

update their own individual information on the internet at <http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov>. User ID and user password are set-up with initial Web registration or with a first visit to the Web site.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

Individual beacon owners have access to their database file and have the ability to update or correct information. Other issues are addressed by the system manager who can be contacted at the above address.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

The individual on whom the record is maintained provides information to NOAA by either the website or mail. Existing registrations can be updated according to the above processes, by a phone call from the beacon owner, or by rescue coordination center controllers when updated information is collected while processing a case.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Brenda Dolan,

Department of Commerce, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No. 080404520-8522-01]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a new Privacy Act System of Records: COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Department of Commerce's (Department's) proposal for a new system of records under the Privacy Act. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is creating a new system of records for permits and non-permit registrations for use with a variety of fisheries management programs. Information will be collected from individuals under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act, the American Fisheries Act, the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative

Management Act, the Atlantic Tunas Convention Authorization Act, the Northern Pacific Halibut Act, the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act, International Fisheries Regulations regarding U.S. Vessels Fishing in Colombian Treaty Waters, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This new record system is necessary to identify participants in the fisheries and to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants.

DATES: To be considered, written comments must be submitted on or before May 19, 2008. Unless comments are received, the new system of records will become effective as proposed on the date of publication of a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Ted Hawes, Team Leader, Northeast Permits Team, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Hawes, Team Leader, Northeast Permits Team, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is creating a new system of records for permit and non-permit registrations for use with a variety of fisheries management programs. NMFS requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in U.S. federally regulated fisheries. Information collections would be requested from individuals under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the High Seas Fishing Compliance Act, the American Fisheries Act, the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act, the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, the Atlantic Tunas Convention Authorization Act, the Northern Pacific Halibut Act, the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act, and the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The collection of information is necessary to identify participants in these fisheries and to evaluate the qualifications of the applicants. NMFS would collect information from individuals in order to issue, renew, or transfer fishing permits or to make non-permit registrations. The authority for the mandatory collection of the Tax Identification Number (Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number) is the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 7701.

COMMERCE/NOAA-19

SYSTEM NAME:

Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

None.

SYSTEM LOCATIONS:

NMFS Northeast Region, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (includes Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Tuna Dealer permits).

NMFS Southeast Region, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 (includes Atlantic HMS International Trade Permit, shark and swordfish vessel permits, shark and swordfish dealer permits).

NMFS Northwest Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg. #1, Seattle, WA 98115.

NMFS Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Pacific Highly Migratory Species database only).

NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

NMFS Alaska Region, 709 West Ninth Street, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

NMFS Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East West Highway, 12th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (National Saltwater Angler Registry, High Seas Fishing Compliance Act, and Antarctic Marine Living Resources harvesting permit data).

NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, P.O. Drawer 1207, Pascagoula, MS 39567 (Antarctic Marine Living Resources import permit data).

NMFS Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 1315 East West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (Atlantic HMS Tuna vessel permits, HMS Angling Permit, HMS Charter/headboat permits database).

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Owners or holders of a permit or registration as recognized by NMFS, owner agents, vessel owners and/or operators. Individuals who apply for any permit, permit exception, permit exemption or regulation exemption, registration, dedicated access privilege or fishing quota share either initially, annually, or by transfer. Applicants seeking permission to fish in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited in order to conduct experimental fishing. Owners of processing facilities and/or fish dealers. Permit qualifiers (persons whose incomes are used for permit

qualification). Allocation assignees under a Southeast Region individual fishing quota.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

THIS INFORMATION IS COLLECTED AND/OR MAINTAINED BY ALL REGIONS AND DIVISIONS:

Current permit number, permit status information, type of application, name of applicant and of other individuals on application (vessel owner(s), owner's agent, operator, dealer, corporation members), and position in company (if applicable), corporation name, date of incorporation and articles of incorporation (if applicable), date of birth, address, telephone numbers (business, cell and/or fax), U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation number or state vessel registration number and date of expiration, Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) activation certification, vessel name, vessel function, vessel characteristics (length, breadth, external markings, hull or superstructure color), gross and net tonnage, type of construction, fuel capacity and type, horsepower (engine, pump), type of product storage. The Tax Identification Number (TIN) (Employer Identification Number (EIN) or Social Security Number (SSN)) is required for all permits, under the authority of the Debt Collection Improvement Act (DCIA), 31 U.S.C. 7701. The primary purpose for requesting the TIN is for the collection and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising out of such person's relationship with the government pursuant to the DCIA.

