

TABLE 1—TAKE ANALYSIS—Continued

Species	Authorized take	Scaled take <sup>1</sup>	Abundance <sup>2</sup>	% abundance
Striped dolphin .....	1,212	347.9	5,229	6.7
Fraser's dolphin .....	338	97.0	1,665	5.8
Risso's dolphin .....	934	275.5	3,764	7.3
Melon-headed whale .....	1,978	583.6	7,003	8.3
Pygmy killer whale .....	426	125.7	2,126	5.9
False killer whale .....	678	200.0	3,204	6.2
Killer whale .....	7	n/a	267	2.6
Short-finned pilot whale .....	572	168.8	1,981	8.5

<sup>1</sup> Scalar ratios were applied to “Authorized Take” values as described at 86 FR 5322, 5404 (January 19, 2021) to derive scaled take numbers shown here.

<sup>2</sup> Best abundance estimate. For most taxa, the best abundance estimate for purposes of comparison with take estimates is considered here to be the model-predicted abundance (Roberts *et al.*, 2016). For those taxa where a density surface model predicting abundance by month was produced, the maximum mean seasonal abundance was used. For those taxa where abundance is not predicted by month, only mean annual abundance is available. For the killer whale, the larger estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.

<sup>3</sup> The final rule refers to the GOM Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*). These whales were subsequently described as a new species, Rice's whale (*Balaenoptera ricei*) (Rosel *et al.*, 2021).

<sup>4</sup> Includes 13 takes by Level A harassment and 512 takes by Level B harassment. Scalar ratio is applied to takes by Level B harassment only; small numbers determination made on basis of scaled Level B harassment take plus authorized Level A harassment take.

Based on the analysis contained herein of Anadarko's proposed survey activity described in its LOA application and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes and therefore is of no more than small numbers.

**Authorization**

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for this LOA request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued an LOA to Anadarko authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

Dated: November 30, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; High Seas Fishing Permit Application, Logbook Reporting and Vessel Marking**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

*Title:* High Seas Fishing Permit Application, Logbook Reporting and Vessel Marking.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0304.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular [extension of a current information collection].

*Number of Respondents:* 600.

*Average Hours per Response:* Permit application with vessel photo, 30 minutes; request to authorize a fishery on the high seas, 40 hours; transshipment notices and reports, 1 hour; power-down and power-on requests, 10 minutes; observer notification, 5 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 151.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. United States vessels that fish on the high seas (waters beyond the U.S. exclusive economic zone) are required to possess a permit issued under the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA). Applicants for this permit must submit information to identify their vessels, owners and operators of the vessels, and intended fishing areas.

The application information is used to process permits and to maintain a register of vessels authorized to fish on the high seas. The HSFCA also requires vessels be marked for identification and enforcement purposes. Vessels must be marked in three locations (port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on a weather deck) with their official number or radio call sign. These requirements apply to all vessels fishing on the high seas.

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

*Frequency:* Every five years or on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* High Seas Fishing Compliance Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0304.

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