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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for extension of an existing information collection.

The Wage Mariner Hiring Portal (WMHP) is an internet-based system (website) that is designed to allow an applicant to apply for a “wage mariner” position within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) fleet of maritime vessels. The WMHP system collects basic user information, wage mariner licensing, certifications, and relevant current and or past work history. The Department of Commerce (DOC), through NOAA, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO) has special hiring authority under Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 5, chapter 1, subchapter A, part 3, 3.2 and under the DOC Department Administrative Order (DAO) 202–302 section 2, subsection .02a. specific to the hiring of federal wage mariner employees. The regulations allow OMAO to hire wage mariners into excepted service positions within the NOAA fleet of ocean going vessels in order to maintain adequate operations, maintenance, and safe staffing of the maritime ships.

No physical forms are used in this collection, it is all online. Applicants fill out basic personal, licensure, and work history information into a profile resume. Once their basic profile is complete, applicants can submit this resume to available wage mariner positions as shown on the WMHP website. The application information received is used to determine if the applicant meets the basic job qualification. The applicant's information is then passed on to the hiring official or it is placed in a pool of prospective candidates for future openings. Application information includes: first and last name, contact number and email address, wage mariner licenses and certifications, relevant work history.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected electronically (internet) through an online web based interactive system.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0790.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of approved information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1000.

Estimated Time per Response: 60 minutes. 5 minutes to fill our applicant's first and last name and contact mobile and or home number and email address. 5 minutes to fill out wage mariner license specific information. 40 minutes to enter wage mariner certifications and relevant past work history. 10 minutes to fill out relevant educational history.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter A, Part 3, § 3.2.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is extending the public comment period for the proposed Elliott State Research Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). NMFS is reviewing the Incidental Take Permit (ITP) application submitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL), who is seeking authorization from NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for the incidental take of three species (two under FWS jurisdiction, and one under NMFS jurisdiction). The FWS is the lead federal agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and NMFS is a cooperating agency. FWS is extending the public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed HCP until January 10, 2023; therefore, NMFS is also extending its public comment period on the proposed HCP until January 10, 2023.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed HCP, notice of which was published on November 18, 2022 (87 FR 69256), is extended until January 10, 2023. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on January 10, 2023.

ADDRESSES:

Written Comments: Written comments on the proposed HCP will be accepted via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter FWS–R1–ES–2022–0029 in the Search Box. Follow instructions for submitting comments on Docket FWS–R1–ES–2022–0029. When commenting, please refer to the specific section and/or page number and the subject of your comment.

Instructions: Written comments submitted through any other method, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov. All personal identifying information (e.g., name,

address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Wells, NMFS, 503-230-5437, Kathleen.Wells@noaa.gov. Shauna Everett, FWS, 503-231-6949, Shauna_Everett@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the taking of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines "take" to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS and FWS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and implementing regulations (50 CFR 222.307 for NMFS and 50 CFR 17.22(b) and 17.32(b) for FWS) provide for authorizing incidental take of listed species.

NMFS received an ITP application from ODSL on October 10, 2022, pursuant to the ESA. ODSL prepared the HCP in support of the ITP applications and is seeking authorization from NMFS for incidental take of the Oregon Coast Coho salmon (covered species).

The ITP, if issued, would authorize take of the covered species that may occur incidental to ODSL's research and forest management activities (the covered activities). The plan area includes a total of 93,432 acres, which includes School Lands and Board of Forestry Lands managed by ODSL and ODF. The covered activities include the foundational research design of the Elliott State Research Forest proposal including; forest research treatments; operation standards, by research treatment designation; projected harvest timing, amount, and amount of harvest types, and methods; supporting management activities; supporting infrastructure, including roads and facilities; potential research projects; and implementation of the HCP's conservation strategy.

NMFS is extending its public comment period on the proposed HCP to align with the extended comment period of FWS. NMFS will be taking public comment on the proposed HCP through January 10, 2023.

Authority: Section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 222.307, 17.22 and 17.32).

Dated: December 13, 2022.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Fisheries Research Conducted and Funded by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft supplemental programmatic environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of the "Draft Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA) for Fisheries Research Conducted and Funded by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center." Publication of this notice begins the official public comment period for this SPEA. The purpose of this Draft SPEA is to evaluate potential direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of changes in research that were not analyzed in the 2018 Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), or new research activities along the U.S. West Coast, from California US-Mexico Border to Washington US-Canada Border. Select surveys in partnership with Department of Fisheries and Oceans-Canada extend this research area through British Columbia, Canada to Alaska. Where necessary, updates to certain information on species, stock status or other components of the affected environment that may result in different conclusions from the 2018 PEA are presented in this analysis.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than January 18, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Draft SPEA should be addressed to Larry Hufnagle, Environmental Compliance Coordinator, NOAA/NMFS/NWFSC, 2725 Montlake Blvd. E, Seattle, WA 98112. The mailbox address for providing email comments is: nmfs.nwfsc.spea@noaa.gov.

NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size. A copy of the Draft SPEA may be obtained by writing to the address specified above, telephoning the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), or visiting the internet at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/supplemental-programmatic-environmental-assessment-fisheries-research-conducted-and-funded>.

Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Hufnagle, email: lawrence.c.hufnagle@noaa.gov, phone: (206) 310-6817.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWFSC is the research arm of NMFS in the Northwest Region. The purpose of NWFSC fisheries research is to produce scientific information necessary for the management and conservation of living marine resources along the U.S. West Coast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Federal waters from the California US-Mexico Border to the Washington US-Canada Border. NWFSC's research is needed to promote both the long-term sustainability of the resource and the recovery of certain species, while generating social and economic opportunities and benefits from their use. Primary research activities include: seasonal bottom trawl surveys to support assessments of ground fish; seasonal acoustic mid-water pelagic surveys to support the assessment of Pacific Hake and semi-pelagic fish species; salmon surveys; marine mammal research and surveys; Uncrewed Systems research and surveys; and rockfish hook and line surveys in the EEZ.

NMFS has prepared the Draft SPEA under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate two alternatives for conducting and funding fisheries and ecosystem research activities as the primary Federal action. Additionally in the Draft SPEA, NMFS evaluates a related action, also called a "connected action" under 40 CFR 1508.25 of the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), which is the proposed promulgation of regulations and authorization of the take of marine mammals incidental to the fisheries research under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).