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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robin Tuttle, F/ST, Room 14212, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-2282).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pursuant to the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Act (1984), NOAA regulates harvesting, importing and research activities in the Antarctic area. Permits are issued and forms are used to collect information from an anticipated six respondents for the conservation and management of resources and to meet the treaty obligations of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

II. Method of Collection

Fishers seeking permits to fish in the Convention Area submit permit application forms to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Fishers holding permits and fishing in the Convention Area keep daily logs. Logbooks are submitted at the conclusion of a fishing season, with every 5-day, 10-day, or monthly reporting (by cable, telex or fax) of certain species catch. Fishers proposing to conduct a new or exploratory fishery are required to submit information describing the operation. Importers seeking to import fish harvested from the Convention area submit permit application forms to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Importers holding permits submit import tickets reporting each importation. Researchers who anticipate catches of less than 50 tons of finfish submit a notification of research vessel activity. Researchers who anticipate catches of greater than 50 tons of finfish submit plans for finfish surveys. Persons proposing to enter a CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring (CEMP) site submit an application for an entry permit and report annually on CEMP site activity.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0194.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals

requesting/holding permits to harvest or import resources from the Convention Area.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4-6.

Estimated Time Per Response: Permit applications for established fisheries are expected to take ½ hour each to complete. Applications for new or exploratory fisheries should take 16 to forty hours, respectively, but are a function of how much or how little is known about the fishery, and therefore, cannot be reliably predicted. Import tickets should take no more than 15 minutes each to complete since the information requested tracks data previously supplied in applying for an import permit. CEMP site entry applications should require about one hour to complete. An annual CEMP site activity report should require ½ hour. There are currently no U.S. fishers holding permits to fish in the Convention Area. There is no U.S. Research underway or planned which will exceed the tonnage figures required for reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 54½ hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1090.00.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041497D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of three applications for scientific research permits (P631, P633, P644).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of California, Jackson Demonstration State Forest at Fort Bragg, CA (JDSF); William M. Kier and Associates at Sausalito, CA (KIER); and ENTRIX Incorporated at Walnut Creek, CA (ENTRIX) have applied in due form for permits authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before May 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Protected Species Division in Santa Rosa, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: JDSF, KIER, and ENTRIX request permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

JDSF (P631) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies on JDSF lands in Mendocino County. The studies consist of three assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, and 3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and

released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

KIER (P633) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of three assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, and 3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

ENTRIX (P644) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of three assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, and 3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of the requests for a permit should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Record of Decision for Capital Improvements at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Acoustic Research Detachment, Bayview, ID

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA procedures (40 CFR 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its decision to implement capital improvements at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC), Carderock Division (CD), Acoustic Research Detachment (ARD), Bayview, Idaho.

The Navy is selecting the preferred alternative suite of capital improvements presented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for this action. Major components of the capital improvements include construction of: an extended pier Model Engineering Support Facility (MESF) and related improvements; a Model Support Platform (MSP) access pier; and Acoustical Testing and Analysis Center (ATAC) and related improvements; realignment of the main entry gate; and expansion of the main parking lot (without acquisition of the Bayview Public Park).

The selected capital improvements will meet four programmatic objectives of improving model operational support, program management support, site circulation and security, and environmental protection.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 1996. A public scoping meeting was held at the Bayview Community Center in Bayview, Idaho on February 27, 1996. A Draft EIS (DEIS) was distributed in July 1996, followed by a public hearing to receive oral and written comment held at the Bayview Community Center on September 5, 1996. The public and agency comment period ended on September 23, 1996. The Environmental Protection Agency rated the DEIS "LO" (lack of objections). All comments were addressed in the FEIS which was distributed to the public on January 31, 1997. No comments were received from the public on the FEIS.

Major issues identified during public participation and review related to potential impacts to aesthetics, land use and land acquisition, and noise impacts on the surrounding community, as well as potential impacts to aquatic resources (e.g., fish and water quality) from

construction and operation associated with the selected capital improvements. Aesthetic concerns related primarily to the visibility and appearance of proposed new facilities as viewed from residential areas within Bayview.

Some commenters raised the issue of compliance with existing county ordinances, including fire regulations and zoning requirements. Specific issues raised regarding potential noise impacts to the community included pile driving and hours per day of construction.

Concerns about water quality and impacts to fish spawning habitat were related to dredging activities associated with construction of the Model Engineering Support Facility (MESF), and in-lake acoustical testing operations. Other issues such as parking, impacts to local recreation, utilities, water craft safety, and hazardous materials were also raised.

Background

The Acoustic Research Detachment (ARD) at Bayview, Idaho comprises 22 acres on the shoreline of Lake Pend Oreille, Kootenai County, Idaho. The mission of ARD is to provide: (1) Research, development, test and evaluation, fleet support, and in-service engineering for surface and undersea vehicle hull, mechanical, and electrical systems, and propulsors; (2) logistics research and development; and (3) support to the Maritime Administration and the maritime industry. To do this, ARD maintains shore support facilities in Bayview, Idaho, two remote support facilities on U.S. Forest Service property, and five test sites in Lake Pend Oreille.

Three types of operations are provided at ARD: (1) Waterborne Operations, (2) Project Operations, and (3) Base Administration. Waterborne Operations encompass all in-water operations, which include model testing, model storage and handling, boat and barge storage, fueling, cranes, and piers. Project Operations include all shoreside operations that directly support in-lake testing, such as industrial shops, project engineering and management, material storage, an computer system operations. Base Administration includes general operations support such as security, administration, parking, and recreation. Capital improvement projects for each type of operation are described below.

Proposed improvements supporting Waterborne Operations include the construction of a Model Engineering and Support Facility (MESF), construction of a new access pier to the Model Support Platform (MSP), re-