

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 10/02/2014

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 08/29/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201408-0648-004

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Implantation and Recovery of Archival Tags

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0338

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: 10/31/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	65	47	0
New	65	47	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
Implantation of Archival Tags - Notification and Report	NA, NA, NA	Exempted fishing permit application form, Interim Reporting Form, Annual reporting form	50 CFR 635
Tag Recovery			50 CFR 635.33

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
IMPLANTATION AND RECOVERY OF ARCHIVAL TAGS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0338**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The purpose of the collection of this information is to assist in compliance with the [Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975](#) (ATCA, 16 U.S.C. 971), the [Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1812), and Federal regulations at [50 CFR § 635](#). ATCA authorizes the promulgation of regulations as necessary to implement recommendations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and collect information to support these recommendations. Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS), such as tuna, shark, swordfish, and billfish, are also managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which gives National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) the authority to conduct and promote fisheries research, and requires that the United States (U.S.) cooperate with those international organizations involved in the conservation of HMS.

As a member of ICCAT, the U.S. aids in the collection of HMS biological statistics for research purposes. The collection of information through the U.S. HMS archival tagging program provides essential stock assessment information for international and domestic fishery management. The tagging program has provided and continues to provide vital information regarding the movement and life history of bluefin tuna and billfish.

Archival tags are miniature data loggers that record the movement, geo-position, and behavior of individually tagged highly migratory species. The tags are returned to the Agency by fishermen after a tagged fish is captured in a commercial or recreational fishery. Data from recovered tags are used to ascertain HMS life history information such as migratory patterns and spawning site fidelity. This information is vital for international and U.S. management of HMS fisheries. For example, data obtained from the archival tagging program is valuable for research related to bluefin tuna stock composition, movement, and identification of western bluefin tuna spawning areas. Bluefin tuna management has been based on a two stock hypothesis (with spawning occurring in two discrete locations in the Mediterranean and Gulf of Mexico); however, additional information collected through tags may help provide a better understanding of migratory patterns and spawning site fidelity for bluefin tuna. Data from the archival tagging program will continue to be useful for scientists and managers concerned with bluefin tuna.

This extension request addresses two reporting requirements associated with the archival tag program. Current regulations (50 CFR 635.33) allow fishermen to retain any HMS with an archival tag implanted or attached without regard to season or size limits, provided the fishermen report the landing along with certain information about the catch, and make the fish available to

NMFS for recovery of the tag. Regulations also require that researchers using archival tags for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, or billfish submit an application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) or Scientific Research Permit (SRP) that provides details concerning the research objectives, the type and number of tags used, the species and approximate size of the tagged fish, and the location and method of capture of the tagged fish. Receipt of an EFP or SRP confers Agency authorization of the research activity and requires scientists to submit interim and annual reports that provide additional information on tagged fish, among other requirements.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

As described above, there are two sets of reporting requirements associated with the archival tag program. The information provided by HMS fishermen will include the archival tag, location of capture, and captured fish. Information provided will be used to analyze fish movements to better understand the life history of the tagged fish. The information provided by researchers will include notification of project initiation, goals of the research, and a summary of project results. Information provided is needed to assist the Agency in assessing the effectiveness of archival tag research, the impact of regulatory allowances for tag recovery, and to ensure that archival tag research does not result in undue mortality.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated directly to the public or used to supplement publicly disseminated information such as stock assessments or peer-reviewed scientific literature. NMFS will retain control over and safeguard information collected from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with Agency standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. 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 106-55](#).

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.

Archival tags have been specifically designed for use on fish, sea turtles, and marine mammals. An archival tag stores environmental and behavioral data that can be graphically represented using software. Tags currently on the market weigh 25 grams in air, have up to one megabyte of memory, can retain data for 20 years, and have a lifetime of four to five years.

Archival tag information can be reported to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center by calling a toll-free number (800) 437-3936, or by contacting: National Marine Fisheries Service, Highly Migratory Species, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. More information is available at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/related_topics/tagging/index.html. Scientists' notification and reporting forms, downloadable and fillable, are available at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/permits_reporting/index.html and may be submitted via email to: eric.orbesen@noaa.gov.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Reports submitted to NMFS from researchers planning an archival tagging program for HMS will provide for coordination of tagging programs in order to minimize duplication of tagging programs. Given the expense of tagging research, relatively few parties will be involved and a high level of coordination with the researchers will be maintained, which will provide a means to avoid duplication of reporting requirements within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Other reporting within NOAA that could be required of researchers includes grant reports (if a NOAA grant is issued) or interim and final exempted fishing permit reports. If these other reports contain the necessary information, and are available in the timeframe required under 50 CFR 635.33, they may be submitted to satisfy the reporting requirements approved under this collection.

