

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Licensing of Private Remote-Sensing Space Systems**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 September 23, 2013.

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 Tahara Dawkins, tahara.dawkins@noaa.gov or (301) 713-3385.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for an extension of a current information collection.

NOAA has established requirements for the licensing of private operators of remote-sensing space systems. The information in applications and subsequent reports is needed to ensure compliance with the Land Remote-Sensing Policy Act of 1992 and with the national security and international obligations of the United States. The requirements are contained in 15 CFR Part 960.

II. Method of Collection

Information is submitted via email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0174.
Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Time per Response: 40 hours for the submission of a license application; 10 hours for the submission of a data protection plan; 5 hours for the submission of a plan describing how the licensee will comply with data collection restrictions; 3 hours for the submission of an operations plan for restricting collection or dissemination of imagery of Israeli territory; 3 hours for submission of a data flow diagram; 2 hours for the submission of satellite sub-systems drawings; 3 hours for the submission of a final imaging system specifications document; 2 hours for the submission of a public summary for a licensed system; 2 hours for the submission of a preliminary design review; 2 hours for the submission of a critical design review; 1 hour for notification of a binding launch services contract; 1 hour for notification of completion of pre-ship review; 10 hours for the submission of a license amendment; 2 hours for the submission of a foreign agreement notification; 2 hours for the submission of spacecraft operational information submitted when a spacecraft becomes operational; 2 hours for notification of deviation in orbit or spacecraft disposition; 2 hours for notification of any operational deviation; 2 hours for notification of planned purges of information to the National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive; 3 hours for the submission of an operational quarterly report; 8 hours for an annual compliance audit; 10 hours for an annual operational audit; and 2 hours for notification of the demise of a system or a decision to discontinue system operations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 552.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000 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: July 18, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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

RIN 0648-BC90

Marine Mammals; Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement To Amend the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement; notice of public hearing meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to amend the regulations implementing the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (Plan). The proposed rule revises the management measures for reducing the incidental mortality and serious injury to the North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in commercial trap/pot and gillnet fisheries to meet the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to analyze impacts to the environment of the management alternatives under consideration. NMFS will hold 16 public hearings along the East coast in August and September for the purpose of answering questions and receiving public testimony on the DEIS.

DATES: The public hearings will be held in August and September. For specific dates, times, and locations see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

The public comment period is from July 12, 2013, to September 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by 130201095-3095-01, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0095 click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Mary Colligan, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NMFS Northeast Region, 55 Great Republic Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930, Attn: Large Whale Proposed Rule.

- **Fax:** 978-281-9394 Attn: Large Whale Proposed Rule

- **In-Person:** Attend a public hearing. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations, dates, and times.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Swails, NMFS, Northeast Region, 978-282-8481, Kate.Swails@noaa.gov; Kristy Long, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 301-427-8440, Kristy.Long@noaa.gov; or Barb Zoodsma, NMFS Southeast Region, 904-321-2806, Barb.Zoodsma@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Large whale entanglements resulting in serious injuries and mortalities are still occurring; therefore, NMFS believes modifications to the Plan are needed to meet the goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Under the MMPA, NMFS is required to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury to three strategic large whale stocks—the Western Stock of the North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), the Gulf of Maine stock of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and the Western North Atlantic stock of fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*)—incidentally taken in commercial fisheries to below the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) level for each stock.

Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (Team)

At its 2009 meeting, the Team agreed on a schedule to develop a management approach to reduce the risk of serious injury and mortality due to vertical line. As a result of this schedule NMFS committed to publishing a final rule to address vertical line entanglement by 2014. The approach for the vertical line rule will focus on reducing the risk of vertical line entanglements in high impact areas versus a wide-broad scale management scheme. Using fishing gear survey data and whale sightings per unit effort (SPUE), a model was developed to

determine the co-occurrence of fishing gear density and whale density.

The Team's Northeast Subgroup met in November 2010 and the Mid-Atlantic/Southeast Subgroup met in April 2011 to review the model and consider its implications for an overall management strategy to address vertical line entanglements.

The Team agreed NMFS should use the model to consider and develop possible options to address fishery interactions with large whales by reducing the potential for entanglements, minimize adverse effects if entanglements occur, and mitigate the effects of any unavoidable entanglements.

To solicit additional stakeholder involvement, on June 14, 2011, NMFS published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 34654) to announce the agency's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement that would analyze the impacts of alternatives for amending the Plan. In July and August 2011, NMFS held 15 scoping meetings to solicit feedback on the vertical line risk reduction strategy. The information provided at the scoping meetings was also reviewed at a full Team meeting in January 2012. Team members further refined their vertical line risk reduction proposals and the team met via teleconference in February 2012 to review the final proposals submitted. The Team reviewed five proposals: three from state agencies, one from the scientist/academic community, and one from the conservation community. Results of the proposals were presented via teleconference in April 2012. Each vertical line risk reduction proposal was analyzed to assess its impact on both the number of vertical lines and co-occurrence scores relative to the baseline in the Northeast and coastwide.

NMFS designed the proposed alternatives in the DEIS based on comments received during public scoping and using many of the measures submitted by the team in their stakeholder proposals. The alternatives include measures requiring increased traps per trawl, the use of weaker weak links and/or vertical lines of lower breaking strength, and potential time-area closures.

Several of the background documents for the Plan and the take reduction planning process can be downloaded from the Plan Web site at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/whaletrp/>. Copies of the DEIS/Regulatory Impact Review for this action can also be obtained online. NMFS has scheduled public hearings on the DEIS. The purpose of the hearings is to provide the public the

opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the upcoming action.

Hearing Dates, Times, and Locations

The dates, times, and locations of the meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. **Monday, August 5, 2013—Machias, ME 6–9 p.m.**

University of Maine at Machias (Science Building), 116 O'Brien Avenue, Machias, ME 04654

2. **Tuesday, August 6, 2013—Ellsworth, ME 6–9 p.m.**

Ellsworth Public Library, 20 State Street, Ellsworth, Maine 04605

3. **Wednesday, August 7, 2013—Rockland, ME 6–9 p.m.**

Oceanside East High School (Auditorium), 400 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841

4. **Thursday, August 8, 2013—Portland, ME 6–9 p.m.**

Portland City Hall (State of Maine Room), 389 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101

5. **Tuesday, August 13, 2013—Chatham, MA 6–9 p.m.**

Chatham Community Center (Large Meeting Room), 702 Main St., Chatham, MA 02633

6. **Wednesday August 14, 2013—Plymouth, MA 6–9 p.m.**

Plymouth Public Library, 132 South St., Plymouth, MA 02360

7. **Thursday, August 15, 2013—Narragansett, RI 6–9 p.m.**

URI Campus, Coastal Institute Building (large conference room), 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882

8. **Monday August 19, 2013—Gloucester, MA 6–9 p.m.**

NOAA Northeast Regional Office (Hearing Room A&B), 55 Great Republic Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930

9. **Tuesday, August 20, 2013—Portsmouth, NH 5–8 p.m.**

Urban Forestry Center 27, Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801

10. **Monday, August 26, 2013—Wilmington, NC 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

New Hanover County Public Library—Main Library (Masonboro Rm), 201 Chestnut St., Wilmington, NC 28401

11. **Tuesday, August 27, 2013—Virginia Beach, VA 6–9 p.m.**

Meyera E. Obendorf Central Library (Auditorium), 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452

12. *Wednesday, August 28, 2013—
Manahawkin, NJ 6–9 p.m.*

Stafford Township (Court room), 260 E.
Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 08050

13. *Monday September 9, 2013—
Ormond Beach, FL 4:30–6:30 p.m.*

Ormond Beach Public Library, 30 S.
Beach St., Ormond Beach, FL 32174

14. *Tuesday September 10, 2013—
Jacksonville, FL 5–7 p.m.*

Jacksonville Port Authority (Board
Room), 2831 Talleyrand Avenue,
Jacksonville, FL 32206

