

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 03/12/2014

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/24/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201311-0648-012

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Applications and Reports for Registration as a Tanner or Agent

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0179

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: 03/31/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	57	114	57
New	57	114	57
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	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
Applications for Registration as a Tanner or Agent			50 CFR 216.23
Tanner or Agent Annual Reports			50 CFR 216.23

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 or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS FOR REGISTRATION AS AN AGENT OR TANNER
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0179**

A. JUSTIFICATION

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

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

The [Marine Mammal Protection Act](#) (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq. – Sections 1371, 1373, 1374 and 1379), mandates the protection and conservation of marine mammals and makes the taking, killing or serious injury of marine mammals, except under permit or exemption, a violation of the Act. An exemption is provided for Alaskan natives to take marine mammals if the taking is for subsistence or for creating and selling authentic native articles of handicraft and clothing. Possession of marine mammals and marine mammal parts by other than Alaskan natives is therefore prohibited (exception, [50 CFR 216.26](#): beach found non ESA teeth or bones that have been registered with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)). As native handicrafts are allowed by the MMPA to enter interstate commerce, an exemption is also needed to allow non-natives to handle the skins or other marine mammal produce, whether to tan the pinniped hide or to act as an agent for the native to sell his handicraft products.

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.

The information required by [50 CFR 216.23](#) is of two types:

Applications: Information is required to identify the applicant as a tanner/agent in order to preclude prosecution under the MMPA and to determine that s/he has an acceptable record keeping program to accurately account for those marine mammal products received. This information serves as a deterrent for those individuals who might use this registration program for entering prohibited marine mammal products into interstate commerce.

Reports: Information is also needed annually to evaluate the agent/tanner's activities during the year, and his/her procedures for bookkeeping and yearly inventory to assure NMFS, the Marine Mammal Commission and the general public that prohibited marine mammal products were not being transshipped through registered agents.

The reporting requirements are:

(a) Report in writing to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, any changes in the facts stated in Registrant's applications for this Certificate of Registration within 30 days of such change;

(b) Maintain current records of each transaction under the NMFS authorization, stating the marine mammals or marine mammal parts or products involved, from whom received, any processing accomplished, to whom returned, and the date of each such transaction. These records shall be kept separate and apart from other records maintained in the ordinary course of business and shall be maintained for not less than three years;

(c) Annually, during the month of January, send copies of such records (annual report) by certified mail to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries 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. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, results may be used in scientific, management, technical or general informational publications. Should NOAA Fisheries Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and 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 process is a simplified registration and reporting system. All forms are sent to the Agent or Tanner applicant by United States (U.S.) mail as well as returned to the NOAA/NMFS/Enforcement Office by U.S. mail. The collection of information does not involve the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

A similar registration system exists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for those marine mammal species for which they have statutory responsibility. These species are different from those marine mammals' species under the purview of NMFS. Based on researching the Fish and Wildlife regulations and comparing them to NOAA's, we determined that the NOAA regulations have fewer specific requirements, and also require only annual reporting (while FWS requires mostly annually reporting, there are some more frequent requirements), and combining the two collections would result in a greater burden for those respondents currently submitting requests for the NOAA-covered species.

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

The information requested is already at a minimum; sufficient only to identify the applicant and to assure NMFS those illegal marine mammal products are not entering interstate commerce.

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

Annual reporting is considered the maximum acceptable limit to adequately monitor activities. Less frequent monitoring would require NMFS to consider alternate methods (i.e., enforcement investigations) to assess the level of marine mammal products in interstate commerce.

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

The collection is consistent with 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 elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on September 9, 2013 (77 FR 21971) solicited public comment. No comments were received.

Two respondents (tanners/agents) were contacted for comments concerning collection and reporting of data requested. One respondent commented that he is comfortable with the annual requirement submission of data. Another respondent commented that he likes the ability to submit his required data on his own form instead of being required to use a government form.

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

None are provided.

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

As stated in the program correspondence, assurance of confidentiality is given. However, annual reports will be reviewed and any business information that would aid competition and impact on the registrant would be precluded from release.

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 of applicants.

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

There are 53 registered respondents who submit reports annually and there are, on average, two new applicants per year. Both applications and reports take approximately 2 hours each to complete. Calculated as follows:

Applications: 2 applicants/year x 2 hours/application = 4 hours annually.

Reports (required starting the first full year after application is approved):

First year: 53 registrants x 1 report/year x 2 hour/report = 106 hours.

Second year: 55 registrants x 1 report/year x 2 hours/report = 110 hours.

Third year: 57 registrants x 1 report/year x 2 hours/report = 114 hours.

Average (annualized) burden for the reports would be 110 hours. Total annualized hours would be 4 (for the 2 applications) plus 110 (average of 55 reports) or a total of 114. Annualized respondents and responses would be 57.

Calculating labor costs at \$25 per hour, the maximum annual labor cost would be \$25 x 118 or \$2,950.

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 Question 12 above).

The only costs are for mailing and copying. At an estimated \$1 per response, total annualized costs would be \$57.