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

There will be no significant impact on small businesses or entities.

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

Data collected from returned tags and reporting forms is integral to the tagging program. Without the reporting requirements, the scientific contributions and value of the archival tagging program would be compromised. If the tagging program were not conducted, domestic and international management of HMS would be compromised and could be rendered ineffective due to a lack of necessary life history information.

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 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 Friday, May 9, 2014 (79 FR 26723) solicited public comment on this renewal. No comments were received.

Comments were also solicited from 3 non-NOAA researchers, who frequently use these tags. In general, there were no major complaints on information collection for the archival tagging program. Reporting requirements were considered routine by the respondents and were not

believed to create any unreasonable burden. The frequency of the data collection was also considered reasonable, though there was one comment about potentially implementing 6 month interim reports and an annual summary. While NMFS is always considering ways to reduce burden to the public, NMFS uses interim reports to account for mortalities on quota managed species. Since real-time management of the quota is necessary, NMFS would not be willing to implement interim reports that cover a 6 month timeframe. Instructions for recordkeeping and reporting were considered clear, and one respondent commented that researchers could easily provide more information than what is currently required on the interim and annual reports.

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

Rewards in conventional tagging programs are common and have been found to enhance recovery numbers. Given the high cost of each tag and tag deployment, a reward is warranted to encourage recovery of the tags. A \$500 reward is offered by NOAA for recovery of one of their archival tags. Tags may be recovered by fishermen outside the waters of the United States in the eastern Atlantic or the Mediterranean Sea, and a reward increases the likelihood that they will report. The high value of an individual giant tuna on the export market (thousands of dollars) also calls for a reward as an incentive for reporting and providing the fish for sampling. Rewards will not be provided for non-NOAA archival tags that are retrieved.

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

As stated on the forms, information submitted will be treated as confidential under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act and [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#).

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.

Approximately 25 tags are recovered and reported per year. The estimated time for reporting on the fish is 30 minutes, which includes the time for making a toll-free call, making arrangements for the fish to be examined by a fishery biologist or to remove the tag, and processing fish samples as instructed. The burden for tag recovery is therefore:

$$25 \text{ respondents} \times 1 \text{ response} \times 30 \text{ minutes} = 12.5 \text{ (13) hours}$$

The total number of persons implanting archival tags is estimated at 10 researchers, each providing a written notification (EFP application) and three written reports (two interim reports and one annual report).

10 respondents x 1 notification x 40 minutes per notification = 6.7 (7) hours
10 respondents x 2 interim reports x 1 hour per report = 20 hours
10 respondents x 1 annual report x 40 minutes per report = 6.7 (7) hours

Collection totals are 35 respondents, 65 responses, and 47 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 costs for those recovering tags because the phone call is toll-free, NMFS pays for postage for returning the tag, and a reward is given. Researchers implanting archival tags are not required to pay for paper and postage costs associated with submitting notifications and reports because these can be submitted electronically.

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

The cost of the NOAA Archival Tagging Program is approximately \$1 million in research grants over a 3-year period. About 75 tags (25 per year) will be returned over the 3 years, with a reward of \$500 a tag, for a cost of \$37,500.

$$25 \text{ tags per year} \times 3 \text{ years} \times \$500 \text{ per tag} = \$37,500$$

The total Federal cost for 3 years is therefore approximately \$1,037,500 (including research grants and tag rewards), or \$345,833 a year. The Federal government is not responsible for costs associated with research involving deployment of archival tags being conducted by universities or other entities.

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 data itself will not be published in a stand-alone form. It may be used in reports and articles that may be published; for instance, a report to supplement a stock assessment.

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.

No exceptions are requested.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection will not employ statistical methods.



NOAA FISHERIES

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

ATLANTIC HMS EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Institution Affiliation (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

_____ **Fax Number:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Email:** _____

Exempted Fishing Program

Please plan ahead. NMFS requires 60 days from the date the application is deemed complete to make a determination on issuing the EFP. NMFS may take additional time to analyze the environmental, economic, and social impacts of proposed research if the activity has not been previously analyzed.

