

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/22/2013

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 11/02/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201210-0648-005

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0292

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: 02/29/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	200	50	0
New	200	50	0
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
Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act	NA	Marine Mammal Authorization Program - Mortality/Injury Reporting Form	

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
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AUTHORIZATION
UNDER SECTION 118 OF THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0292**

A. JUSTIFICATION

This request is for extension of this information collection.

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

The [Marine Mammal Protection Act](#) (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.; MMPA or the Act) mandates the protection and conservation of marine mammals and makes the taking of marine mammals, except under limited exceptions, a violation of the Act. MMPA section 118 provides an exception to that prohibition for taking of marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations subject to requirements listed in that section. The owner of any fishing vessel engaged in any fishery identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as having either frequent (Category I) or occasional (Category II) takes of a marine mammal is to register with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) in order to obtain an authorization for the purpose of lawfully, incidentally taking marine mammal. Fishers operating in fisheries identified by NMFS as having only a remote chance (Category III) of taking marine mammals need not register for such an authorization. The collection of information for the registration of fishers is approved under OMB 0648-0293.

The owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel, regardless of the classification of the fishery, is required under the Act to report all incidental mortality and injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations. Supplying the information within 48-hours after the end of a fishing trip is mandated under Section 118(e) of the MMPA and is needed by NMFS to determine the correct category placement for fisheries. MMPA section 118(c) requires NMFS to reexamine the classification of fisheries based on information gathered under the MMPA, including these injury and mortality reports from fishermen.

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 applicable NOAA Information Quality Guidelines.

The information supplied by the owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel is mandated by Section 118(e) of the MMPA and is needed by the agency to determine the correct category placement of fisheries. The MMPA states:

The owner or operator of a commercial fishing vessel subject to the Act shall report all incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations to the Secretary by mail or other means acceptable to the Secretary within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip on a standard postage-paid form to be developed by the Secretary under this

section. Such form shall be capable of being readily entered into and usable by an automated or computerized data processing system and shall require the vessel owner or operator to provide the following:

- a. The vessel name, Federal, state, or tribal registration numbers of the registered vessel.
- b. The name and address of the vessel owner or operator.
- c. The name and description of the fishery.
- d. The species of each marine mammal incidentally killed or injured, and the date, time, and geographic location of such occurrence.

NMFS has received mortality and serious injury reports provided from 1996 to present as well as additional information available on the taking of marine mammals. Based on these reports and available scientific information, NMFS has classified or reclassified fisheries as Category I, II, or III. Regardless of the classification of the fishery, all incidental mortality and injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations must be reported to NMFS.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries routinely includes this information in marine mammal stock assessment reports that are required by MMPA section 117. 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. 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 Act requires that all reports of incidental mortality and serious injury be submitted to the Secretary by mail on the postage paid form or faxed within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip. Such forms are capable of being readily entered into and usable by an automated or computerized data processing system. The legislative history of the amendments indicates that Congress intended for the report forms to be machine-readable for use in a computerized data system. Fillable PDF forms are available on http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/interactions/mmap_reporting_form.pdf

Although currently many fishermen do not yet have email addresses, we plan to provide this option, with a new email address for submission, before the next extension of this information collection.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

NMFS has joint authority with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Department of the Interior, to manage marine mammals. The United States Department of the Interior has not been authorized by statute to promulgate regulations on this matter: therefore, USFWS has not established its own registration and reporting system for authorization on its marine mammal species but cooperates with NMFS in establishing a single registration and reporting system. NMFS continues to consult with the USFWS on this matter and a USFWS staff person has attended task force meetings with NMFS. NMFS remains responsible for the information collection process, distributing authorizations, and maintaining the marine mammal reporting system.

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

This collection will not have a significant impact on small entities, who comprise approximately one half of respondents. The MMPA Amendments instruct the Secretary to develop a standard postage-paid reporting form capable of being readily entered into and usable by an automated or computerized data processing system. This postage-paid form requires less than 15 minutes to complete, and can be dropped in any mailbox or faxed within 48 hours of the vessels return to port. There is no cost or significant investment of time required to fulfill the reporting requirement.

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

Without reports of mortality or serious injury, NMFS would be unable to implement the statutory mandate to assess the impact of United States (U.S.) commercial fisheries on marine mammal populations and stocks.

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

Not Applicable.

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 May 24, 2012 (77 FR 30995) solicited public comment on this submission.

One comment was received strongly supporting the collection of the subject information, stating it is essential for determining the overall impacts of and managing other human activities that affect marine mammals.

NMFS routinely shares information gathered under OMB Control No. 0648-0292 with marine mammal take reduction teams (TRTs). These stakeholder-based teams are charged with providing consensus recommendations to NMFS for reducing bycatch of marine mammals in specific commercial fisheries. The value of and need for information provided via OMB Control No. 0648-0292 is often discussed with the teams in terms of the specific details provided, the format of the information, etc. Those teams include several representatives from the fishing industry.

Recently, we contacted a total of 20 fishermen from six TRTs asking the questions below; we received responses from 8 of those 20.

- Is 15 minutes a reasonable time to complete the MMAP reporting form?
- Are the directions easy to understand?
- Are there other questions that should be asked?
- Do you know how this data is used?

Overall, respondents thought the 15 minute time frame was reasonable and that the directions were clear. Three of 8 respondents were not clear on where the data went or how it is used, with one noting that fishermen not on TRTs may be unclear as well. We will work to add such an explanation in future revisions of the form.

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

Not Applicable.

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

As stated on the form, certain information supplied on this form may be considered proprietary and therefore subject to data confidentiality restrictions of [50 CFR Part 229.11](#). NMFS regulations at 50 CFR 229.11(a): Proprietary information collected under this part is confidential and includes information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial or harmful, such as information or data that are identifiable with an individual fisher. Proprietary information obtained under part 229 will not be disclosed, in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, except (1) To Federal employees whose duties require access to such information; (2) To state employees under an agreement with NMFS that prevents public disclosure of the identity or business of any person; (3) When required by court order; (4) In the case of scientific information involving fisheries, to employees of regional Fishery Management Councils who are responsible for fishery management plan development and monitoring. (5) To other individuals or organizations authorized by the Assistant Administrator to analyze this information, so long as the confidentiality of individual fishers is not revealed.

Information will be made available to the public in aggregate, summary or other such form that does not disclose the identity or business of a person in accordance with [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#). Aggregate or summary form means data structured so that the identity of the submitter can not be determined either from the present release of the data or in combination with other releases.

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.

NMFS has estimated that the total reported mortality and injury of marine mammals as a result of U.S. commercial fishing activity is 200 per year (in 2011, there were 179 reports). Average response time to complete the report form is 15 minutes. Therefore, estimated total annual hours requested is $200 \times 15 \text{ minutes} = 50 \text{ hours}$.

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).

There are no expected costs to respondents to complete the postage-paid reporting form.

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

Costs: Materials - Reporting forms	$30,000 \times 0.07/ \text{pg} =$	2,100
Postage - Reports	$30,000 \times 0.37(\text{postage}) =$	11,100
NMFS staff time - \$25 x 40 hours (GS 9-11)	$=$	<u>1,000</u>
		\$14,100

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.

The results are not published but are available upon request.

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.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.



MARINE MAMMAL AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM

MORTALITY/INJURY REPORTING FORM

National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS

1- LAST NAME OF VESSEL OWNER/OPERATOR

2- FIRST NAME OF VESSEL OWNER/OPERATOR

3-MI

4-MAILING ADDRESS

5- CITY

6- STATE

7- ZIP

8- VESSEL NAME

9- COAST GUARD DOC. NO. OR VESSEL STATE REG. NO.

10- STATE COMMERCIAL VESSEL NO.

11- FISHERY I.D. NO.

12- FISHERY GEAR TYPE AND TARGET SPECIES

13- DATE OF MORTALITY/INJURY (MM DD YYYY)

14- APPROXIMATE TIME OF MORTALITY/INJURY

15- LOCATION OF MORTALITY/INJURY

LATITUDE ° '

LONGITUDE ° '

16- TYPE OF INTERACTION (PLACE AN "X")

INCIDENTAL

INTENTIONAL

17- ENTER SPECIES CODE, TYPE OF MORTALITY/INJURY (SEE LIST OF CODES ON PREVIOUS PAGE), AND THE NUMBER OF EACH SPECIES INVOLVED. MAKE ONE ENTRY FOR EACH SPECIES INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT. YOU MAY MAKE UP TO THREE MORTALITY/INJURY CODES PER SPECIES.

SPECIES	MORTALITY/INJURY CODE	NUMBER
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

18- DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN SPECIES OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF MORTALITY/INJURY INCIDENT



MARINE MAMMAL AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM

MORTALITY/INJURY REPORTING FORM

National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE MORTALITY/INJURY REPORTING FORM

This reporting form is required **ONLY WHEN** there is an incidental mortality or injury to a marine mammal during commercial fishing activities. You are required to report the incidental mortality or injury within 48 hours after the end of the fishing trip (even if an observer is on board), or, for non-vessel fisheries, within 48 hours of an occurrence of an incidental mortality or injury. A separate report form is required for each fishery, for each date, and for each location.

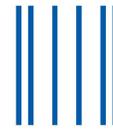
PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS.

The reporting form should be detached from this instruction sheet, folded, and sealed prior to mailing. No postage is necessary for mailing. Forms may also be faxed to NMFS at (301) 713-4060. Questions regarding completion of this form, and requests for additional forms, may be directed to the NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, (301) 713-2322.

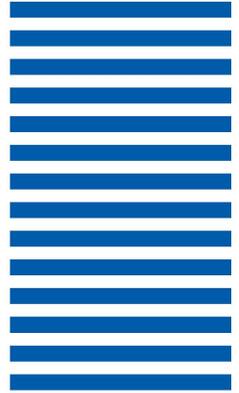
MORTALITY/INJURY REPORT FIELD DEFINITIONS

- 1 - **LAST NAME:** Enter the last name of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 2 - **FIRST NAME:** Enter the first name of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 3 - **MI:** Enter the middle initial of the owner/operator of the vessel or permit holder.
- 4 - **ADDRESS:** Enter the street address or P.O. Box number of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 5 - **CITY:** Enter the city name of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 6 - **STATE:** Enter the 2-digit state code of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 7 - **ZIP:** Enter the zip code of the vessel owner/operator or permit holder.
- 8 - **VESSEL NAME:** Enter the name of the vessel as it is identified for commercial fishing operations. For non-vessel fisheries, leave this blank.
- 9 - **COAST GUARD DOCUMENT NO.:** Enter the vessel's Coast Guard Documentation number; OR Enter the **VESSEL'S STATE REGISTRATION NO.:** One of these numbers must be provided. For non-vessel fisheries, enter the state fishery permit number.
- 10 - **STATE COMMERCIAL VESSEL LICENSE NO.:** Enter the vessel's state commercial vessel license number, if applicable.
- 11 - **FISHERY IDENTIFICATION NO.:** (Category I or Category II fisheries) Enter the NMFS' fishery I.D. number (indicated on the vessel's MMAP authorization certificate) for the fishery in which this incident occurred. If the fishery ID number is unknown, or the vessel is not registered under the MMAP, fill in gear type and target species under item 12.
- 12 - **GEAR TYPE AND TARGET SPECIES:** (Category III fisheries) Enter the type of fishing gear used and the target species being fished when this incident occurred.
- 13 - **DATE OF MORTALITY/INJURY:** Enter the date the mortality/injury occurred. For example: November 1, 2009 is entered as 11/01/2009.
- 14 - **TIME OF MORTALITY/INJURY:** Enter the approximate time of day the mortality/injury occurred. Indicate AM if the mortality/injury occurred between midnight & noon, or PM if the mortality/injury occurred between noon and midnight.
- 15 - **LOCATION OF MORTALITY/INJURY LATITUDE & LONGITUDE:** Use standard entries in degrees and minutes.
- 16 - **TYPE OF INTERACTION:** Enter whether this incident was incidental or intentional.
- 17 - **SPECIES INCIDENTALLY KILLED OR INJURED:** Enter the species code and the mortality/injury code of the animal(s) involved. (Refer to the species and mortality/injury code lists included on page 2 of these instructions.) Enter the number of animals involved in each mortality/injury. You may enter up to three (3) injury codes per species. Make as many entries as apply to the date, time, and location entered in items 13-15.
- 18 - **DESCRIPTION OF UNKNOWN SPECIES:** If you have entered a species code for an unidentified species, please provide a detailed description of the animal involved, including color patterns, length, and body shape (drawings are helpful). State whether the animal involved was a cetacean (whale, dolphin, or porpoise), pinniped (seal or sea lion), walrus, manatee or sea otter. You may also use this space for other comments regarding this incident.

NOAA/NMFS
OFFICE OF PROTECTED RESOURCES F/PR2
1315 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
SILVER SPRING MD 20910-9721



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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
OFFICE OF PROTECTED RESOURCES F/PR2
1315 EAST WEST HIGHWAY
SILVER SPRING MD 20910-9721



IMPORTANT! MARINE MAMMAL REPORTING FORM



Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *JJessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*.

Dated: May 18, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization Under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 July 23, 2012.

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 Kristy Long, (301) 427-8402 or *Kristy.Long@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Reporting injury to and/or mortalities of marine mammals is mandated under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This information is required to determine the impacts of commercial fishing on marine mammal populations. This information is also used to categorize commercial fisheries into Categories I, II, or III. Participants in the first two categories must be authorized to take marine mammals, while those in Category III are exempt from that requirement. All categories must report injuries or mortalities on a National Marine Fisheries Service form.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0292.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Non-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

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: May 18, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC034

Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment information regarding a permit application for transshipment of Atlantic herring by Canadian vessels, submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Written comments must be received by June 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action, identified by RIN 0648-XC034, should be sent to MiAe Kim in the NMFS Office of International Affairs at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: (301) 427-8365, fax: (301) 713-2313, email: *mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MiAe Kim at (301) 427-8365 or by email at *mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue a transshipment permit authorizing a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or, with the concurrence of a state, within the boundaries of that state, to a point outside the United States. In addition, Public Law 104-297, section 105(e) directs the Secretary to issue section 204(d) permits for up to 14 Canadian