

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/02/2015

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Kirit Amin
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 10/17/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201410-0648-005

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Cooperative Charting Programs

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0022

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 01/31/2018

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	1,200	2,540	0
New	1,200	2,400	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	-140	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Cooperative Charting Programs - U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary	77-5a	Chart Update Report	
Cooperative Charting Programs - U.S. Power Squadron	NOAA 77-5	Chart Updating Form (website)	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAMS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0022**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection. The change is that an Excel spreadsheet used by one of the participating organizations, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX), has been replaced by an online form.

In accordance with [33 U.S.C Sections 883a and b](#), NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) produces the official nautical charts of the United States. Of prime concern is the safe navigation on our nation's waterways, of both commercial as well as recreational vessels. For the last 48 years, NOS has had a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with both the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) and the USCGAUX. According to the terms of these MOAs, members of both organizations voluntarily provide NOS with valuable chart correction data.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

Members of the USPS and the USCGAUX, who observe chart inconsistencies in the field that should be added, corrected or modified on the navigation charts, submit the necessary information. Both natural forces and the activities of man produce the periodic changes that take place and may thus require chart adjustments. NOS evaluates the data supplied and uses acceptable data to revise and otherwise change the charts and related publications.

Both organizations use a Web site. The same information is reported; the only difference is how the members are identified: USPS members are identified by district and squadron, while the USCGAUX members are identified by member number.

NOAA will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

The USPS submits their information to the Cooperative Charting Web site ([CCWEB](#)). The USGAUX submits their information to the Chart Updating Web site (CUWEB) (url not provided, as the site is restricted). The purpose of these Web sites is to provide a seamless mechanism for handling the field data collected by the USPS and USGAUX members.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

NOAA and NOS are the only bureau and office collecting information for its navigational charts.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

Not applicable.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

With the reduction of the presence of NOAA field staff, volunteers from USPS and USCGAUX provide a very high percentage of the field checking done on our products. This activity helps to insure that the navigational products produced by NOS are providing accurate and timely information to navigators of our nation's waterways. The frequency of reporting is determined by the respondents. Without this information, NOS could not fulfill the production of accurate, comprehensive and timely nautical charts, which is one of our agency's primary missions.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The collection is consistent with the OMB guidelines.

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on June 12, 2014 (79 FR 33725) solicited public comments on the information collection; no comments were received.

Three users were polled about the Cooperative Charting Program and were asked: "Please take a look at the Cooperative Charting Website and let me know if the instructions are clear and that the time estimate of 2-3 hours to do a report is accurate."

Two of the users responded.

Responder #1

For the most part I think the instructions are clear on the CCWEB. My only comment is I think on the Report Header page it should read "Support Doc" rather than "Support Label". We use Support Label on the observation page for the individual item which is part of a document. If have noticed people entering both letter and number in the Report Header.

Two hours may be a little light for some of the complex reports that require a lot of research for the documentation. However, sometimes our system can take a little more time to prepare the information.

Response: We will take the suggestion under consideration. And re the response time, understood. Two hours is the overall average that covers easy and complex reports.

Responder #2

Based on my experience with the Cooperative Charting Website (CCWEB), the instructions are clear and detailed for any person with basic computer knowledge.

Entering reports, on the average, takes about 2 hours. Inquiries and explanations to persons new to CCWEB take usually no more than 20 to 30 minutes either face to face or on the phone.”

Response: Thank you for your comments.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments or gifts are provided.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No confidentiality is promised or provided.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No sensitive questions are asked.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Based on the response rates of the last few years, NOS expects a total of about 600 USPS and USCGAUX members to submit a total of 1,200 reports per year. Respondents have indicated that it takes an average of 2 hours to complete all the reporting actions, although this varies by the amount of information being reported.

USPS: 530 respondents x 2 responses (average)/year x 2 hours/response = 2,120 burden hours.
 USCGAUX: 70 respondents x 2 responses (average)/year x 2 hours/response = 420 burden hours.

