

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: 2009 NOAA Coastal Services Center Coastal Resource Management Customer Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0308.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 31.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: In continuing compliance with Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, this survey will be used by the NOAA Coastal Services Center to obtain information from our customers—State and territorial coastal resource managers—regarding their information needs based on their coastal resource management responsibilities, technology and information management capabilities, and critical resource management issues, in order to make quality improvements to the Center's products and services.

Frequency: Once every three years.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482–0266, Department of Commerce, Room 7845, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395–7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: May 18, 2009.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Progress Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0472.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 4,145.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Average Hours per Response: Semi-annual reports, 7 hours (plus 30 minutes for additional questions for specified larger grantees); and annual reports, 11 hours and 15 minutes (plus one hour for additional questions for specified larger grantees).

Needs and Uses: Authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, this collection is needed to assist with the administration and evaluation of the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP), which has provided financial assistance on a competitive basis to over 1,200 habitat restoration projects since 1996. The information is used to provide accountability for the CRP and NOAA on the expenditure of federal funds used for restoration, contributes to the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) “acres restored” measure, and to the President's Wetlands Initiative goal of 3 million acres of wetland restoration, enhancement and protection by 2010. Information is required only from parties receiving CRP funds.

The NOAA Restoration Center (Center) will continue collecting the same information; however, the Center is requesting to begin to use the SF–PPR (Performance Progress Reports) family of forms, a set of uniform reporting formats used for standard reporting by recipients on their performance under grants and cooperative agreements. This transition is in anticipation of government-wide standardization.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit organizations, State, Local or Tribal Government, business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Semi-annually and annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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

RIN 0648–XP17

**Endangered Species; File No.14381 ;
Correction**

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application; correction.

SUMMARY: On May 13, 2009, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing that the NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu, HI 96814, had applied in due form for a permit to take green (Chelonia mydas), leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea), loggerhead (Caretta caretta), olive ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea), and hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research. That document inadvertently provided incorrect requested take numbers. This document corrects that oversight.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 22, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

The notice of a request for scientific research Permit No. 14381 (74 FR 22517; May 13, 2009) contained an error

in that it incorrectly presented the proposed requested take for the requested action. Accordingly, the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section is corrected to read as follows:

The subject permit 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).

The research would collect scientific data on sea turtles incidentally captured in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery, the Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery, and the American Samoa Longline Fishery. This data would assist NMFS efforts to understand sea turtle interactions with the fisheries and to mitigate their threat to these species. The applicant proposes to flipper tag, measure, photograph, tissue sample, and attach satellite tags to an anticipated annual take of up to 46 loggerhead, 16 leatherback, 1 green, and 4 olive ridley sea turtles captured in the Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery. The applicant proposes to flipper tag, measure, photograph, tissue sample, and attach satellite tags to an anticipated annual take of up to 6 loggerhead, 6 leatherback, 12 green, 12 olive ridley, and 6 hawksbill sea turtles captured in the American Samoa Longline Fishery. The applicant proposes to flipper tag, measure, photograph, tissue sample, and attach satellite tags to an anticipated annual take of up to 6 (18 over three years) loggerhead, 13 (39 over three years) leatherback, 7 (21 over three years) green, and 41 (123 over three years) olive ridley sea turtles captured in the Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery. The research would occur in the Pacific Ocean through April 1, 2015. No mortalities are expected from the research. Researchers would also collect sea turtle carcasses of animals killed in fishery activities that occur in the Pacific Ocean. All other information contained in the original document is unchanged.

Dated: May 18, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XP35

Magnuson–Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application submitted by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF) contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under this EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies and Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue an EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow one commercial fishing vessel to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. This EFP, which would enable researchers to study the effects of a spiny dogfish excluder grate within a raised footrope whiting trawl, would grant exemptions from the NE multispecies regulations as follows: Gear restrictions while fishing in the Gulf of Maine (GOM) Regulated Mesh Area (RMA); NE multispecies days-at-sea (DAS) effort control measures; GOM Rolling Closure areas; and NE multispecies minimum fish sizes for sampling purposes only.

Regulations under the Magnuson–Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 8, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

• Email: DA9-058@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line “Comments on MADMF whiting fishery EFP.”

• Mail: Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, NE Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope “Comments on MA MADMF whiting fishery EFP, DA9–058.”

• Fax: (978) 281–9135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allison Murphy, Fishery Management Specialist, 978–281–9122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An application for an EFP was submitted on March 4, 2009, by David Chosid, the conservation engineering project leader at MADMF. The primary goal of this study is to investigate the effects of an experimental excluder grate in order to reduce catch rates of spiny dogfish and maximize the catch rates of whiting, using a raised footrope whiting trawl. The results of this research could be submitted to the New England Fishery Management Council to provide information that could be used to enhance the management of the whiting and spiny dogfish fisheries.

The project is proposed to be conducted from June 2009 through September 2009. One fishing industry collaborator would conduct a total of 56, 1-hour tows using the excluder grate in a raised footrope whiting trawl over the course of 14 trips. The vessel would use a 2.5-inch (6.4-cm) diamond codend mesh and, with the exception of the spiny dogfish grate, the gear would be configured as a standard raised footrope trawl. All experimental tows would occur between 42°12' W. long. and 42°30' W. long. in statistical areas 513 and 514. Fishing would occur along the western edge of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, but not within it. An underwater camera would be attached to the net to observe the behavior of spiny dogfish and whiting. Catches in the codend would be quantified. MADMF would have at least one staff member on board the vessel at all times during the experimental tows.

Due to the small mesh size used in the whiting fishery, this activity would require an exemption from gear restrictions while fishing in the GOM RMA found at 50 CFR 648.80(a)(3)(i). The researchers are requesting permission to fish outside of the small mesh exemption areas and time restrictions in order to demonstrate successful avoidance of the target species, spiny dogfish. Based on industry recommendations, whiting and spiny dogfish are expected to be in relatively high abundance in the