It is required in subsection (c)(1) that each person doing business with NMFS is to furnish their taxpayer identifying number. For purposes of administering the various NMFS fisheries permit and registration programs, a person shall be considered to be doing business with a federal agency including but not limited to if the person is an applicant for, or recipient of, a federal license, permit, right-of-way, grant, or benefit payment administered by the agency or insurance administered by the agency pursuant to subsection (c)(2)(B) of the DCIA.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS COLLECTED AND/OR MAINTAINED BY INDIVIDUAL REGIONS AND DIVISIONS:

Northeast Region

For transferable permits: Hair and eye color, height and weight, ID-sized photograph, medical records for resolution of permit dispute, enforcement actions, court and legal documents, and permit sanction notices filed by General Counsel, credit card and/or checking account numbers, cancelled checks, tax returns, internal

permit number specific to each limited entry permit, baseline specifications on limited entry permit, country, captain's license, State and Federal Dealer Numbers (if applicable), coast on which dealer does business, processing sector, facilities where fish received, vessel landing receipts and records, dealer purchase receipts, bills of sale, type of vessel registration, NMFS unique vessel ID, year vessel built, hailing port, hailing port state, principal port, principal state, vessel operations type (catching and/or processing: For at-sea processing permit), fish hold capacity, passenger capacity, VMS status, crew size, fishery type, fishery management plan and category, maximum days at sea, quota allocation and shares, regional fishery management organization, species or species code, type of gear, gear code and rank, buoy and trap/pot color, number of tags assigned to vessel, number of traps, dredge size and number.

Southeast Region

Fee payment information, business e-mail address, Web site, gender, hair and eye color, height and weight, ID-sized photograph, Dunn and Bradstreet Corporation Number, NMFS internal identification number, county, country, marriage certificate, divorce decree, death certificate, trust documents, probated will, enforcement actions, court and legal documents, and permit sanction notices filed by General Counsel, name of vessel permit applicant if not owner, and relationship to owner, type of vessel ownership, captain's license, original permit, permit payment information, name of permit transferor and number of permit before transfer, permit and vessel sale price (for permit transfers), date of permit transfer signature, notarized sale and lease agreement with lease start and end dates if applicable, income or license qualifier for certain fisheries, Income Qualification Affidavit for income qualified fisheries, U.S. importer number, State and Federal Dealer Numbers (if applicable), plant name and operator, hull identification number, hailing port and hailing port state, year vessel built, location where vessel built, fish hold capacity, live well capacity, radio call sign, vessel communication types and numbers, crew size, passenger capacity, fishery type, quota shares, vessel landing receipts and records, bills of sale, processing facility where fish are received, gear type, species/gear endorsements, buoy/trap color code, number of traps, trap tag number series, trap dimensions, trap mesh size, designated fishing zone, aquaculture reports, site description, material

deposited and harvested, value of material, Highly Migratory Species workshop certificate, informational telephone calls recorded with member of public's knowledge, for customer service evaluation and constituent statement records.

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

Business e-mail, Web site, Dunn and Bradstreet Corporation Number, percent/rank of ownership interest, lease start/end date, income or license qualifier for certain fisheries, U.S. Importer Number (dealers), State and Federal Dealer Numbers (if applicable), processing facility where fish are received, type of vessel registration, hull identification number, passenger capacity, crew size, hailing port, hailing port state, principal port, principal port state, fish hold capacity, year vessel built, fishery type, species or species code, type of fishing gear, gear code.