Broken down by Web site and form, the responses and burden hours would be:

	Respondents	Responses Per Respondent	Total Responses	Time Per Response	Hours
CUWEB (USCGAUX)	70	2	140	2 hours	280
CCWEB (USPS)	530	2	1060	2 hours	2,120
TOTALS	600		1,200		2,400

At an estimate of \$20/hour, the cost of respondents' time would be \$50,800.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

There is no cost to the respondent. Virtually all information is emailed or submitted via CCWEB.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

The annualized cost to the Federal Government would be:

Printing, mailing, etc.	\$ 500
Associated expenses	\$ 2,000
15% of 1 FTE (GS-13)	\$18,000
TOTAL	\$20,500.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Program Change: Previously, with the USCGAUX Excel form, response time was estimated at 3 hours; with the Web application, response time is estimated to average 2 hours. This has resulted in a burden reduction of 140 hours, for the same number of respondents and responses.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The information received will be incorporated into revised charts and associated publications, but is not published separately.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

N/A.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

Power Squadron members please enter your Certificate number and Password:

Certificate Number:

Password:

- [Forgot your password?](#)
- [Get help logging in...](#)

Live Website Login

Practice Website Login

Warning! You have accessed a United States Government computer. Use of this computer without authorization or for purposes for which authorization has not been extended is a violation of Federal Law (18 U.S.C. 1030)

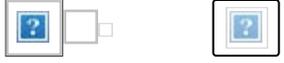
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Mail

Navigation buttons: a series of empty rectangular boxes followed by a button labeled 'More'.

COMPOSE

- Inbox (1)
- Starred
- Important
- Sent Mail
- Drafts
- _FRN comments (...)
- 0342
- BY12 E300
- CIO weekly messa...
- data calls
- DNF
- Follow up
- Google mail etc



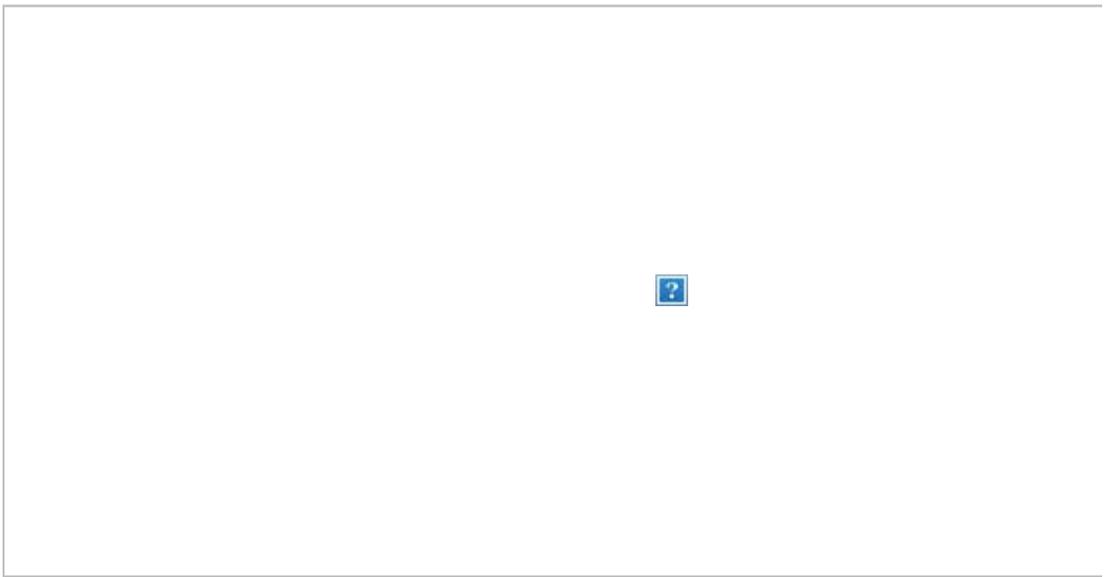
- Ayeisha Brinson
- Blanche Marshall
Teleworking 703-...
- Chris Ellis
- Janice Duncan
- Jerome McNamara
- Michael Liddel

Recipients
info,

Sarah Brabson - NOAA Federal ----- Forwarded message ----- From: Sarah Brabson -

Ken Forster - NOAA Federal 1:10 PM
to me

Hi Sarah,
Here is a screen capture and a sentence about CUWEB. Ken



Send

We will instruct CBP to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries covered by these new shipper reviews when the importer-specific assessment rate calculated in the final results of this review is above *de minimis*. Where either the respondent's weighted-average dumping margin is zero or *de minimis*, or an importer-specific assessment rate is zero or *de minimis*, we will instruct CBP to liquidate the appropriate entries without regard to antidumping duties. The Department announced a refinement to its assessment practice in NME cases. Pursuant to this refinement in practice, for entries that were not reported in the U.S. sales databases submitted by Bonn Flooring, Fuerjia and Huade for these new shipper reviews, the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the PRC-wide rate. In addition, if the Department determines that the exporter under review had no shipments of the subject merchandise, any suspended entries that entered under that exporter's case number (*i.e.*, at that exporter's rate) will be liquidated at the PRC-wide rate.¹¹