- 1) ***Please list the main purpose and goals of the exempted fishing activity, primarily describing research or project as well as justification for issuance of such a permit.***

For example: We are assessing age classes of lemon shark mating aggregations along the coast of Miami Beach, Florida. Capture methods will be a combination of gill net and bottom long lines. We are expecting to routinely encounter large quantities of sub-adult and mature lemon sharks, as well as other elasmobranchs not targeted for research. Lemon sharks will be sexed, measured, tagged with either M-tag or nylon spaghetti tag and released after DNA sample has been taken via fin clip. Upon capture, tail rope and cradle system will be used. Elasmobranchs are not expected to leave the water at any time during work up. None of these encounters listed above will intentionally result in elasmobranch or teleost mortality.



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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

2) **Have you received an EFP/SRP/LOA/Display Permit for similar activity/research in previous years?**

- Yes - No

If yes, when? _____

3) **Is this permit request the same as in previous years?**

- Yes - No

4) **Over how many years will the research take place?**

- 1 year - 2 years - 3 years - 4 or more years

5) **When will these activities occur?**

Dates: _____

6) **Where will these activities occur (please select all regions that apply)?**

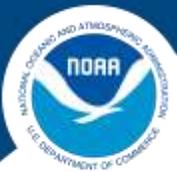
- Gulf of Mexico - South Atlantic - State Waters*
- North Atlantic - Caribbean Sea - Closed Area/Gear Restricted Zone

If applicable, the specific location within previously marked zone: _____

***The issuance of an EFP in no way confers any right to collect/harvest species in waters under state jurisdiction. The appropriate state agency must be contacted regarding any collection in state waters, as separate state permits may be required for collection/harvest in state waters.**

7) **If your research will be in a closed area/gear restricted zone, please describe which areas:** _____

8) **Type, size, and amount of collection gear (please select all that apply):**



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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

- Pelagic Long Line (PLL) - Buoy Gear - Rod & Reel/Handline
- Bottom Long Line (BLL) - Gill Net - Trawl
- Other/ No gear (please specify): _____
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9) Please provide more information on gear selection and how you will be using gear:

Please note: Weak hooks MUST be used in Gulf of Mexico waters when deploying pelagic long lines.

Type/ Style of hooks used: _____ -N/A

Number of hooks used per set: _____ -N/A

Length of net/mainline: _____ -N/A

10) Please provide more information on individual research trips:

Number of research trips: _____ -N/A

Expected duration of each trip: _____ -N/A



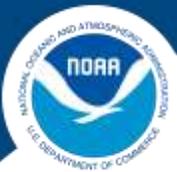
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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

11) Please list the shark, tuna, swordfish, or billfish species you expect to interact with:

** Note: NMFS will evaluate authorizations allowing the commercial sale of HMS on a case by case basis.*

<i>Individual Species</i>	<i>Number of Species</i>				<i>Do you expect to keep parts of the animal (I.e. fin clips)? If so, please indicate which parts below</i>	<i>Do you wish to sell all or part of the animal?*</i>
	<i>Kept</i>	<i>Released Dead</i>	<i>Released Alive</i>	<i>Tagged</i>		
<i>Non Target Species (list below)</i>						



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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

i) *In general, what are your handling techniques for sampling HMS (i.e. tail rope, sling, etc.)?* _____

ii) *If subsequent unintentional mortality of a species occurs, do you expect to discard the dead animal, or retain the species for analysis?* _____

iii) *If you plan to retain certain species/animals, what becomes of them?* _____

12) *If sampling with longline or gillnet gear, have you completed a safe handling and release workshop for protected resources?*

- Yes - No

Please Note: Exemptions for completing a safe handling and release workshop will not be authorized.

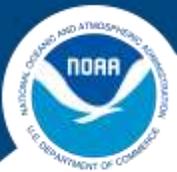
13) *Are protected species (i.e., smalltooth sawfish, sea turtles) and/ or marine mammal encounters likely? Please list which species are to be encountered.* _____

14) *If you plan to keep species for public display, please provide a brief description of the holding facility* _____

15) *Are activities federally funded?*

- Yes - No

If yes, please describe type, amount, and source: _____

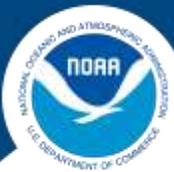


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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

16) Which individuals should be listed as authorized samplers on your permit?*

**Please Note: There are certain circumstances which prevent the owner/operator of a vessel to be an authorized sampler (i.e. commercial fishing vessels).*