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

Cost to the government is estimated at 20 hours @ \$25 per hour = \$500.

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

There are no changes or adjustments.

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

There are no plans to publish this information.

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.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to Les Cockreham at NOAA, Office of Law Enforcement, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 10, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, or call 907-271-3021.

No assurance of confidentiality is given. However, annual reports will be reviewed and any business information that would aid competition and impact on the registrant would be precluded from release. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

MEMORANDUM FOR: (Name and
Company)

FROM: Les Cockreham F/EN 4

SUBJECT: Tanner/Agent Permit Application

To apply for registration as a Tanner and/or Agent for marine mammals parts received from and taken by an Indian, Aleut or Eskimo who resides on the coast of the North Pacific Ocean or Arctic Ocean or Alaska native who resides in Alaska and the part was taken for subsistence purposes, you need only to write a letter to the address on the front of the Fax Cover sheet, detailing your plans, location of the activity, name of the registrant, address and company name and address. Please send the letter with attention to: Enforcement Officer Les Cockreham.

I have enclosed copies of the regulations related to this activity: please review Section 216.23 and pay particular attention to Section 216.23 (c). If you have further questions, please call me at (907) 271-3021.

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(Name)
(Address)
(Phone Number)

Dear Mr . /Ms . (Name) :

Enclosed is a Certificate of Registration No.102 (File No. T102) to possess and process marine mammal products as provided in the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the regulations published under that Act. Any member of your business can act as an agent under this Certificate. A copy of the Marine Mammal Protection Act and its regulations are enclosed for your information.

You will note that the Certificate of Registration contains requirements for reporting your activities. The specifics are covered in paragraphs 1(b) and 1(c) of the Conditions. An effort has been made to keep such requirements to a minimum and still provide for the accumulation of information necessary for the proper administration of this conservation law. When providing reports or correspondence, please refer to both the File No. and Registration No.

Sincerely,

Tracy Dunn
Deputy Director
Office of Law Enforcement

Enclosures

- (e) Clearly state the fact of this registration and the registration number in any advertisement for Agent/Tanner services; and
 - (f) Keep this Certificate of Registration at the business address where the authorized activities take place.
2. This Certificate of Registration may be amended, suspended or revoked by the Chief, Office for Law Enforcement for good cause shown and upon reasonable notice to REGISTRANT, provided that it will not be suspended or revoked until after notice and hearing, if a hearing on such suspension or revocation is requested by the REGISTRANT.
 3. This Certificate of Registration, or amended Certificate, is valid for the business location listed from the date of issuance until it is suspended or revoked.
 4. Violating the conditions of this Certificate or engaging in activities not authorized by this Certificate with respect to the marine mammals covered shall subject the REGISTRANT to the penalties provided in the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

Tracy Dunn
Deputy Director
Office of Law Enforcement

Date

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F/EN:
SYY

(Name)
(Address)
(Phone Number)

This is to remind you that the Certificate of Registration, issued to you under the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR 216.23) requires an annual report be submitted during the month of January each year. The specifics of these reports are covered in paragraph 1(b) and 1(c) of the conditions attached to your Certificate. If no activity was conducted, a statement to that effect should be submitted. Failure to submit the required reports could subject you to suspension of your Certificate as provided for in paragraph 4 of the conditions. Please submit your report for calendar year 2xxx to: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

Sincerely,

Les Cockreham

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Applications and Reports for Registration as a Tanner or Agent**

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 November 8, 2013.

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 Les Cockreham, (907) 271-3021 or les.cockreham@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Marine Mammal Protection Act exempts Alaskan natives from the prohibitions on taking, killing, or injuring marine mammals if the taking is done for subsistence or for creating and selling authentic native articles of handicraft or clothing. The natives need no permit, but non-natives who wish to act as a tanner or agent for such native products must register with NOAA and maintain and submit certain records. The information is necessary for law enforcement purposes.

II. Method of Collection

Paper documentation is submitted to meet the requirements found at 50 CFR 216.23(c).

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0179.
Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours for an application and 2 hours for a report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 106.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$53.

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: September 3, 2013.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XC860

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held September 30, 2013 through October 10, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times. The Council will begin its plenary session at

8 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, continuing through Tuesday, October 8, 2013. The Scientific Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, September 30 and continue through Wednesday, October 2, the Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3 and continue through Saturday, October 5. Sablefish Gear Committee, September 30, 10 a.m. at Council office, Room 205. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held on Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

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Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report (including Update on Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP) Cost Recovery, Flow Scale analysis/regulations update)
ADF&G Report (including review of Board of Fisheries Statewide Pacific cod proposals)

U.S. Coast Guard Report
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Report
Protected Species Report

2. Observer Program: Report from NMFS on information requests; Observer Program 2014 year deployment plan; Receive Observer Advisory Committee report and take action as necessary; Electronic Monitoring (EM).(T)

3. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) Issues: Final action on the SSL Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

4. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Management: Receive Plan Team report; Final Overfishing Level (OFL)/ Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) specifications for 6 stocks.