

Title: West Coast Fisheries Participation Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0749.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular.

Number of Respondents: 1500.

Average Hours per Response: 0.33.

Burden Hours: 500.

Needs and Uses: The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) seeks to conduct fisheries participation analyses which involve repeated follow-up surveys of United States (U.S.) West Coast commercial fishing participants. A U.S. mail survey will be conducted, replicating the survey administered during 2017. The survey will be voluntary, and contacted individuals may decline to participate. Respondents will be asked to answer questions about their motivations for fishing and other factors that affect participation in the suite of West Coast commercial fisheries. This survey is essential because data on smaller scale fishing practices, values, participation decisions and beliefs about fishing livelihoods are sparse; yet, they are critical to the development of usable fishery ecosystem models that account for non-pecuniary benefits of fishing, as well as the ways in which fishing practices shape individual and community well-being. Moreover, replication of the survey after several years allows for critical time series information reflecting how fishery participation, in terms of both moving in and out of fishing and moving between available fisheries, may have changed over time.

Affected Public: Federal fisheries permit holders.

Frequency: Once per two-year period.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental Lead PRA Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XR019

Endangered Species; File Nos. 22822, 22988, and 22991

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of applications for permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that three applicants have applied in due form for a permit or permit modification to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and olive ridley (*L. olivacea*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before August 12, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting the applicable File No. from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376.

Written comments on the applications should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are 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).

22822: Pamela Plotkin, Ph.D., Texas A&M University, 797 Lamar Street, 4115 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843, proposes to determine the spatiotemporal distribution of sea turtles in Matagorda Bay, Texas. Green, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley, and loggerhead sea turtles would be captured using tangle nets, biologically sampled (scute, skin), tagged (flipper), satellite and/or acoustic tagged (epoxy attachment), measured, weighed, and photographed/videoed. Up to 10 of each species may be captured annually. The permit would be valid for up to 3 years from the date of issuance.

File No. 22988: Lawrence Wood, Ph.D., LDWood BioConsulting, Inc., 425 Kennedy Street, Jupiter, FL 33468, proposes to determine and describe the abundance, movements, and behavior of hawksbill turtles found on the barrier reefs of southeast Florida. Up to 50 hawksbill sea turtles may be captured annually by hand or dip net, biologically sampled (skin, epibiota), tagged (passive integrated transponder [PIT], flipper), measured, and photographed/videoed. A subset of turtles may receive a satellite tag and/or video tag assemblies (epoxy attachment) and be biologically sampled (blood, scute) prior to release. Additionally, up to 50 sea turtles may be harassed annually during surveys. The permit would be valid for 10 years from the date of issuance.

File No. 22991: NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818 (Michael Tosatto, Responsible Party), proposes to provide information on sea turtles biology, life history, post-hooking mortality, diving behavior, and migratory routes to aid in the development of methods to reduce sea turtles interactions with fishing gear. The applicant proposes to conduct research on green, hawksbill, loggerhead, leatherback, and olive ridley sea turtles bycaught in three longline Pacific fisheries (Hawaii Deep-Set Longline Fishery, Hawaii Shallow-Set Longline Fishery, and American Samoa Longline Fishery). Turtles may be flipper tagged, skin biopsied, satellite tagged (pygal or epoxy attachment), measured, and photographed/videoed prior to release. The applicant may conduct research on the number of turtles authorized to be incidentally taken in each fishery. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: July 8, 2019.

Julia Marie Harrison,
Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Research and Development Enterprise Committee (RDEC); Public Comment for the NOAA Research and Development Plan

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth a public comment for NOAA's Research and Development (R&D) Plan set for release in 2019. NOAA R&D is an investment in the scientific knowledge and technology that will allow the United States to protect lives and property, adapt to challenges, sustain a strong economy, and manage natural resources. The R&D strategic plan will provide a common understanding among NOAA's leadership, workforce, partners, and constituents on the value and direction of NOAA R&D activities.

DATES: Comments are due by August 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit public comments via email to noaa.rdplan@noaa.gov. Include "NOAA R&D Plan Public Comment on Draft Plan" in the subject line of the message. All comments received are part of the public record. Please refer to the web page <https://nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans.aspx> for the most up-to-date R&D plan draft document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gary Matlock, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, NOAA, Rm. 11461, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1185; Email: gary.c.matlock@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA RDEC website at <https://nrc.noaa.gov/About/Committees.aspx>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Key vision statement areas of the plan include: (1) Reduced societal impacts from severe weather and other environmental phenomena; (2) Sustainable use of ocean and coastal resources; and (3) A robust and effective research, development, and transition enterprise.

Comments may address the proposed vision statements, key questions, objectives, document structure, and other content and formatting aspects of the draft R&D Plan.

Authority: NAO 216-115A.

Dated: March 14, 2019.

David Holst,
Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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.

Title: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Recreational Landings and Bluefin Tuna Catch Reports.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0328.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (Extension, without change, of a currently approved collection).

Number of Respondents: 15,761.

Average Hours per Response: 5-10 minutes per landings report; 1 hour for state reports.

Burden Hours: 1,786.

Needs and Uses: Catch reporting from recreational and commercial handgear fisheries provides important data used to monitor catches of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) and supplements other existing data collection programs. Data collected through this program are used for both domestic and international fisheries management and stock assessment purposes.

Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) catch reporting provides real-time catch information used to monitor the BFT fishery. Under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (ATCA, 16 U.S.C. 971), the United States is required to adopt regulations, as necessary and appropriate, to implement recommendations of the

International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), including recommendations on a specified BFT quota. BFT catch reporting helps the United States monitor this quota and supports scientific research consistent with ATCA and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). Recreational anglers and commercial handgear fishermen are required to report specific information regarding their catch of BFT.

Atlantic billfish and swordfish are managed internationally by ICCAT and nationally under ATCA and the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This collection provides information needed to monitor the recreational catch of Atlantic blue marlin, white marlin, and roundscale spearfish, which is applied to the recreational limit established by ICCAT, and the recreational catch of North Atlantic swordfish, which is applied to the U.S. quota established by ICCAT. This collection also provides information on recreational landings of West Atlantic sailfish, which is unavailable from other established monitoring programs.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; and State, Local, or Tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion; Weekly/Bi-weekly; Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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