 1996, a take reduction team (TRT) was convened to develop a TRP to address the incidental taking of several strategic stocks in the CA thresher shark/swordfish drift gillnet fishery. A POCTRP was implemented, through regulations, in October, 1997 (62 FR 51813) and has been in place ever since. These strategic stocks also interact with the WA/OR/CA sablefish pot/trap fishery and other Category II fisheries described above, and a potential TRP is in the development phase. The short- and long-term goals of a TRP are to reduce mortality and serious injury of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing to levels below PBR and to a zero mortality rate goal (indicated by meeting the threshold for placement in the annual LOF Category III), respectively. MMPA section 118(b)(2) states that fisheries maintaining such mortality and serious injury levels are not required to further reduce their mortality and serious injury rates. However, the obligations to develop and implement a TRP are subject to the availability of funding. MMPA section 118(f)(3) (16 U.S.C. 1387(f)(3)) contains specific priorities for developing TRPs. NMFS has insufficient funding available to simultaneously develop and implement TRPs for all stocks that interact with Category I or Category II fisheries. As provided in MMPA section 118(f)(6)(A) and (f)(7), NMFS used the most recent SARs and LOF as the basis to determine its priorities for establishing TRTs and developing TRPs. Through this process, NMFS evaluated the CA/OR/WA stocks of humpback, fin, and sperm whales, and identified them as lower priorities compared to other marine mammal stocks and fisheries for establishing TRTs, based on population trends of each stock and mortality and serious injury levels incidental to commercial fisheries. In addition, NMFS is currently collecting data to categorize fixed gear fisheries and assess their risk to large whales off the U.S. west coast. Accordingly, given these factors and NMFS' priorities, implementation of the developing TRP for the WA/OR/CA sablefish pot trap fishery and other similar Category II fisheries will be deferred under section 118 as other stocks/fisheries are a higher priority for any available funding for establishing new TRPs.

As noted in the summary above, all of the requirements to issue a permit to the following Federally-authorized fisheries have been satisfied: The CA thresher shark/swordfish DGN fishery (≥ 14 inch mesh) and WA/OR/CA sablefish pot fishery. Accordingly, NMFS proposes to issue a permit to participants in these Category II fisheries for the taking of CA/OR/WA humpback whales, CA/OR/WA fin whales, and CA/OR/WA sperm whales incidental to the fisheries' operations. As noted under MMPA section 101(a)(5)(E)(ii), no permit is required for vessels in Category III fisheries. For incidental taking of marine mammals to be authorized in Category III fisheries, any injuries or mortality must be reported to NMFS. NMFS solicits public comments on the proposed permit and the preliminary determinations supporting the permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF–2013–0025]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of the Air Force, Air Force Personnel Center Services Directorate (AFPC/SV).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Air Force Personnel Center Services Directorate announces a proposed 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 the 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 July 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

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 AFPC/SVI-PM 3515 S. General McMullen Port San Antonio, TX 78241-3420 or call (210) 395-9349.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Golf Enterprise Solution (GES); automated information system (AIS); OMB Control Number 0701-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is to obtain golf patron information for tee-time reservations, annual green fee dues, to send out emails, and for promotional mailers. This information is obtained electronically when a golf patron comes in to a golf course or online when a tee-time is scheduled online. There are no forms that have been generated for GES; all of the information is maintained within the point of sale (POS) & all of the electronic data resides in a secure, federal cloud. If the information was not collected, this would make daily business transactions difficult at the golf courses.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,667.

Number of Respondents: 50,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 2 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are golf patrons who provide business to the Air Force Golf Courses. The information is used to determine how much the golf patron has to pay (based on class and rank), schedule tee times, set-up annual green

fee memberships, participate in promotional emails and mailers, and to reserve golf carts and lockers. The information is obtained electronically through the point of sale (POS) or online through the online tee sheet. The information will only need to be collected once; the POS will store the data for future use. The only time the information will be obtained again is if the information of the golf patron has changed and needs to be updated.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF-2013-0019]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense/ Department of the Air Force/673 Civil Engineer Natural Cultural Resources and Planning Section, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the 673 Civil Engineer Natural Cultural Resources and Planning section announces a proposed 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 the 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 July 8, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

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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 673 Civil Engineer Natural Cultural Resources and Planning section, 7210 12th Street, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska 99506-2620, ATTN: Mark Sledge, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska 99506-2620, or call 673 Civil Engineer Natural Cultural Resources and Planning section, at 907-552-8609.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Recreational Access Permit System; OMB Control Number 0701-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to track use of recreational resources controlled by the government by virtue of location. Logs used to de-conflict the recreational use of resources against military movements, military operational exercises and military drills; several live fire ranges are intertwined with recreational areas. The Recreational Access Permit System will detail when areas are not authorized for recreational use due to military requirements as well as provide contact listings in the event recreational users need to be notified of changes to the military activities schedule.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 2000.

Number of Respondents: 8000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are recreational land users seeking to use recreational resources controlled by the government by virtue of location. The information collected is to ensure the safety of individuals using land which is concurrently used for military training; including live fire ranges. The system