the primary vessel the permit is used on, changing the wording in the instructions for the box describing the deposited material to include the “type and specific geographic origin” of the material, and adding a yes/no check box for whether a sample of the deposit material has been provided to NMFS. Also, this revision removes the responses, time and cost burden associated with the South Atlantic rock shrimp VMS requirement and transfers those responses, time and cost burden to the OMB Control No. 0648–0544 information collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Mandatory.

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.

Dated: July 9, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE048

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Electronic Monitoring Workgroup (EMWG) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held July 30–31st, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Coast International Inn, 3450 Aviation Avenue, Anchorage, AK.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; phone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include: (a) Discussion of 2015 research results; (b) discussion of the draft 2016 EM pre-implementation proposal; (c) update on budget; (d) discussion of EM research on pot cod vessels; (e) any other business. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at http://www.npfmc.org/.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271–2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 10, 2015.

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

RIN 0648–XR52

Marine Mammals; File No. 14534

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA’s Office of Science and Technology, Silver Spring, MD, (Brandon Southall, Ph.D.—Principal Investigator) has been issued a minor amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 14534–02.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith or Howard Goldstein, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 through 226).

The original permit (No. 14534), issued on July 2, 2010 (75 FR 39665) through June 30, 2015 authorized research on a variety of marine mammals, and involves temporarily attaching individual recording tags to measure vocalization, diving and other behaviors, and physiological parameters before, during, and after carefully controlled exposures of sound in conventional playback experiments. The research is focused in the waters within the U.S. Navy’s Southern California Range Complex, and primarily near the vicinity of San Clemente Island. A minor amendment to the permit (No. 14534–01) was issued on August 30, 2010 to combine long-beaked common dolphins and short-beaked common dolphins into a single “unidentified common dolphin” category for takes by harassment incidental to the playbacks.

A second, major amendment (No. 14534–02) was issued on May 14, 2012 (77 FR 33199) that added endangered humpback whales (Megaptera novaeangliae) as an additional focal species for tagging and intentional exposure to sound playbacks with associated behavioral observations. The amendment also increased the number of non-ESA listed minke whales (Balaenoptera acutorostrata) and killer whales (Orcinus orca) that may be harassed annually.

The current minor amendment (No. 14534–03) extends the duration of the permit through June 30, 2016, but does not change any other terms or conditions of the permit.

Dated: July 9, 2015.

Julia 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

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority

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 14, 2015.

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 Tracey Thompson, (301) 427–8505 or Tracey.Thompson@doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principal state fishery official who will perform duties under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state authority over a managed fishery. Nominees for council membership must provide the governor or tribe with background documentation, which is then submitted to NOAA with the nomination. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act are being met.

II. Method of Collection

State governors and Indian treaty tribes submit written nominations to the Secretary of Commerce, together with recommendations and statements of candidates’ qualifications. Designations of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0314.

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

AFFECTED PUBLIC: State, Local or Tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s) or for a request to reinstate authority; 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment; 16 hours for background documentation for nominees.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,607.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $795 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 9, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,
NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.
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