

administrative record and may be released to the public.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2012–0104–0454, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <https://www.regulations.gov>.

—OR—

Email: Submit electronic public comments via the following NMFS email address: makah2022sdeis.wcr@noaa.gov.

—OR—

Mail: Submit written comments to: Grace Ferrara, NMFS West Coast Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Grace Ferrara, NMFS Northwest Region, (206) 526–6172, makah2022sdeis.wcr@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SDEIS is available in electronic form on the internet at the following address: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/marine-mammal-protection/makah-tribal-whale-hunt>. In addition, copies of the SDEIS are available on CD by contacting Grace Ferrara (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Background

On July 1, 2022, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of NMFS' SDEIS concerning the Makah Indian Tribe's February 2005 request to resume limited hunting of ENP gray whales in the coastal portion of the Tribe's usual and accustomed fishing grounds, off the coast of Washington State, for ceremonial and subsistence purposes. Informed by information received during public scoping and public comments on a DEIS released on March 13, 2015 (80 FR 13373), this SDEIS

contains updates and evaluates a composite alternative composed of elements of the alternatives analyzed in the 2015 DEIS. The SDEIS also incorporates information presented at a 5-day hearing on this matter, held before an administrative law judge (ALJ) in November 2019, as well as recommendations provided in the ALJ's Recommended Decision. The Tribe's proposed action stems from the 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay, which expressly secures the Makah Tribe's right to hunt whales. To exercise that right, the Tribe is seeking authorization from NMFS under the MMPA and the Whaling Convention Act. The release of this SDEIS is one of several steps NMFS will undertake to evaluate the Tribe's request.

The SDEIS, prepared pursuant to the NEPA, separately evaluates an additional action alternative that was derived from other action alternatives analyzed in the DEIS and the ALJ's recommended decision. It also provides recent updates on the affected environment and the environmental impacts associated with NMFS' proposed hunt plan as set forth in the new composite alternative. The composite alternative—identified in the SDEIS as the Preferred Alternative—includes many of the same principal components of the other action alternatives, including: restrictions on the time when whale hunting would occur; annual limits on the number of whales harvested, struck, and struck and lost; cessation of whale hunting if a predetermined number of identified whales (*i.e.*, whales included in a photographic catalog of whales from the Pacific Coast Feeding Group area) were harvested; and the method of hunting. The Preferred Alternative also limits the duration of the waiver period to ten years. This SDEIS addresses a number of resources identified for review during both internal and public scoping for the DEIS, including: water quality, marine habitat and species, eastern and western North Pacific gray whales, other wildlife species, economics, environmental justice, social environment, cultural resources, ceremonial and subsistence resources, noise, aesthetics, transportation, public services, public safety, and human health.

The SDEIS provides an important opportunity for the public to formally comment on the preferred alternative. These comments, in conjunction with considerations described in the DEIS and SDEIS, will provide key information to assist NMFS with its final decision on the Tribe's request.

Authority: The environmental review of the Makah Tribe's request to resume

treaty-based hunting of ENP gray whales will be conducted under the authority and in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361–1421h), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of NMFS for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: June 29, 2022.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Bluefish Monitoring Committee (MC) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Webinar connection, agenda items, and any additional information will be available at www.mafmc.org/council-events.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331 or on their website at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is for the Monitoring Committee to review 2023 commercial and recreational management measures and recommend any changes if necessary. To inform their recommendations, the MC will review recent catch and landings information, the Fishery Performance Report developed by the Advisory

Panel, the 2023 ABC recommendation by the SSC, and other relevant information.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelley Spedden at the Council Office, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 29, 2022.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; National Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network Stranding and Gear Interaction Data Collection

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before September 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0496 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection

activities should be directed to Wendy Piniak, Biologist, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; (301) 427–8402, wendy.piniak@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for revision and extension of collection 0648–0496 entitled “Reporting of Sea Turtle Entanglement in Fishing Gear or Marine Debris”. We request to revise the name of the collection to “National Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network Stranding and Gear Interaction Data Collection” and to add new forms to the collection to be inclusive of all forms used by Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN).

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) share federal jurisdiction for the conservation and recovery of sea turtles. In accordance with the 1977 Memorandum of Understanding between NMFS and USFWS, which was reaffirmed in 2015, NMFS serves as the lead for and coordinator of the STSSN. The STSSN currently responds to and documents, sick, injured, and dead (*i.e.*, ‘stranded’) sea turtles that are found in coastal areas under U.S. jurisdiction along the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. NMFS Office of Protected Resources coordinates the STSSN. The Sea Turtle Disentanglement Network (STDN) is a part of the STSSN. The STSSN is a cooperative effort of authorized federal, state, and private partners working to inform causes of morbidity and mortality in sea turtles by responding to and documenting stranded sea turtles. Information is collected in a manner sufficient to inform sea turtle conservation management and recovery. The STSSN accomplishes this through (1) collection of data in accordance with STSSN protocols; (2) improved understanding of causes of death and threats to sea turtles; (3) monitoring of stranding trends; (4) provision of initial aid to live stranded sea turtles; (5) provision of sea turtle samples/parts for conservation-relevant research; and (6) availability of timely data for conservation management purposes. To facilitate this data collection, the STSSN uses several standardized data collection forms. To ensure all data collected by the STSSN are in the same collection, we propose adding the following forms to 0648–0496: STSSN Stranding Report form, Gross Necropsy forms (2 page and 4 page versions), Cold

Stun individual and batch forms, Fishing Gear Identification forms, and Incidental Capture Intake form (currently approved in collection 0648–0774, expiring December 31, 2024).

All species of sea turtle found in U.S. waters are listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS and the USFWS share federal jurisdiction for the conservation and recovery of sea turtles. Section 4(f) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531–1544) provides for the creation of Recovery Plans for endangered and threatened species and provides NMFS and USFWS with authority “to procure the services of appropriate public and private agencies and institutions and other qualified persons” in order to implement those plans. To advance the conservation and recovery of listed sea turtles, each sea turtle recovery plan developed jointly by NMFS and USFWS identifies and highlights the need to maintain an active stranding network. Both NMFS and USFWS have promulgated regulations that provide an exception to the prohibitions on take and allow for coordinated response to stranded sea turtles in water and on land, based on their specific jurisdictional responsibility.

II. Method of Collection

Data will be collected using the following methods: paper format, electronically (internet), email, or interviews.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0496.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, revision and extension of approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 750.

Estimated Time per Response: STSSN Stranding Report form: 10 minutes; Gross Necropsy form (2 page version): 10 minutes; Gross Necropsy form (4 page version): 15 minutes; Cold Stun form and Cold Stun batch form: 10 minutes; Fishing Gear Identification forms: 10 minutes; Incidental Capture Intake form: 5 minutes; Entanglement form: 15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,214 annually.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).