

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* 1995 Census Test – Integrated Coverage Measurement (Housing Unit Follow-up).

*Form Number(s):* DG-1377.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0804.

*Type of Request:* Extension,

**EMERGENCY REVIEW.**

*Burden:* 250 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,241.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Prompted by the need to improve estimation techniques during the decennial census, the Census Bureau has developed an Integrated Coverage Measurement (ICM) approach to be tested during the 1995 Census Test. The ICM approach will utilize a separately sampled group of blocks within the 1995 Census Test sites which will be independently listed and then interviewed in addition to being enumerated in the census test. We will reconcile differences between the independent roster obtained in the ICM interviews and the census test results. This reconciliation will allow us to measure our coverage of persons in missed housing units and coverage of persons missed within housing units enumerated in the census test. Before ICM interviews are conducted, the independent listing will be enhanced by matching to existing census records. We will use the Housing Unit Follow-up Form to resolve non-matches and duplicate addresses. ICM interviews will then be conducted at housing units on the "enhanced listing." Emergency review of an extension of the current clearance is necessary because of delays in planned field work due to the Federal government shutdowns last year and earlier this year.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 031396D]

**Incidental Take of Marine Mammals;  
Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on March 8, 1996, to Tatham Offshore, Inc. 7400 Texas Commerce Tower, 600 Travis, Houston, TX 77002; and Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S., Inc., 1250 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, LA 70113-1892.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The letters of authorization are effective from March 8, 1996 through March 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and letters are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or Charles Oravetz, Southeast Region (813) 570-5312.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on 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 regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if the Secretary of Commerce finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139) and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

**Summary of Request**

NMFS received requests for letters of authorization on February 22, 1996, from Mobil Exploration and Producing U.S., Inc., and on February 26, 1996, from Tatham Offshore, Inc. These letters request a take by harassment of a small number of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to the above mentioned activity. Issuance of these letters of authorization is based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Patricia A. Montanio,

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

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[I.D. 031596B]

**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application for a modification to a research/enhancement permit (P2111).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in La Grande, OR (ODFW) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit authorizing a take of a threatened species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before April 22, 1996

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ODFW requests a modification to a permit 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 listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

ODFW (P211I) requests modification 1 to scientific research/enhancement permit 973. Permit 973 authorizes ODFW a take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a captive broodstock program for three races of threatened chinook salmon in the Grande Ronde River Basin. Permit 973, issued on August 7, 1995 (60 FR 42147, August 15, 1995), authorized the collection, handling, and rearing of juvenile, listed, naturally-produced, chinook salmon for the beginning of the captive broodstock program. For modification 1, ODFW requests a transfer of 1994 brood juveniles of Catherine Creek origin and 1994 brood juveniles of Lostine River origin to the NMFS Manchester Marine Laboratory in Washington. ODFW also requests that the NMFS staff at the laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Conrad Mehnken, be authorized to rear and maintain the listed juvenile fish as an agent of ODFW under permit 973. The objective of the transfer is to dilute the risk of an unanticipated catastrophic event that could cause a decimation of the gene pool at one hatchery location by allocating listed juvenile fish to another hatchery location. The transfer of listed juvenile fish is requested for 1996 only. The authorization for NMFS's responsibility to rear and

maintain listed juvenile fish as an agent of ODFW under permit 973 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 973 expires on September 30, 1998.

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

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P66K) and application to modify permit no. 841 (P129J).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 3-2000, Juneau, AK 99802, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research, and Dr. Bruce R. Mate, Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365-5296, has requested a modification to permit no. 841.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and modification requests and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(P66K)—Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

(P129J)—Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/570-5301).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on these requests should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject actions are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game requests authority to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) and spotted seals (*Phoca largha*) for scientific research in the following manner:

**Harbor seals**—Up to 1000 to be captured, restrained, measured (weight, length, girth, blubber thickness by ultrasound, and bioimpedance), sampled (flipper punches, vibrissae, blubber biopsy), flipper tagged, and released. Of these, 225 will be equipped with satellite-linked time-depth recorders (SLTDR) and/or VHF telemetry; 50 muscle biopsied; and 50 injected with deuterium oxide and Evans Blue solution. Additionally up to 1000 may be harassed during collection of scats from haulouts (individual animals may be inadvertently harassed more than once during research activities) and up to 10 may be accidentally killed during capture activities.

**Spotted seals**—Up to 100 to be captured, restrained, measured (weight, length, girth, blubber thickness by ultrasound, bioimpedance), sampled (flipper punches, vibrissae, blubber biopsy), flipper tagged, and released. Of these, 50 will be equipped with a SLTDR or VHF telemetry. Additionally up to 500 may be inadvertently harassed (individual animals may be harassed more than once) and up to 5 may be accidentally killed during capture activities. Samples collected from seals may be exported on a worldwide basis as the need arises. Activities will occur in southeast Alaska and along the west coast of Alaska.

(P129J)—Permit No. 841 authorizes the permit holder to conduct radio