

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6066, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robin Tuttle, Office of Science and Technology, International Science Coordination & Analysis Division (F/ST3), 1315 East West Highway, Room 12643, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301-713-2282).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pursuant to the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Act of 1984, NOAA regulates the harvesting and import of Antarctic marine living resources (AMLR) by U.S. individuals and entities through the issuance of: (1) harvesting and dealer permits for AMLR harvested in the area of the Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR); and (2) harvesting, transshipment and dealer permits for *Dissostichus* species wherever harvested. NOAA also requires the use of *Dissostichus* catch documents for all harvests and transshipments by U.S. fishing vessel masters and all imports by U.S. dealers. Permits are issued, forms are used, and information collected to implement conservation and management measures adopted by the CCAMLR. Research and data collection plans are required of fishers who propose to undertake new or exploratory fisheries. Plans for finfish surveys are required of researchers intending to take more than 50 tons of CCAMLR finfish during the survey. Entry permits are required of individuals who enter a CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring (CEMP) site.

II. Method of Collection

Fishers seeking permits to harvest AMLR species and/or transship *Dissostichus* species submit permit applications to the NMFS. Fishers holding permits and fishing in the

Convention Area are required to make periodic radio contact to report on catches of and effort directed at certain AMLR species. Fishers proposing to conduct a new or exploratory fishery are required to submit information describing the operation. Fishers holding permits to harvest and/or transship *Dissostichus* species submit catch documents. Dealers seeking to import AMLR species or re-export *Dissostichus* species submit permit applications to the NMFS. Dealers holding permits submit import tickets within 24 hours of each import. Dealers holding permits to import *Dissostichus* species forward catch documents completed by the masters of vessels harvesting *Dissostichus* species to the NMFS within 24 hours of import. Researchers who anticipate catches of less than fifty tons of AMLR finfish submit a notification of research vessel activity. Researchers who anticipate catches of greater than fifty tons of AMLR finfish submit plans for finfish surveys. Fishers not required to use a vessel monitoring system will provide positional information by radio contact. Persons proposing to enter a CCAMLR CEMP site submit an application for an entry permit and report annually on CEMP site activity.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0194.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations, individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 58.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for a permit application for an established fishery; 24 hours (a range of 16-40 hours) for a permit application for a new or exploratory fishery; 12 minutes for an application to transship; 30 minutes for a dealer permit application; 15 minutes for an import ticket; 30 minutes for a permit application to re-export *Dissostichus* species; 15 minutes to complete and provide catch documents to dealers; 3 minutes for a dealer to transmit catch documents for imports; 10 minutes for a dealer to transmit catch documents for re-exports; 2 minutes for radio contacts; and 1 hour for a CEMP site entry application. There is no U.S. research effort underway or planned which will exceed the tonnage figures required for reporting, and no response times are now estimated.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,220.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060100A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 522-1569-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of Permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Randall S. Wells, Ph.D, Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, c/o Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236, has been issued a permit to take bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Trevor Spradlin, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 2000, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 19878) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named individual to harass up to 120 Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) annually in Florida waters during the conduct of capture, examination, sampling, marking, and release activities, over a 5-year period. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 7, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060800E]

Marine Mammals; File No. 675-1563-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Graham A.J. Worthy, [Principal Investigator], Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, 5001 Avenue U, Suite 105, Galveston, Texas 77551, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 675-1563.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Simona Roberts, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 675-1563, issued on June 6, 2000 (65 FR 36889) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 675-1563 authorizes the permit holder to capture, mark, sedate, blood/biopsy sample 10 females and 20 pups Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), incidentally harass 60 animals of all ages, and accidentally kill up to 2 seals on the Pribilof Islands for a one-year period.

The permit holder requests amendment to take by capture and sample, bleach mark an additional five female seals, increase accidental mortality to five, attach VHF radio tags to all females over a three-year period, and to incidentally harass, annually, up to 13,000 animals of all ages.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

RIN 0651-AB20

Notice of Roundtable on Computer-Implemented Business Method Patent Issues

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of roundtable on computer-implemented business method patent issues.

SUMMARY: As part of the recently announced business method patent initiative, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is holding a roundtable, the purpose of which is to discuss the history behind computer-implemented business method patents and to identify ways to improve the USPTO's current examination approach to computer-implemented business method patent applications. Members of the public are invited to attend the roundtable, or to participate as a panelist in the roundtable discussion, on the topics outlined in the supplementary information section of this notice, or other related topics. Individuals who are not selected, or do not wish to apply for selection as panelists may request to attend the discussion as an audience member. The roundtable is an opportunity for an informal discussion. Panelists will be asked to provide their individual input; group consensus advice will not be sought.

DATES: The roundtable will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Self-nominations to participate as a panelist and requests for attendance at the roundtable must be received by no later than July 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES:

Location of the Roundtable

The roundtable will be held at the Crystal City Sheraton Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Mailing Address for Self-Nominations and Requests for Attendance

Self-nominations to participate as a panelist and requests for attendance at