Vessel Information

*Applications will be deemed incomplete if signature, HMS Permits, and vessel documentation (i.e. U.S. Coast Guard/state registration) are not included. We cannot begin processing your application until it has been deemed complete.
If the applicant's name is different from the vessel owner's name, please fill in the appropriate information.*

Participating Vessel(s)¹:

1. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____

Operator's Name: _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes _____ No _____ Vessel ID #: _____

HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes _____ No _____

2. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____

Operator's Name: _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes _____ No _____ Vessel ID#: _____

HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes _____ No _____

3. Vessel Name _____ Owner's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Owner's Address: _____

Operator's Name: _____

Vessel Documentation Included? Yes _____ No _____ Vessel ID#: _____

HMS Fishing Permit Included? Yes _____ No _____

Applicants

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Exempted Fishing Program

¹ Include additional sheets if more than three vessels are needed for the exempted fishing activity



Regulations governing the issuance of Federal Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) for highly migratory species (HMS) are contained in 50 CFR Part 635.32 and 50 CFR Part 600.745. In general, HMS EFPs are issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to authorize activities otherwise prohibited by the Atlantic HMS regulations; to facilitate the conduct of scientific research; for the purpose of limited testing of fishing gear and methods; for the acquisition of data for species the harvest of which would otherwise be prohibited; for the enhancement of safety at sea; for the purpose of collecting animals for public education or display; or for investigating means of reducing bycatch, economic discards, or regulatory discards. The HMS Management Division has the authority to issue four different types of EFPs; these are described below:

Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs): Under both the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), non-scientific activities may be authorized under EFPs. EFPs are necessary to allow research conducted from a commercial or recreational fishing vessel that would otherwise be prohibited by existing regulations.

Display Permit: Display permits are issued for the collection of HMS for the purpose of public display. Generally, display permits are issued to commercial or recreational fishing vessels, capable of keeping fish alive from the time of capture to the point of transfer to an approved aquarium or other facility.

Letter of Acknowledgements (LOAs): Technically, scientific research is exempted from regulation under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, so NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (*i.e.*, research conducted from a research vessel as opposed to from a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species regulated or prohibited under Magnuson-Stevens Act Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). In such cases, NMFS issues a LOA to researchers to indicate concurrence by NMFS that the proposed activity meets the definition of scientific research and is therefore exempt from regulation.

Scientific Research Permits (SRPs): ATCA confers regulatory authority over scientific research so that all sources of mortality of species regulated by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) can be reported by the Secretary. In cases where tunas, swordfish, and billfishes are being collected, NMFS will issue an EFP if the research/collection occurs in conjunction with regulated commercial or recreational fishing activity, or an SRP if the collection of regulated species occurs as part of a research cruise (*e.g.*, NMFS or university research vessel).

Chartering Permit: A 2002 ICCAT recommendation (02-21) states that at the time of a chartering arrangement, the chartering and flag Contracting Parties shall provide specific information concerning the charter to the ICCAT Executive Secretary, including vessel details, target species, duration, and consent of the flag Contracting Party or Cooperating non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity. In order to comply with this recommendation, NMFS requires that vessel owners apply for and obtain a NMFS chartering permit before fishing under a chartering arrangement with a foreign entity. A chartering permit would exempt the vessel from domestic regulations as needed. U.S. vessels fishing under a chartering permit cannot concurrently land fish counted against U.S. quotas, however, prohibited species takes are counted against the Incidental Take Statement from the relevant Biological Opinion. The separate application for a chartering permit is covered under OMB 0678-0495. Please contact the HMS Management Division to request a chartering permit application.

Requirements

Per the HMS regulations, a valid shark research fishery permit, EFP, SRP, Display Permit, or LOA must be on board the harvesting vessel, must be available when animals are landed, and, in the case of capturing animals for display, must be available when the animal is transported from the vessel to the display facility, and must be presented for inspection upon request of an authorized officer.



An application will not be deemed complete until all of the information on the application is submitted to the HMS Management Division in writing. NMFS often takes at least 60 days from the date the application is deemed complete to make a determination on issuing the EFP; although the agency may take additional time to analyze the environmental, economic, and social impacts of proposed research if the activity has not been previously analyzed. An incomplete application will not be considered until corrected in writing.

A shark research fishery permit, EFP, SRP, Display Permit, or LOA is valid only for the specific authorized vessel(s), samplers, time, area, gear, and species indicated on the permit. Except for the regulatory exemptions specifically referenced on the permit, all HMS regulations at 50 CFR Part 635 shall apply during the conduct of the fishing activity. All private vessels listed on a shark research fishery permit, EFP, SRP, Display Permit, or LOA should have a valid HMS recreational or commercial HMS permit.