Northwest Region

Fee payment information, business e-mail address, NMFS internal identification number, ownership rank if applicable, permit payment information, credit card and/or checking account numbers, canceled checks, tax returns, divorce decree, marriage certificate, city and state where married, death certificate, probated will, trust documents, medical records for emergency transfer of certain permits only, enforcement actions, court and legal documents, and permit sanction notices filed by General Counsel, name of permit transferor and number of permit before transfer, period of permit lease, permit price, location where vessel built, fishery type, quota shares, species and gear endorsements, gear code, amount of landed fish or processed fish product, operation as mother ship with start and end date.

Southwest Region

Business e-mail address, applicant's name and relationship to owner or owner manager if not owner or operator, country, Dunn and Bradstreet Corporation Number, other federal, state and commercial licenses held by operator, name of permit transferor and number of permit before transfer, type of vessel (commercial fishing, charter), vessel photograph, hull identification number, hailing port, hailing port state, principal port, principal port state, year vessel built, where vessel built, maximum vessel speed, fish hold capacity, processing equipment, passenger capacity, crew size, international radio call sign, Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) status, dolphin safety gear on board, previous

vessel flag, previous vessel name and effective dates, species/gear endorsements, fishery type, type of fishing gear, gear code, fishing status (active or inactive), intent to make intentional purse seine sets on marine mammals, date, location, and provider of most recent tuna purse seine marine mammal skipper workshop.

Pacific Islands Region

Photograph identification, citizenship, credit card and/or checking account numbers, cancelled checks, owner of checking account from which permit fees paid, enforcement actions, court and legal documents, and permit sanction notices filed by General Counsel, name of permit transferor and number of permit before transfer, International Maritime Organization number, NMFS vessel identification number, international radio call sign, year vessel built, location where vessel built, fishery type, percent of ownership interest, ownership and catch history as basis for exemption eligibility, days at sea allocations, quota shares, vessel landing receipts and records, dealer purchase receipts, bills of sale.

Alaska Region

Business e-mail address, country, NMFS internal identification number, citizenship, reference names, owner beneficiary, death certificate, marriage certificate, divorce decree, trust documents, probated will, medical information for emergency transfer of certain permits only, enforcement actions, court and legal documents, and permit sanction notices filed by General Counsel, credit card and/or bank account numbers, canceled checks, tax returns, name of Alaska Native tribe, community of residence, fishery community organization, community governing body contact person, nonprofit name, community represented by nonprofit, cooperative representative, percent of ownership interest, permit restrictions, quota type, names of other quota holders if affiliated with any cooperative member receiving quota against cap, names and relationship of permit transferor and transferee, transfer eligibility certificate, sector and region before transfer, relationship of transferor and transferee, reason for transfer, broker's name and fee, lien information (if applicable), quota transfer costs, permit financing source, permit fee, sale/lease agreement, period of lease, agreement to return shares (if applicable), for crab rationalization: affidavit that right of first refusal contracts were signed, number of units and pounds of fish transferred, applicable dealer license numbers,

processing plant name and identification, operation type and operator, type of vessel registration, State of Alaska registration number, NMFS vessel identification number, hull identification number, hailing port and hailing port state, numbers of existing permits if applicable to current application, documentation of loss or destruction of a vessel, list of vessels in a vessel cooperative, vessel operations type in terms of catching and/or processing, species/gear endorsements for fisheries requiring vessel monitoring systems, fishery type, species or species code, fishery management plan, days at sea allocations, quota shares, type of fishing gear, gear code, vessel landing receipts and records, bills of sale, delivery receipts, dealer purchase receipts, processing sector and facility where fish are received, statement from processor that there is a market for rockfish received from applicant for entry level harvester permit.

High Seas Fishing Compliance Act

Citizenship, internal identification number, percent/rank of ownership interest, hull identification number, vessel photograph, type of vessel registration, year vessel built, where vessel built, fish hold capacity, hailing port, hailing port state, crew size, international radio call sign, previous vessel flag, previous vessel name, fishery type, fishery management plan, regional fishery management organization, type of fishing gear, gear code.

