

implemented to make the program compatible with current federal data security requirements and will make it easier for permit holders with multiple vessel permits to manage their permits by linking them all within a single account. Finally, the action is revised to remove the ability to submit an application for an Atlantic Tunas Purse Seine category permit, as the Atlantic Tunas Purse Seine category was discontinued as part of Amendment 13 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan after years of inactivity in the bluefin tuna fishery. More information on that action can be found in the Amendment 13 final rule (87 FR 59966, October 3, 2022).

The burden estimates in this renewal are also being updated to reflect increases in the total number of permits issued each year, and a \$1 increase in the price of HMS vessel permits to \$27 per permit, due to increased costs associated with maintaining and executing the program.

II. Method of Collection

Method of submittal will be electronic (online) only via the NMFS Permit Shop.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0327.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40,400.

Estimated Time per Response: Renewal of Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit application, 5 minutes; renewal applications for the following vessel permits—Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, and Swordfish General Commercial, 10 minutes; initial Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit application, 15 minutes; initial applications for the following vessel permits—Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, and Swordfish General Commercial, 35 minutes; one-time application for the IMO/LR number, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,933.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,073,550.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to allow the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this Information Collection Request (ICR). Before including your address, phone number, email 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. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD498]

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Navy Construction at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for Letter of Authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals

incidental to construction activities associated with the replacement of the Q8 bulkhead at Naval Station Norfolk over the course of 5 years from the date of issuance. Pursuant to regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing receipt of the Navy's request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals. NMFS invites the public to provide information, suggestions, and comments on the Navy's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 15, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to ITP.Cockrell@noaa.gov. An electronic copy of the Navy's application may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing the document, please call the contact listed below.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either

regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On September 14, 2022, NMFS received an application from the Navy requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to construction activities related to demolition and construction activities associated with the replacement of the Q8 bulkhead at Naval Station Norfolk. Following NMFS’ review of the application, the Navy provided responses to our questions on December 15, 2023. A revised version of the application was submitted on January 5, 2024 and the application was deemed adequate and complete on February 23, 2024. The requested regulations would be valid for 5-years, from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. The Navy plans to conduct necessary work, including vibratory pile driving and removal and impact pile driving to remove aging components of the bulkhead and replacing the tongue and groove sheet piles between Piers 11 and 14 and areas to the north of Pier 14. The proposed action may incidentally expose marine mammals occurring in

the vicinity to elevated levels of underwater sound, potentially resulting in incidental take, by Level B harassment. Therefore, the Navy requests an authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

Specified Activities

The Navy is proposing to remove old components of the Q8 bulkhead at Naval Station Norfolk and replace those with new to maintain the use and lifespan of the bulkhead from Pier 11 to the northern jetty just past Pier 14. Work would be conducted over three phases. The entire project scope includes the removal of 378 existing piles from the old bulkhead and installation of 836 piles to construct the new bulkhead structure. The Navy expects construction will require approximately 212 in-water workdays over the 5-year period.

Information Sought

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy’s request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy, if appropriate.

Dated: March 11, 2024.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

[Docket No. CFPB–2024–0011]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is requesting the revision of the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) approval for an existing information collection titled, “Regulation F: Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, State Application for Exemption,” approved under OMB Control Number 3170–0056.

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or

before May 13, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

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

- *Email:* PRA_Comments@cfpb.gov. Include Docket No. CFPB–2024–0011 in the subject line of the email.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment Intake, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the CFPB is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically.

Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May, PRA Officer, at (202) 435–7278, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Regulation F: Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, State Application for Exemption.

OMB Control Number: 3170–0056.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: State governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,730.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 858,345.

Abstract: Regulation F implements the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. 1692 and prescribes Federal rules governing the activities of debt collectors (as that term is defined in the FDCPA). Regulation F addresses communications in connection with debt collection and prohibitions on harassment or abuse, false or misleading representations, and unfair practices in debt collection. Regulation F includes information collections related to information that debt collectors must provide to consumers at various points during the debt collection process (such as at the outset of collections), before