Once the public display and scientific quota has been reached based on reported landings from interim reports, no additional EFPs, SRPs, or Display Permits will be issued. Once 80 percent of the commercial sandbar shark quota has been reached based on scientific observer reports, the shark research fishery will be closed.

The issuance of a shark research fishery permit, EFP, SRP, Display Permit, or LOA in no way confers any right to collect/harvest species in waters under state jurisdiction. The appropriate state fish and wildlife agency must be contacted regarding any collection in state waters, as separate state permits may be required for collection/harvest in state waters.

Within 5 days of the collection of any HMS under an EFP, SRP, LOA, or Display Permit, an interim report, supplied by NMFS, must be submitted to the address below. These forms include authorized sampler, date of collection, species, fork length, total length, weight, sex, disposition, tag number, gear used, area caught, depth, water temperature, vessel name, name of vessel master, signature, and date of signature. An annual report of all fishing activities and disposition of all fish collected under the permit must also be submitted to NMFS at the address below upon completion of the authorized activities. Both forms are supplied to permit holders at the time the permit is issued and additional (or electronic) copies can be obtained upon request.

Fishermen holding a shark research fishery permit do not need to submit an interim or annual report. Fishermen with a shark research fishery permit should report their commercial catch in the appropriate logbook.

Collection of Sharks for Display Purposes

Consistent with the 1999 HMS FMP, and if deemed appropriate, NMFS will issue a Display Permit with tags as well as the interim and annual report forms. Each permit will be valid only for the number of animals and tags specified, and each animal must be tagged immediately to be considered an authorized collection. The animal must be tagged aboard the collection vessel and maintained in the animal during the acclimation holding period.

However, the tag may be removed once the animal is transported to the facility where it will be displayed. Should an animal be deemed unsuitable for public display during the acclimation period, the animal must be released with the tag intact in a manner that ensures the maximum probability of survival, and the annual report should be returned indicating that the animal has been released. NMFS may issue replacement tags for such released animals.

NMFS will consider accreditation in the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, or equivalent standards, as meeting the requirement of providing adequate facilities for an animal.

Protected Resources



NOAA FISHERIES

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

The permit holder must comply with the Reasonable and Prudent Measures and Terms and Conditions of the applicable Biological Opinion(s) and will report specimens, including ESA-listed species, caught under the authority of this permit to the HMS Management Division via submittal of Interim and Annual Reports in order to be eligible for such coverage. Please be advised that these actions may require authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act for interactions with marine mammals. Please consult the following url for information about when additional consultations are required (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#apply>) and contact the Office of Protected Resources in Silver Spring, Maryland at 301-427-8400. This permit does not authorize the incidental take of marine mammals.

HMS EFP Contact Information

Please submit any EFP applications with all of the required information, interim reports, and annual reports to:

Craig Cockrell
Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1)
National Marine Fisheries Service
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Craig.Cockrell@noaa.gov

For additional HMS EFP information, contact Craig Cockrell at 301-427-8503. Applications may be faxed to 301-713-1917.

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Highly Migratory Species EFP, SRP, and Display Permit Interim Report

This form is mandatory for all HMS exempted fishing, scientific research, and display permit holders; voluntary for all letter of acknowledgment permit holders. Please complete and mail this form within 5 days of landing/collection/tagging to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Craig Cockrell, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Permit Number: _____
 Vessel Name: _____
 Authorized Sampler (print): _____
 Did you fish? (circle one): YES NO

Gear Used (circle one): PLL BLL GIL HNL HND
 PKN BLK SCU PS TWL HAR BUY CSN
 Other: _____
 Protected Resources Interactions (circle one): YES NO

Certification: I certify that the information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW.
 Name of Permit Holder/Associate (print): _____
 Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: _____
 Date: _____

Fish #	Date (Landed, Caught, or Tagged)	Reported In Commercial Logbooks (Yes or No)	Species (Common Name)	Length (inches)				Weight (pounds)		Sex	Disposition		Price (if sold, U.S. \$)	Tag Information (if applicable)		Area Caught (Lat/Long)	Area Released (Lat/Long)	Port Landed (city, state)	Captive Location (if kept for public display)	Water	
				Fork	Total	Pectoral Width	Lower Jaw	ww	dw		Dead, Alive, Tagged	Kept, Discarded, Released		Type	Number					Depth (meters)	Surface Temp. (° C)
(Ex)	1/1/04	No	Sandbar		21.3			27		M	Alive	Kept		C	11111				HMS Aquarium	9	27
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Instructions for the Interim Report Form