Antarctic Marine Living Resources

Nationality, type of vessel (commercial fishing, charter), where vessel built, year vessel built, fish hold capacity, International Maritime Organization number (if issued), vessel communication types and serial numbers, details of tamper-proof VMS elements, ice classification, processing equipment, international radio call sign, foreign vessel flag, previous vessel flag, previous vessel name, permit number of supporting foreign vessel, crew size, species code, type of fishing gear, information on the known and anticipated impacts of bottom trawling gear on vulnerable marine ecosystems, and the products to be derived from an anticipated catch of krill.

National Saltwater Angler Registry Program

Name, TIN, address, telephone number, designation as owner or operator of for-hire vessel, vessel name and registration/documentation number and a statement of the region(s) in which the registrant fishes.

AUTHORITIES FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq. (Magnuson-Stevens Act); High Seas Fishing Compliance Act of 1995, 16 U.S.C. 5501 et seq; International Fisheries Regulations: Vessels of the United States Fishing in Colombian Treaty Waters: 50 CFR 300.120; the American Fisheries Act, Title II, Public Law No. 105-277; the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act of 1993, 16 U.S.C. 5101-5108, as amended 1996; the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, 16 U.S.C. 951-961; the Atlantic Tunas Convention Authorization Act, 16 U.S.C., Chapter 16A; the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982, 16 U.S.C. 773 et seq. (Halibut Act), the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984, 16 U.S.C. 2431-2444; the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 16 U.S.C. 1361; and the Debt Collection Improvement Act, 31 U.S.C. 7701.

PURPOSE(S):

This information will allow NMFS to identify owners and holders of permits and non-permit registrations, identify vessel owners and operators, evaluate requests by applicants and current participants, or agency actions, related to the issuance, renewal, transfer, revocation, suspension or modification of a permit or registration.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSE OF SUCH USES:

These records may be disclosed as follows.

1. In the event that a system of records maintained by the Department to carry out its functions indicates a violation or potential violation of law or contract, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute or contract, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, or the necessity to protect an interest of the Department, the relevant records in the system of records may be referred to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, local, or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute or contract, rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, or protecting the interest of the Department.

2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing

counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.

3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.

4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice in connection with determining whether the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) requires disclosure thereof.

5. A record in this system will be disclosed to the Department of Treasury for the purpose of reporting and recouping delinquent debts owed the United States pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996.

6. A record in this system may be disclosed to the Department of Homeland Security for the purpose of determining the admissibility of certain seafood imports into the United States.

7. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to a contractor of the Department having need for the information in the performance of the contract but not operating a system of records within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).

8. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to approved persons at the state or interstate level within the applicable Marine Fisheries Commission for the purpose of co-managing a fishery or for making determinations about eligibility for permits when state data are all or part of the basis for the permits.

9. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to the applicable Fishery Management Council (Council) staff and contractors tasked with the development of analyses to support Council decisions about Fishery Management Programs.

10. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to the applicable NMFS Observer Program for purpose of identifying current permit owners and vessels and making a random assignment of observers to vessels in a given fishing season.

11. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to the applicable Regional or International Fisheries Management Body for the purpose of identifying current permit owners and vessels pursuant to applicable statutes or regulations and/or conservation and management measures adopted by a Regional or International Fisheries Management Body, such as: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living

Resources, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, International Pacific Halibut Commission, and International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

12. A record in this system of records may be disclosed to appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when: (1) It is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; (2) the Department has determined that, as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise, there is a risk of harm to economic or property interests, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:

Disclosure to consumer reporting agencies pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(12) may be made from this system to "consumer reporting agencies" as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) and the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)).

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Computerized database; CDs; paper records stored in file folders in locked metal cabinets and/or locked rooms.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Records are organized and retrieved by NMFS internal identification number, name of entity, permit number, vessel name or identification number, or plant name. Records can be accessed by any file element or any combination thereof.

SAFEGUARDS:

The system of records is stored in a building with doors that are locked during and after business hours. Visitors to the facility must register with security guards and must be accompanied by federal personnel at all times. Records are stored in a locked room and/or a locked file cabinet. Electronic records containing Privacy Act information are protected by a user identification/password. The user identification/

password is issued to individuals as authorized by authorized personnel.