15. *Wednesday September 11, 2013—
Brunswick, GA 5–7 p.m.*

Georgia Department of Natural
Resources (Classroom), 1
Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA
31520

16. *Thursday September 12, 2013—
Charleston, SC 5–7 p.m.*

South Carolina Department of Natural
Resources, Marine Resources
Research Institute (Auditorium), 217
Ft. Johnson Rd., Charleston, SC 29412

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically
accessible to people with disabilities.
Request for sign language interpretation
or other auxiliary aids should be
directed to Kate Swails (978) 282–8481
at least 7 working days prior to the
hearing date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*

Dated: July 18, 2013.

Helen M. Golde,

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected
Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC774

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery
Management Council (Council) and its
Administrative Committee will hold
meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on
August 13–14, 2013. The Council will

convene on Tuesday, August 13, 2013
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the
Administrative Committee will meet
from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Council
will reconvene on Wednesday, August
14, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at
the Hilton Ponce Golf and Casino
Resort, 1150 Caribe Avenue, Ponce,
Puerto Rico 00716–2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Caribbean Fishery Management Council,
270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401,
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918; telephone:
(787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Council will hold its 147th regular
Council Meeting to discuss the items
contained in the following agenda:

August 13, 2013, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Election of Officials
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 146th Council
Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director's Report
- Scoping Meetings Report on the
Development of Island-Based
Fishery Management Plans (FMPs)
in the U.S. Caribbean: Transition
from Species-Based FMPs to Island-
Based FMPs
- Adhoc Committee Report (July 24,
2013)
- Trap Reduction Project Report
- Results of Red Hind/Grouper
Analysis—David Olsen
- Update on the CFMC/STFA Lobster
Study—David Olsen
- Public Comment Period (5-minutes
presentations)

August 13, 2013, 5:15 p.m.–6 p.m.

- Administrative Committee Meeting
—Budget Update FY 2013/14
- SSC/AP Memberships
- Other Business

August 14, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

- Fishery Workshops around Puerto
Rico—Carlos Velazquez and Helena
Antoun
- Don't Stop Talking Fish Video for the
USVI—Lia Ortiz, Franklin Fullock
and Angel Bolges
- Artificial Reef Project and Two
Prototypes of Traps: Octopus and
Spiny Lobster—Yabucoa Fishers
Association—Héctor Padró
- The Productive Aspect of Deep-Water
Snappers—Eugenio Pi eiro
- Spawning Aggregation Project
Update—Richard Appeldoorn/
Michel Sharer
- Tales from La Cordillera: Promoting
Sustainable Fishing through
Environmental Interpretation—
Alejandro Torres

- Outreach and Education Meeting
Report—Alida Ortiz
- Enforcement Issues:
—Puerto Rico-DNER
- U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
- NOAA/NMFS
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Administrative Committee
Recommendations
- Meetings Attended by Council
Members and Staff
- Public Comment Period (5-minute
presentations)
- Other Business
- Next Council Meeting

The established times for addressing
items on the agenda may be adjusted as
necessary to accommodate the timely
completion of discussion relevant to the
agenda items. To further accommodate
discussion and completion of all items
on the agenda, the meeting may be
extended from, or completed prior to
the date established in this notice.

The meetings are open to the public,
and will be conducted in English.
Fishers and other interested persons are
invited to attend and participate with
oral or written statements regarding
agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not
contained in this agenda may come
before this group for discussion, those
issues may not be subjects for formal
action during these meetings. Actions
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 Fishery
Conservation and Management Act,
provided that the public has been
notified of the Council's intent to take
final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically
accessible to people with disabilities.
For more information or request for sign
language interpretation and/or other
auxiliary aids, please contact Mr.
Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director,
Caribbean Fishery Management Council,
270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401,
San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone
(787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to
the meeting date.

Dated: July 18, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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