NOTE: All data provided are confidential and will be used to determine the cumulative effects of exempted fishing activities on marine resources as well as provide scientific information on species that would otherwise be prohibited from collection/possession. Consistent and accurate reporting is critical for achieving the benefits of conservation and management of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species fisheries. This form is mandatory for all Exempted Fishing, Scientific Research, and Display Permit holders. This form is voluntary for all Letter of Acknowledgment Permit holders. If you have any questions, please contact the HMS Management Division at (301) 427-8503. For additional copies of the Interim Report Form, respondents may either make additional copies or contact the HMS Management Division at the number listed above. If you did not fish during any one month, please submit a copy of the Interim Report Form within 5 days of the last day of the "no-fish" month, noting that you did not fish by circling the appropriate response under Fishing Activity (i.e., Did you fish: YES NO). If you did fish, you must complete and submit a copy of the Interim Report Form within 5 days of landing, collecting, or tagging fish authorized under an EFP, SRP, or Display Permit. Please use a separate form for each gear type.

STEP 1

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Permit Number: The permit number located at the top of each permit issued.
- Vessel Name: The name of the vessel authorized and used to collect or tag fish.
- Authorized Sampler (print): The name of the person authorized to sample, collect, or tag fish.
- Fishing Activity: If you did not fish circle no. If you did fish circle yes.
- Gear Used: Circle the appropriate code for the gear type used in the authorized fishing activity. The codes are as follows: PLL = Pelagic Longline; BLL = Bottom Longline; GIL = Gilnet; HNL = Hook and Line (including rod and reel); HND = Handnet; PKN = Plankton Net; BLK = Blockline; SCU = Scuba; PS = Purse Seine; TWL = Trawl; HAR = Harpoon; BUY = Buoy; CSN = Castnet; Other = Any other gear type not listed above.
- Protected Species Interactions: Indicate Yes or No to explain whether any interactions with protected species occurred during the authorized fishing activity. If you answer yes, please enter the date, protected species common name, disposition, area caught, area released, and water information as listed in the table format.
- Name of Permit Holder/Associate: Printed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: Signed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Date: Date of signature as listed above.

STEP 2 (If the answer to "Did you fish?", in Step 1 above, was no, then proceed to STEP 3 below)

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Date: Calendar date (month/day/year) that fish was landed, caught, or tagged.
- Reported in Commercial Logbooks: Indicate (i.e., Yes or No) whether fish was reported in commercial logbooks.
- Species: Common name of the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) landed, caught, or tagged. Please also include the common name of any protected species incidentally caught during the authorized fishing activity.
- Length: Length of fish in inches (Straight Fork Length)
- Weight: Weight of the fish in either whole weight (ww) or dressed weight (dw).
- Sex: Sex (Male = M; Female = F; Unknown = U) of fish.
- Disposition: Notation of whether the fish is dead, alive, or tagged alive when either kept, discarded or released.
- Price: Sales price (in U.S. dollars) when fish is sold.
- Tag Information: Type of tag may be coded for the following: Conventional = C; PIT Tag = P ; or Archival = A. Tag number is the unique identifier for each tag.
- Area Caught: Location (i.e., Latitude and Longitude) where fish is caught.
- Area Released: Location (i.e., Latitude and Longitude) where fish is released.
- Port Landed: Port location (i.e., city and state) where fish is landed, if kept or sold.
- Captivity Location: Location (i.e., facility name) where fish is kept or offloaded for public display.
- Water: Provide measurement of the water depth (in meters) and surface temperature (in degrees Celsius), if known.

STEP 3

- Make copies of all interim report forms for your records.
- Mail the original interim report form to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Craig Cockrell, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Highly Migratory Species EFP, SRP, and Display Permit ANNUAL Report

This form is mandatory for all HMS exempted fishing, scientific research, and display permit holders; voluntary for all letter of acknowledgment permit holders. Please complete this form within 30 days of the expiration of your permit and mail to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Craig Cockrell, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Permit Number: _____
 Vessel Name: _____
 Authorized Sampler (print): _____
 Was NMFS funding used to collect these specimens? (Circle one) Yes No

Certification: I certify that the information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM IS PUNISHABLE BY LAW.
 Name of Permit Holder/Associate (print): _____
 Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: _____
 Date: _____

