

Counsel, formally determined on March 4, 1994, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(d) for those portions of the meeting which involve examination of records and discussion of matters mentioned above, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since those portions of the meeting are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: September 22, 1995.

Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of, and requests comments on the draft Marine Mammal Incidental Take Reporting Form in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

DATES: Comments on the draft reporting form must be received by October 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be mailed to: Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources (F/PR), NMFS, 1335 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910, (fax 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wanda L. Cain, phone 301-713-2055, or fax 301-713-0376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 30, 1995 (60 FR 45086), NMFS published a final rule implementing the new management regime for the taking of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations

established by section 118 of the MMPA. That regulation requires commercial fishers to report to NMFS the incidental mortality and injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing within 48 hours of the end of each fishing trip, or, for non-vessel fisheries, within 48 hours of an occurrence of an incidental mortality or injury. The preamble to that rule also stated that NMFS would publish a draft of the reporting form for public comment.

Section 118(e) of the MMPA requires that the owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel report all incidental mortality and injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations to NMFS by mail or other means acceptable to NMFS within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip on a standard postage-paid form. The form must be capable of being readily entered into and usable by an automated or computerized data processing system. The information required to be provided by vessel owners or operators is: (1) The vessel name, and Federal, state, or tribal registration numbers of the registered vessel; (2) the name and address of the vessel owner or operator; (3) the name and description of the fishery; and, (4) the species of each marine mammal incidentally killed or injured, and the date, time, and approximate geographic location of such occurrence.

NMFS has developed a two-sided reporting form to allow fishers to provide the information required by the MMPA. The form is designed to be folded when completed, sealed to preserve confidentiality, and mailed, postage paid, to NMFS (Figs. A & B). This form contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. This collection has been approved by OMB under OMB control number 0648-0292.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.

Dated: September 21, 1995.

Patricia Montanio,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Instructions for Completing This Reporting Form

1 Last Name—Enter the first 10 characters of your last name.

- 2 First Name—Enter the first 10 characters of your first name.
- 3 MI—Enter your middle initial.
- 4 Address—Enter your street address or P.O. Box number.
- 5 City—Enter the first 15 characters of your city name.
- 6 State—Enter the 2-digit state code.
- 7 ZIP—Enter your zip code.
- 8 Vessel Name—Enter the first 24 characters of your vessel name.
- 9 Vessel State Registration Number—Enter the vessel's State registration number up to 24 characters.
- 10 MMPA Authorization Number—Enter the MMPA Authorization Number. Category I & II fisheries only. Category III fisheries will not have an MMPA authorization number, but are still required to make mortality/injury reports.
- 11 Fishery Code—Enter the fishery code for your fishery.
- 12 Target Species—If the name of your fishery as listed in the current list-of-fisheries does not identify your target species, please Print your target species.
- 13 Date of Interaction—Enter the date the interaction occurred. Example: January 1, 1996 is entered as 960101.
- 14 Time of Interaction—Enter the time of day the interaction occurred.
- 15 AM or PM—Enter a.m. if time was between midnight & noon, or p.m. if the take occurred at noon or before midnight.
- 16 Latitude—Use standard entries in degrees and minutes.
- 17 Longitude—Use standard entries in degrees and minutes.
- 18 Species—Enter the species code from the status of stocks.
- 19 Take Type—Enter type of take from codes on reporting form.
- 20 Number—Enter the number of animals involved in each take type. You may enter additional species or different types of take in Items 21-23 and 24-26.
- 27 Description of Unknown Species—If you have entered a species code for an unknown species, Please Print a description of the animal involved. State whether cetacean or pinniped.

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**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
MARINE MAMMAL INCIDENTAL TAKE
MORTALITY/INJURY REPORT**

1 LAST NAME 2 FIRST NAME 3 MI

4 NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS

5 CITY 6 STATE 7 ZIP

8 VESSEL NAME

9 VESSEL STATE REGISTRATION NO.

10 MMPA AUTHORIZATION NO. (Cat I & II only) 11 FISHERY CODE 12 TARGET SPECIES

13 DATE OF INTERACTION (YYMMDD) 14 TIME OF INTERACTION 15 AM OR PM

16 LOCATION OF INTERACTION
Latitude 17 Longitude

ENTER SPECIES CODE, TYPE OF INJURY (see codes on reverse) AND THE NUMBER INVOLVED IN THE INTERACTION. MAKE AS MANY ENTRIES AS APPLY TO THIS DATE, AND LOCATION.

18 Species 19 Take Type 20 Number

21 Species 22 Take Type 23 Number

24 Species 25 Take Type 26 Number

27 Description of unknown species:

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**Marine Mammal Incidental Take (MMIT) Program
Office of Protected Resources (F/PR2)
National Marine Fisheries Service
1335 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910**

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MARINE MAMMAL INCIDENTAL TAKE MORTALITY/INJURY REPORT

This reporting form is required **ONLY WHEN** there is an interaction with a marine mammal during commercial fishing activities. You are required to report the interaction within 48 hours after the end of the fishing trip, or, for non-vessel fisheries, within 48 hours of an occurrence of an incidental mortality or injury. A separate report form is required for each fishery, for each date, and for each location. Enter the name and address of the vessel owner or operator, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) exemption number, and other information as requested. **THIS FORM WILL BE READ BY A COMPUTER. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY USING ONLY CAPITAL LETTERS.** Questions on completing this report, and requests for additional reporting forms, may be directed to the Office of Protected Resources (F/PR2), NMFS, 1335 East-West Hwy. Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by phone at 301-713-2055, or by fax at 301-713-0376. Injury codes are listed below.

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CODES FOR TYPES OF TAKE

01 -- visible blood flow	09 -- inability to swim or dive
02 -- loss of/damage to appendage/jaw	10 -- equilibrium imbalance
03 -- inability to use appendage(s)	11 -- released trailing gear/gear perforating body
04 -- asymmetry in shape of body or body position	12 -- released unharmed
05 -- any noticeable swelling or hemorrhage	13 -- killed
06 -- laceration	14 -- required assistance to escape entanglement
07 -- puncture or rupture of eyeball	15 -- ingestion of gear
08 -- listlessness/inability to defend	16 -- other wound or injury

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ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 30-November 1, 1995, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on October 30