All electronic information disseminated by NOAA adheres to the standards set out in Appendix III, Security of Automated Information Resources, OMB Circular A-130; the Computer Security Act (15 U.S.C. 278g-3 and 278g-4); and the Government Information Security Reform Act, Public Law 106-398; and follows NIST SP 800-18, Guide for Developing Security Plans for Federal Information Systems; NIST SP 800-26, Security Self-Assessment Guide for Information Technology Systems; and NIST SP 800-53, Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

All records are retained and disposed of in accordance with National Archive and Records Administration regulations (36 CFR Chapter XII, Subchapter B—Records Management); Departmental directives and comprehensive records schedules; NOAA Administrative Order 205-01; and the NMFS Records Disposition Schedule, Chapter 1500.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESSES:

Division Chief, Fisheries Statistics Office, NMFS Northeast Region, NMFS Northeast Region, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Assistant Regional Administrator for Operations, Management, and Information Services, NMFS Southeast Region, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Permit Team Leader, NMFS Northwest Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg. #1, Seattle, WA 98115.

Assistant Regional Administrator and Tuna Dolphin Policy Analyst, NMFS Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Information/Permit Specialist, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

Regional Administrator, NMFS Alaska Region, 709 West Ninth Street, Juneau, AK 99801.

High Seas Fishing Compliance Act: Fishery Management Specialist, Office of International Affairs (F/IA), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12604, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

AMLR harvesting permits: Foreign Affairs Specialist for International Science, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12350, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

AMLR dealer permits: Import Control Officer, NMFS Office of Sustainable

Fisheries, P.O. Drawer 1207, Pascagoula, MS 39567.

National Saltwater Angler Registry: Fish Biologist, Office of Science and Technology, Fisheries Statistics Division NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 12423, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether information about themselves is contained in this system should address written inquiries to the national or regional Privacy Act Officer:

Privacy Act Officer, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 10641, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13706, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Northeast Region, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Southeast Region, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg. #1, Seattle, WA 98115.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.

Privacy Act Officer, NMFS Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, or delivered to the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, AK 99801.

Written requests must be signed by the requesting individual. Requestor must make the request in writing and provide his/her name, address, and date of the request and record sought. All such requests must comply with the inquiry provisions of the Department's Privacy Act rules which appear at 15 CFR part 4, Appendix A.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Requests for access to records maintained in this system of records should be addressed to the same address given in the Notification section above.

Note: Complete records for jointly owned permits are made accessible to each owner upon his/her request.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Department's rules for access, for contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned are provided for in 15 CFR part 4, Appendix A.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information in this system will be collected from individuals applying for a permit or registration or from an entity supplying related documentation regarding an application, permit, or registration.

EXEMPTION CLAIMS FOR SYSTEM:

None.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

Brenda Dolan,

Department of Commerce, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XH25

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Navy Training and Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation Activities Conducted Within the Southern California Range Complex

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy (Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to military readiness training events and research, development, testing and evaluation (RDT&E) to be conducted in the Southern California Range Complex (SOCAL) for the period beginning January 2009 and ending January 2014. Pursuant to the implementing regulations of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing our receipt of the Navy's request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals and inviting information, suggestions, and comments on the Navy's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than May 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. The mailbox address for

providing email comments is PR1.050107L@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for e-mail comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jolie Harrison, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2289, ext. 166.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability

A copy of the Navy's application may be obtained by writing to the address specified above (See **ADDRESSES**), telephoning the contact listed above (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>. The Navy's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for SOCAL was made available to the public on April 4, 2008, and may be viewed at <http://www.socalrangecomplexeis.com/>. Because NMFS is participating as a cooperating agency in the development of the Navy's DEIS for SOCAL, NMFS staff will be present at the associated public meetings and prepared to discuss NMFS' participation in the development of the EIS as well as the MMPA process for the issuance of incidental take authorizations. The dates and times of the public meetings may be viewed at: <http://www.socalrangecomplexeis.com/>.

Background

In the case of military readiness activities, sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) if certain findings are made and regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have no more than a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses, and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as:

an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely