

Title: Application Instructions for a Permit for Scientific Purposes or to Enhance the

Propagation or Survival of Threatened or Endangered Species.

Agency Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden Hours: 4,400.

Number of Respondents: 240.

Average Hours Per Response: Ranges between 10 to 40 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) is responsible for the conservation and recovery of marine and anadromous species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. Section 10 of the ESA allows for certain exceptions, such as a taking that would be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity. NOAA has issued regulations to provide for application and reporting for such exceptions. The information is used to evaluate the proposed activity (permits) and on-going activities (reports) and is necessary for NMFS to ensure the conservation of the species under the ESA.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DoC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Lengelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent with 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030600C]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force (RFDTF) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 22, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the fourth meeting of the RFDTF which will discuss the following topics: review of minutes from third Task Force meeting, report of Task Force working group meeting on developing materials and strategies for obtaining recreational fishery data from fishing and boat clubs, Chairman's report on Task Force presentations to Council and Scientific and Statistical Committee, reports on recent international meetings on sharks, tagging of fishes with satellite and archival tags, upcoming meetings including the international management of tuna in the Central-Western Pacific and managing marine recreational fisheries in the 21st century, and other business as required.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to

Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021000B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 758-1459-01

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, P.O. Box 757000, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7000, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 758-1459.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 11, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 25294) that an amendment of Permit No. 758-1459, issued August 21, 1998 (63 FR 46417), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted 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.*).

The Permit authorizes the Holder to conduct a variety of capture/release research activities on northern fur seal pups. Research will be carried out in conjunction with the NMFS, National Marine Mammal Laboratory.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Safety Standard for Omnidirectional Citizens Band Base Station Antennas

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In the *Federal Register* of December 15, 1999 (64 FR 69992), the Consumer Product Safety Commission published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the agency's intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information required in the Safety Standard for Omnidirectional Citizens Band Base Station (16 CFR part 1204). No comments were received in response to that notice. By publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of approval of that collection of information without change through April 30, 2003.

The Safety Standard for Omnidirectional Citizens Band Base Station Antennas establishes performance requirements for omnidirectional citizens band base station antennas to reduce unreasonable risks of death and injury which may result if an antenna contacts overhead power lines while being erected or removed from its site. Certification regulations implementing the standard require manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of antennas subject to the standard to test antennas for compliance with the standard, and to maintain records of that testing.

The records of testing and other information required by the certification regulations allow the Commission to determine that antennas subject to the standard comply with its requirements. This information would also enable the Commission to obtain corrective actions if omnidirectional citizens band base station antennas failed to comply with the standard in a manner which creates a substantial risk of injury to the public.

Additional Information About the Request for Extension Of Approval of a Collection of Information

Agency address: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

Title of information collection: Safety Standard for Omnidirectional Citizens Band Base Station Antennas, 16 CFR Part 1204.

Type of Request: Extension of approval without change.

General description of respondents: Manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of omnidirectional citizens band base station antennas.

Estimated number of respondents: 5.

Estimated number of hours per respondent: 220 per year.

Estimated number of hours for all respondents: 1,100 per year.

Estimated cost of collection for all respondents: \$15,000 per year.

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by April 10, 2000, to (1) the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Copies of this request for extension of the information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, management and program analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, ext. 2226.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety
Commission.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting To Discuss the Future of the Office of the Special Assistant for Gulf War Illnesses (OSAGWI)

AGENCY: Special Oversight Board for Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board will conduct a public meeting to obtain information from veterans service organizations and the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Health and Human Services regarding the design of a successor organization to OSAGWI. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

DATES: April 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Truman Room, White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Mr. David Edman, Special Oversight Board, 1401 Wilson Blvd, Suite 401, Arlington, VA 22209, phone (703) 696-9468, fax (703) 696-4062, or via Email at Gulfsyn@osd.pentagon.mil. Requests to present oral comments regarding an OSAGWI successor organization must be sent to Mr. Edman and received no later than noon Friday, March 24, 2000 for consideration. Written comments must be received no later than noon Thursday, March 30, 2000 to ensure their availability to board members prior to the hearing. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sandra Simpson at (703) 696-9464 or at the above fax number or above email.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Seating in the Truman Room is limited, and spaces will be reserved only for scheduled speakers. The remaining seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 8:30 a.m. No teleconference lines will be available. The Special Oversight Board expects that statements presented at this meeting will deal only with the design of a successor organization to OSAGWI and its affiliation, if any, with the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Health and Human Services. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of five minutes. Written comments will be provided to Board members if at least 10 copies are received in the Special Oversight Board Staff Office no later than noon March 30, 2000. Written comments received after that date will be mailed to Board members after the adjournment of the April 2000 meeting and will also be included in the official records of that meeting. The White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, is located on the west side of Lafayette Park. Lafayette Park is on the north side of the White House and bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue on the south, H Street on the north and centered at 16th Street Lafayette Park is within easy walking distance of the Farragut West (two city blocks) or McPherson Square (three city blocks)