

collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to David C. Whitford, Bureau of the Census, Room 3785, Washington, DC 20233, (301) 457-4035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The Bureau of the Census developed the ICM approach for measuring coverage during the decennial census. The Independent Listing will obtain a complete housing unit inventory of all addresses within the 1998 ICM Dress Rehearsal sites just before the 1998 Dress Rehearsal commences. Currently, we are planning on using two Independent Listing forms, DX-1302 and DX-1302A. The DX-1302 will contain experimental questions designed to enhance our address listing procedures. We will compare the results using Form DX-1302 with those from a control listing form that did not contain the experimental questions, Form DX-1302A, to see if the experimental questions improved our coverage of addresses. The Independent Listing will undergo a quality assurance operation to ensure that the work performed is of acceptable quality and to verify that the correct block was visited.

The listings will be matched to the census list of addresses; the unmatched cases will be sent to the field for reconciliation using the Housing Unit Follow-up Form, DX-1303. For quality assurance purposes, a sample of the follow-up cases will be verified to ensure that the follow-up enumerators visit the block clusters, resolve the cases, and correctly follow procedures. The resultant address listing will be used in the next phase of the ICM, the ICM Person Interview. The forms and procedures to be used in this phase of the ICM in the 1998 Dress Rehearsal will be included in a separate submission.

II. Method of Collection

Person to person interview.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not available.

Form Number: DX-1302 and DX-1302A, Independent Listing Form; and DX-1303, Housing Unit Follow-up Form.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31,176 Housing units (hus).

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes (Independent Listing) and 3 minutes (Housing Unit Follow up).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: Total=1,539 Hours.

Independent Listing=1,039 hrs (2 min.×31,176 hus).

Independent Listing QA=52 hrs (2 min.×1,559 hus).

Housing Unit Follow up=390 hrs (3 min.×7,794 hus).

Housing Unit Follow-up QA=58 hrs (3 min.×1,169 hus).

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$649,000.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, U.S. Code, Sections 141, 193, and 221.

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; "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: January 28, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012997A]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on February 11, 1997 and continue from approximately 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day through February 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office in Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting, which is primarily a work session of the Salmon Technical Team, is to draft the stock status report, "Preseason 1: Stock Abundance Analysis for 1997 Ocean Salmon Fisheries". The final report will be distributed to the public and reviewed by the Council at its March 1997 meeting in Portland, OR.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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[I.D. 110796I]

Taking of Endangered and Threatened Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

ACTION: Notice of denial of application for a small take exemption.

SUMMARY: On October 17, 1996, the Director of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries submitted to NMFS an application for a general incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for northern right whales incidental to commercial fishing activities within Massachusetts' territorial waters and a small take authorization for the same species and activity under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). For the reasons discussed in this document, that application has been denied.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the application, letter, and/or Federal Register notices mentioned in this document may be obtained by writing to Michael Payne, Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-2337, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kenneth R. Hollingshead or Victoria Cornish, NMFS (301) 713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 5, 1996 (61 FR 64500), NMFS noted that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Massachusetts) had submitted an application under the MMPA for a small take of northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) incidental to commercial fishing activities within Massachusetts, territorial waters, in particular Cape Cod Bay, during the months of February through May. This application was in response to an order dated September 24, 1996, in *Strahan v. Linnon* wherein the presiding District Court judge ordering Massachusetts to apply, under the MMPA, for a small take of northern right whales. In its letter, Massachusetts also requested a general incidental take permit for the northern right whale under either section 7(b)(4) or section 10(a)(1)(b) of the ESA. NMFS stated in that Federal Register notice that while the Agency does not consider the application to be complete in either its discussion of the interaction, or planned mitigation, and while it does not plan to begin processing the application until it is complete and Massachusetts has submitted its Take Reduction Plan (TRP) for northern right whales, NMFS was offering the public an advance opportunity to review and comment on the application and the issues. However, no comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Issues

For a discussion of the issues, please refer to the notice of receipt of the application (61 FR 64500, December 5, 1996).

Determination

On January 28, 1997, in a letter to Massachusetts, NMFS determined that it was not appropriate to consider authorizing the State's potential incidental take of right whales by commercial fishing through a permit application process. NMFS may issue authorizations for the incidental taking of endangered and threatened species under section 101(a)(5)(E) of the MMPA upon its own initiative to fishers operating in commercial fisheries if negligible impact findings can be made. NMFS may reevaluate determinations under this provision if there is a significant change in the information used in making the original determinations. NMFS also reevaluates its negligible impact determinations after 3 years, as required by statute.

In making negligible impact determinations, NMFS considers the serious injury and mortality from all commercial fishery operations. On August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45399), NMFS stated that it was unable to make a negligible impact determination with respect to impacts of commercial fisheries on right whales. Although Massachusetts has developed a TRP since the August 1995 notice was issued, NMFS has concluded that no significant new information has been submitted to cause the Agency to reconsider this determination. Since NMFS cannot make a negligible impact determination, an incidental take authorization under section 101(a)(5)(E) is not appropriate.

In regard to Massachusetts' application for an incidental take permit under section 7(b)(4) of the ESA, NMFS does not consider it appropriate for a state or private party to apply for an Incidental Take Statement under section 7(b)(4) of the ESA as this section applies only to Federal actions. Issuance of a section 101(a)(5)(E) permit is considered a Federal action, however, and would be subject to consultation. If appropriate, a section 7 Incidental Take Statement would be issued in association with this consultation. Therefore, an incidental take permit under section 10 is determined to be unnecessary. While NMFS has determined that the Massachusetts application for an incidental take under section 7 or 10 is inappropriate, NMFS has encouraged Massachusetts to provide information regarding state fishing activities that

would be useful in conducting appropriate consultations.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, on January 28, 1997, NMFS informed Massachusetts that it was inappropriate to proceed, as requested by Massachusetts, to process MMPA and ESA applications.

Dated: January 30, 1997.

Patricia A. Montanio,
Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 10, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 3, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Fl. Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Sunshine Act; Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, February 24, 1997.