

authorization of Return Link Service (RLS) acknowledgment Type 1 capable Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz distress beacons. Specifically, through Request for Information (RFI) notices published in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2021 (86 FR 8598) and March 17, 2021 (86 FR 14595), the SARSAT Program sought the public's views on the inclusion of this optional RLS feature on U.S. country-coded beacons. The US SARSAT Program received 3 responses from the public to the RFI notices. Based on consideration of these responses, the addressing of several requirements requested by the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force, and the update of the Standards for 406 MHz Satellite Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) and 406 MHz Satellite Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs), the US SARSAT Program is authorizing the coding and use of Return Link Service equipped PLBs and EPIRBs beacons within the United States Search and Rescue Region. These RLS enabled beacons will be legal for sale and use upon the publishing of Radio Technical Commission for Maritime services 11010.4 Standard for 406 MHz Satellite Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs). Due to the nature of their installation, RLS is currently not authorized for use in aviation Emergency Locator Transmitters.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 883(d) and (e).

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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; Southwest Fisheries Science Center Sea Turtle Sightings

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** during a 60-day comment period on December 6, 2021. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Commerce.

Title: Southwest Fisheries Science Center Sea Turtle Sightings.

OMB Control Number: 0648-XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular. New information collection.

Number of Respondents: 132.

Average Hours per Response: 5 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 11 hours.

Needs and Uses: NOAA's Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) is sponsoring a new information collection under the Endangered Species Act for the purpose of collecting data on West Coast sea turtle sightings from members of the public. The data collected would include: Date of the sighting, time of the sighting, sea turtle species (if known), behavior, estimated size, geographic location, photos (if taken), and the public respondent's email address (used to ask follow-up questions if necessary). This information would be used by the SWFSC's Marine Turtle Ecology & Assessment Program to monitor the distribution and timing of sea turtle occurrence along the U.S. West Coast, which will accordingly support its mission to conserve and protect threatened and endangered sea turtle populations.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Endangered Species Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at 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. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or

by using the search function and entering the title of the collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Exempted Fishing Permit would allow four commercial surfclam and ocean quahog vessels to conduct at-sea paralytic shellfish poisoning testing in the Closed Area II scallop access area in statistical area 562. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by the following method:

- *Email:* nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line "Sea Watch Surfclam EFP."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hansen, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9225, Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sea Watch is requesting exemption from the Georges Bank Closed Area specified at 50 CFR 648.76(a)(4). The proposed project would conduct at-sea testing for paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) in the Georges Bank Closed Area II Scallop Access area.

This Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) would allow two commercial surfclam and ocean quahog vessels, using