Species (Common Name)		Total Number Caught	Total Number Kept		Total Number Discarded		Total Number Tagged
			Alive	Dead	Alive	Dead	
Billfish	Blue Marlin						
	White Marlin						
	Longbill Spearfish						
	Atlantic Sailfish						
	Billfish Unspecified						
	Billfish Larvae						
Swordfish	Swordfish						
	Swordfish Larvae						
Tuna	Bluefin Tuna						
	Yellowfin Tuna						
	Bigeye Tuna						
	Albacore Tuna						
	Blackfin Tuna						
	Skipjack Tuna						
	Tuna Unspecified						
	Tuna Larvae						
Large Coastal Sharks	Sandbar						
	Silky						
	Tiger						
	Blacktip						
	Spinner						
	Bull						
	Scalloped Hammerhead						
	Lemon						
	Nurse						
	Great Hammerhead						
	Other:						
Small Coastal Sharks	Finetooth						
	Bonnethead						
	Blacknose						
	Atlantic Sharpnose						
Pelagic Sharks	Blue						
	Porbeagle						
	Oceanic Whitetip						
	Common Thresher						
	Shortfin Mako						
Prohibited Sharks	Sand Tiger						
	Bigeye Thresher						
	Night						
	Dusky						
	Atlantic Angel						
Other:							
Protected Resources	Turtles (sp. _____)						
	Other:						

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Instructions for the Annual Report Form

NOTE: All data provided are confidential and will be used to determine the cumulative effects of exempted fishing activities on marine resources as well as provide scientific information on species that would otherwise be prohibited from collection/possession. Consistent and accurate reporting is critical for achieving the benefits of conservation and management of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species fisheries. This form is mandatory for all Exempted Fishing, Scientific Research, and Display Permit holders. This form is voluntary for all Letter of Acknowledgment Permit holders. If you have any questions, please contact the HMS Management Division at (301) 427-8503. For additional copies of the Interim Report Form, respondents may either make additional copies or contact the HMS Management Division at the number listed above.

STEP 1

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Permit Number: The permit number located at the top of each permit issued.
- Vessel Name: The name of the vessel authorized and used to collect or tag fish.
- Authorized Sampler (print): The name of the person authorized to sample, collect, or tag fish.
- Was NMFS funding used to collect these specimens? Circle yes or no, as appropriate.
- Name of Permit Holder/Associate: Printed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Signature of Permit Holder/Associate: Signed name of permit holder/associate as listed on permit.
- Date: Date of signature as listed above.

STEP 2

Please use a ballpoint pen and print clearly to record the following on the form:

- Species (Common Name): For each species caught during the life of the permit, please record the following information:
 1. Total Number Caught: Sum total = should equal the sum of the next five columns combined.
 2. Total Number Kept: Sum total of fish/protected resources kept dead as well as sum total of fish kept alive.
 3. Total Number Discarded: Sum total of fish/protected resources discarded dead as well as sum total of fish/protected resources discarded alive (excluding fish/protected resources tagged and released alive).
 4. Total Number Tagged: Sum total of fish/protected resources tagged. This sum does not include fish/protected resources discarded alive.

STEP 3

- Make copies of all interim report forms for your records.
- Mail the original interim report form to the National Marine Fisheries Service, HMS Management Division, Attn: Craig Cockrell, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

consideration of the application of the average-to-transaction method to all sales as an alternative to the average-to-average method. If the value of sales to purchasers, regions, and time periods that pass the Cohen's *d* test accounts for more than 33 percent and less than 66 percent of the value of total sales, then the results support consideration of the application of an average-to-transaction method to those sales identified as passing the Cohen's *d* test as an alternative to the average-to-average method, and application of the average-to-average method to those sales identified as not passing the Cohen's *d* test. If 33 percent or less of the value of total sales passes the Cohen's *d* test, then the results of the Cohen's *d* test do not support consideration of an alternative to the average-to-average method.

If both tests in the first stage (*i.e.*, the Cohen's *d* test and the ratio test) demonstrate the existence of a pattern of prices that differ significantly such that an alternative comparison method should be considered, then in the second stage of the differential pricing analysis, the Department examines whether using only the average-to-average method can appropriately account for such differences. In considering this question, the Department determines whether using an alternative comparison method yields a meaningful difference in the weighted-average dumping margin as compared to that resulting from the use of the average-to-average method only. If the difference between the two weighted-average dumping margins is meaningful, then this demonstrates that the average-to-average method cannot account for the observed price differences, and, therefore, an alternative comparison method would be appropriate. In determining whether a difference in the two weighted-average dumping margins is meaningful, the Department considers whether (1) the resulting weighted-average dumping margin moves across the *de minimis* threshold, or (2) there is a 25 percent or greater relative change in the weighted-average dumping margins between the average-to-average method and an appropriate alternative comparison method where both rates are not zero or *de minimis*.