The final results of these new shipper reviews shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of these reviews and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of these new shipper reviews for shipments of the subject merchandise from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by sections 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) For the companies listed above that have a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be that rate established in the final results of these new shipper reviews (except, if the rate is zero or *de minimis*, then a zero cash deposit will be required); (2) for previously investigated or reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters not listed above that received a separate rate in a prior segment of this proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the existing producer/exporter-specific combination rate; (3) for all PRC exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash

deposit rate will be that for the PRC-wide entity, or 58.84 percent; and (4) for all non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise which have not received their own rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC producer/exporter combination that supplied that non-PRC exporter. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: June 6, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

1. Summary
2. Background
3. Scope of the Order
4. Discussion of the Methodology
5. Bona Fide Sale Analysis
6. Non-Market Economy Country Status
7. Separate Rates
8. Separate Rates Recipients
9. Surrogate Country
10. Economic Comparability
11. Significant Producer of Comparable Merchandise
12. Data Availability
13. Date of Sale
14. Fair Value Comparisons
15. Differential Pricing Analysis
16. Results of the Differential Pricing Analysis
17. U.S. Price
18. Value Added Tax
19. Normal Value
20. Factor Valuations
21. Currency Conversion
22. Section 777A(f) of the Act

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Cooperative Charting Programs

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Ken Forster, (301) 713-2717 x153 or ken.forster@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection. The U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary members report observations of changes that require additions, corrections or revisions to Nautical Charts using a Web site to report the information. The information provided is used by NOAA National Ocean Service to maintain and prepare new additions that are used Nationwide by commercial and recreational navigators.

Revision: Formerly a paper form was used for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary reporting.

II. Method of Collection

Submissions are made via the Internet.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0022.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions.

Proceedings: Final Modification, 77 FR 8101 (February 14, 2012).

¹¹ For a full discussion of this practice, see *Non-Market Economy Antidumping Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 76 FR 65694 (October 24, 2011).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 600.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: June 6, 2014.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD235

International Whaling Commission; 65th Meeting; Announcement of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting being held prior to the 65th International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held August 7, 2014, at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Garcia, 301-427-8385.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. The U.S. IWC Commissioner is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and other U.S. Government agencies.

A draft agenda for the upcoming IWC meeting is posted on the IWC Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.iwc.int>.

NOAA will hold public meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the September 2014 IWC meeting in Slovenia. Because the meeting will address U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at the meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. In particular, persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. Persons deemed by NOAA to be ineligible to attend will be asked to leave the meeting. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating positions.

The August 7, 2014, meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Photo identification is required to enter the building.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Melissa Garcia, Melissa.Garcia@noaa.gov or 301-427-8385, by July 24, 2014.

Dated: June 9, 2014.

Jean-Pierre Plé,

Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD269

Taking of Threatened or Endangered Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Issuance of Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS plans to issue a permit for a period of three years to authorize the incidental, but not intentional, taking of three stocks of marine mammals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the Hawaii deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries. In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS must issue this permit provided that it can make the determinations that: The incidental take will have a negligible impact on the affected stocks; a recovery plan for all affected stocks of threatened or endangered marine mammals has been developed or is being developed; and as required by the MMPA, a take reduction plan and monitoring program have been implemented and vessels in the Hawaii deep-set and shallow-set longline fisheries are registered. NMFS has made a preliminary determination that incidental taking from commercial fishing will have a negligible impact on the endangered humpback whale, Central North Pacific (CNP) stock; sperm whale, Hawaii stock; and false killer whale, Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) insular stock. Recovery plans have been completed for humpback and sperm whales, and a recovery plan has been initiated for MHI insular false killer whales. NMFS solicits public comments on the draft negligible impact determination and on the proposal to issue a permit to vessels that operate in these fisheries for the taking of affected endangered stocks of marine mammals.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The draft Negligible Impact Determination and list of references contained in this notice are available in electronic form via the Internet at: http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/DIR/dir_public_documents.html.

You may submit comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2014-0052, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the