

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,407.

Estimated Time Per Response: Permit applications and transfers, 30 minutes; additional information (when requested) for the coastal pelagic fishery, 1 hour; appeals, 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 333.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$575.

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: June 29, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061606A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the draft updated Recovery Plan (Plan) for the fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*). NMFS

is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on September 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Angela Somma, Chief, Endangered Species Division, Protected Resources Division, NMFS. Comments may be submitted by: (1) E-mail:

finwhale.recoveryplan@noaa.gov, include in the subject line the following document identifier: Fin Whale Recovery Plan. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; (2) Chief, Endangered Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; (3) Fax: (301) 427 2523. Interested persons may obtain the Plan for review from the above address or on-line from <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica DeAngelis, (562-980-3232), e-mail Monica.DeAngelis@noaa.gov; or Shannon Bettridge, (301-713-2322 ext. 141), e-mail Shannon.Bettridge@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (15 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. Accordingly, NMFS provided a contract for preparation of a draft Recovery Plan for fin and sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*) whales that was released for public comment and review in 1998 (63 FR 41802). The draft Recovery Plan for the fin and sei whale was never finalized. NMFS has since determined that the recovery plans for the fin and sei whales should be separated. This Plan updates the 1998 Recovery Plan's information for the fin whale and discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to fin whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of this species are identified and discussed. The Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of this endangered species. NMFS' goal is to restore endangered fin whale populations to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems, and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS will consider all substantive comments and information

presented during the public comment period in the course of finalizing this Plan.

Dated: June 29, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061606B]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the draft Recovery Plan (Plan) for the sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*). NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on September 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Angela Somma, Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS. Comments may be submitted by: (1) E-mail:

spermwhale.recoveryplan@noaa.gov, include in the subject line the following document identifier: Sperm Whale Recovery Plan. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; (2) Mail to: Chief, Endangered Species Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910; (3) Fax: (301) 427 2523. Interested persons may obtain the Plan for review from the above address or on-line from <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/>.

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