

Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is January 6, 1997); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

James R. Holbein,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Alaska Region Permit Family of Forms; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information 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 February 10, 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 Patsy A. Bearden, F/AKO1, NOAA/NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907-586-7228).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

Fishermen wanting to fish in regulated fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska must apply for a Federal Fisheries Permit, a Federal Processor Permit, a High Seas Power Troller Permit, or an Experimental Fishing Permit. The issuance of a permit is an essential ingredient in the management of fishery resources. Identification of the participants, harvest gear types, descriptions of vessels or shoreside facilities, and

expected activity levels is needed to measure the consequences of management controls, and is an effective tool in the enforcement of other fishery regulations. Experience has shown that fines for violations of specific fishery regulations are not as effective as the threat of a permit revocation that would exclude the vessel from the fishery altogether. Experimental fishing provides information not otherwise available through research or commercial fishing operations.

II. Method of Collection

Each of the four permits is mandatory for certain fishery participants. A permit is obtained through completion of an application.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0206.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, Businesses and other for-profit (commercial fishermen, fish processors).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,456.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for Federal Fisheries Permits or Federal Processor Permits, 30 minutes for a High Seas Power Troller Permit in the Salmon Fishery, and 30 hours for an Experimental Fishing Permit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 966 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0—no capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

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: December 2, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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[I.D. 112696A]

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 1-year letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on December 4, 1996, to Ensearch Exploration Inc., 4849 Greenville Ave., Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas, 75206-4186; the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., 1010 Milam Street, Houston, TX 77252; and the Stone Petroleum Corporation, P.O. Box 52807, Lafayette, LA 70505.

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 NMFS 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 November 4, 1996, from Ensearch Exploration, Inc.; on November 14, 1996, from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co; and on December 3, 1996 from the Stone Petroleum Corporation. These letters requested a take by harassment of a small number of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to the described 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: December 5, 1996.

Michael Payne,

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

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[I.D. 112196C]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Change of Meeting Dates

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

ACTION: Notice of change of public meeting dates.

SUMMARY: The meetings of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, which were scheduled for December 17-19, 1996, in Virginia Beach, VA, are now scheduled to begin on December 16, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific information about the change.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 16, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. through December 19, 1996 at approximately noon.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort, 39th Street and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone: (804) 428-1711.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda published on December 2, 1996 (61 FR 63830). The meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on December 17, 1996. The meeting is now scheduled to begin on December 16, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. All other information as printed in the previous publication also remains unchanged.

Dated: December 4, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Department of Defense Khamisiyah Survey.

Type of Request: New collection; Emergency Processing requested with shortened public comment period ending December 7, 1996. An approval date of December 24, 1996 is requested.

Number of Respondents: 13,783.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 13,783.

Average Burden Per Response: 7 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,608 hours.

Needs and uses: This collection of information is necessary to facilitate investigation of the events surrounding the demolition of munitions near Khamisiyah, Iraq from 1-15 March 1991 (immediately after the Gulf War). This

survey is part of our ongoing effort to better understand the events during and after the Gulf War, and potential health consequences. Respondents are current and former members of the US military who were within 50 kilometers of the munitions storage area near Khamisiyah, Iraq.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or via facsimile at (202) 395-6974.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce at OSD/WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302, or via facsimile at (703) 604-6270, or requested telephonically at (703) 604-4582.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Contractor Alert List (CAL); Notice

November 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notification of change in contractor alert list reason codes.

SUMMARY: This notice announces proposed policy for managing for Contractor Alert List. This policy will be included in the Defense Logistics Agency Directive 5000.4, Contract Management (One Book).

The proposed policy revises the criteria used to place Defense contractors on the CAL.

EFFECTIVE : Upon release of a Defense Contract Management Command Policy Memorandum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Luc Degrate or Mr. Mike Williams, Contractor Capability and Proposal Analysis, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6221, (703) 767-3379 or 767-3397, respectively.