The Department is interested in public comments on the differential pricing analysis described above for the purpose of determining whether to apply an alternative comparison method. To assist commenters, the Department has made available on its Web site, <http://www.trade.gov/enforcement/>, SAS programs which the

Department currently use to conduct its differential pricing analysis. Also available on the Web site is the definition of the regions from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Any questions concerning file formatting, document conversion, access on the Internet, or other electronic filing issues should be addressed to Moustapha Sylla, Enforcement and Compliance Webmaster at (202) 482-0866, email address: webmaster-support@ita.doc.gov.

Dated: April 28, 2014.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary, for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Implantation and Recovery of Archival Tags for Highly Migratory Species

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 July 8, 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 Craig Cockrell, (301) 427-8503, or craig.cockrell@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

allows scientists to implant archival tags in, or affix archival tags to, selected Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish). Archival tags collect location, temperature, and water depth data that is useful for scientists researching the movements and behavior of individual fish. It is often necessary to retrieve the tags in order to collect the data. Therefore, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) exempts persons catching tagged fish from certain otherwise applicable regulations at 50 CFR 635 (e.g., immediate release of the fish, minimum size, prohibited species, retention limits). These participants must notify NOAA, return the archival tag or make it available to NOAA personnel, and provide information about the location and method of capture if they harvest a fish that has an archival tag. The information obtained is used by NOAA for international and domestic fisheries policy and regulations.

Scientists not employed by NOAA must obtain NOAA authorization before affixing or implanting archival tags and submit subsequent reports about the tagging of fish. NOAA needs that information to evaluate the effectiveness of archival tag programs, to assess the likely impact of regulatory allowances for tag recovery, and to ensure that the research does not produce excessive mortality.

II. Method of Collection

Tags and associated information are either mailed to NOAA and/or information may be collected via telephone.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0338.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes for reporting an archival tag recovery; 40 minutes each for notification of planned archival tagging activity and three reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 63.

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 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-XD254

Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's Geographic Information Systems Program; Availability of Files

Correction

In notice document 2014-10229 appearing on page 25582 in the issue of Monday, May 5, 2014, make the following correction:

On page 25582, in the first column, in the **DATES** section "May 5, 2014" should read "June 4, 2014".

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA713

Endangered Species; File No. 16436-01

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561 [Kathryn Hattala: Responsible Party], has applied in due form for a permit modification to take Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) and shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before June 9, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16436-01 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

- Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376.

Written comments on either application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division

- By email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov (include the File No. in the subject line of the email);
- By facsimile to (301)713-0376; or
- At the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead at (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit modification is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 16436 was issued April 6, 2012 (77 FR 21754) to capture Atlantic sturgeon life stages in the Hudson River estuary to assess juvenile abundance, characterize the adult spawning stock, and generate population estimates. Atlantic sturgeon are authorized to be

captured with gill nets, trammel nets, and trawls; measured, weighed, genetic tissue sampled, fin ray clipped for aging; PIT tagged and Floy tagged, internally and externally acoustic tagged; anesthetized with up to 150 ppm MS-222; and gastric lavaged. The Permit Holder now proposes to consolidate takes of shortnose sturgeon, currently authorized separately in Permit No. 16439 with the takes of Atlantic sturgeon authorized in Permit No. 16436. The shortnose sturgeon Permit No. 16439 would be terminated upon issuance of the modification to Permit No. 16436. The Permit Holder also requests increasing the numbers and procedures for taking both Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon to meet further objectives, including understanding the impacts of both species to the (1) construction of the Tappan Zee Bridge, (2) laying of high voltage cable in the Hudson River by the Champlain Hudson Power Express project, and (3) impacts of high loads of contaminants identified in the Hudson River. New methods introduced in the modification would include contaminant research, incorporating laparoscopic liver biopsy, and anesthetizing animals with 250 mg/l MS-222 and electro-narcosis. A total of three incidental mortalities of shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon are anticipated annually as a result of increased research activity. The modification would be valid through the expiration date of the original Permit No. 16436 on April 5, 2017.

Dated: May 5, 2014.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2014-0013]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).