

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

RIN 0648–XC159

Fisheries of the Northeast Region

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

ACTION: Notification of determination of overfishing and approaching an overfished condition as well as inadequate progress in rebuilding.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that the Gulf of Maine (GOM) stock of haddock is subject to overfishing and is approaching an overfished condition. In addition, the rebuilding plans for American plaice and the Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) stock of winter flounder were found to have not resulted in adequate progress toward rebuilding the affected fish stocks.

NMFS notifies the appropriate fishery management council (Council) whenever it determines that overfishing is occurring, a stock is in an overfished condition, a stock is approaching an overfished condition, or when a rebuilding plan has not resulted in adequate progress toward ending overfishing and rebuilding affected fish stocks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Nelson, (301) 427–8565.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to sections 304(e)(2) and (e)(7) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(2) and (e)(7), and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.310(e)(2), NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, must notify Councils whenever it determines that a stock or stock complex is: overfished; approaching an overfished condition; or an existing rebuilding plan has not ended overfishing or resulted in adequate rebuilding progress. NMFS also notifies Councils when it determines a stock or stock complex is subject to overfishing. Section 304(e)(2) further requires NMFS to publish these notices in the **Federal Register**.

On May 30, 2012, NMFS informed the New England Fishery Management Council of the latest status of the New England groundfish stocks. In that letter they indicate changes in the status of several stocks:

- GOM haddock is now subject to overfishing and is approaching an overfished condition;
- The rebuilding plan for American plaice has not resulted in adequate progress toward rebuilding. The stock is neither overfished nor subject to overfishing;
- The SNE/MA stock of winter flounder is no longer subject to overfishing but remains overfished and the stock's rebuilding plan has not resulted in adequate progress toward rebuilding the stock.

For the above stocks approaching an overfished condition, the Council must prevent overfishing and if the stock becomes overfished, steps must be taken under MSA § 304(e)(3) and (4) to end overfishing and to rebuild the stock. For the above stocks which are subject to rebuilding plans that have been determined to have not resulted in adequate progress towards rebuilding, within 2 years, the Council must revise the rebuilding plan for each stock and implement the revised plan, as required by MSA § 304(e)(3).

Dated: October 11, 2012.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

RIN 0648–XC100

Marine Mammals; File No. 17115

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to James Lloyd-Smith, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, 610 Charles E. Young Dr. South, Box 723905, Los Angeles, California 90095–7239 to conduct research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*).

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

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; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562)980–4001; fax (562)980–4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Joselyd Garcia-Reyes, (301)427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 12, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 41171) that a request for a permit to conduct research on the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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 permit holder is authorized to study the prevalence of leptospirosis in wild California sea lions. Up to 5,100 California sea lions may be taken annually from Año Nuevo Island including 20 by capture and release, 80 by capture/sample/release and 5,000 by incidental disturbance. Procedures include: capture (stalking, hoop net); restraint (board, cage, hand, net); anesthesia (gas); mark (flipper tag); measure; and sample (blood, urine, vibrissae). Up to 3,000 northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) and up to 60 Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be taken annually due to incidental disturbance. Up to four California sea lions may die incidental to the permitted activities. The permit expires September 30, 2017.

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

Dated: October 10, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD–2012–OS–0098]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Cleveland, 1240 East Ninth St., ATTN: JBJDA—Mr. Charles Moss, Room 1569, Cleveland, OH 44199, or call, Mr. Charles Moss, (216) 204-4426.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Services; DD Form X602; OMB Control Number 0730-TBD.

Needs and Uses: Entitlement to retired pay terminates on the date of the retiree's death. Claims for any arrears in

pay can be made using DD Form X602. This information collection is needed to provide DFAS the basic data needed to process the request.

Type of Collection: New.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Annual Burden Hours: 11,549 hours.

Number of Respondents: 46,194.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Summary of Information Collection**

The respondents of this information collection are family members or designated beneficiaries of military members. The applicant submits a DD Form X602 to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The information from the DD Form X602 is used by DFAS in processing the applicant's request. Information on the form is also used to determine the applicant's current status and contains statutorily required certifications the applicant must make when applying for payments.

Dated: October 10, 2012.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Docket ID DoD-2012-HA-0126]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received December 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to: CAPT Nita Sood, TRICARE Management Activity, Pharmaceutical Operations Directorate, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042-5101.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Federal Agency Retail Pharmacy Program; OMB Number 0720-0032.

Needs and Uses: Specifically, under the collection of information, respondents (drug manufacturers) will base refund calculation reporting requirements on both the Federal Ceiling Price and the Federal Supply Schedule Price, whichever is lower. Previously, drug manufacturers' reporting requirements addressed only the Federal Ceiling Price. DoD will use the reporting and audit capabilities of the Pharmacy Data Transaction Service (PDTS) to validate refunds owed to the Government. The government received approximately \$1.5 billion from pharmaceutical companies as a result of this program/refund calculation reporting requirement.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 16,000.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Responses per Respondent: 8.