

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

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**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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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).