between one week and eight weeks of age. Protocols not requiring sedation (mass, morphometrics, core and surface temperatures, metabolic rates) as well as protocols requiring anesthesia (body composition, biopsies, and blood volume analysis) will be conducted on five individuals at all four time points under manual restraint. Metabolic and morphometric measurements will be conducted on a separate cohort of five pups at each of the four time points. The applicant is also proposing to take up to 350 animals for flipper tag reading, thermal imaging, and incidental harassment due to work with conspecifics. Take of seven Weddell seal pups, 15 Weddell seal adult females, and 20 crabeater seals is also requested due to harassment from capturing the Weddell seal pups. Up to two pup mortalities are requested annually, not to exceed three over the two field seasons. The permit would be valid for two years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.


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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 14, 2017.

ADDRESS: Comments regarding the burden estimated or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in OMB, within 30 days of the notice’s publication, by email at OIRAAsubmissions@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the comments by OMB Control No. 3038–0070. Please provide the Commission with a copy of all submitted documents at the address listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0070, found on http:// reginfo.gov. Comments may also be mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503. You may also submit comments, identified by “Renewal of Collection Pertaining to Real-Time Public Reporting and Block Trade,” to the Commission by any of the following methods:

• The Agency’s Web site, at http:// comments.cftc.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Web site.

• Mail: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Same as Mail above.

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http:// www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Portal.

Please submit your comments using only one method.

A copy of the supporting statements for the collection of information discussed above may be obtained by visiting http://regInfo.gov. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to http:// www.cftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Dunfee, Assistant General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418–5396; email: jwdunfee@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Real-Time Public Reporting and Block Trade (OMB Control No. 3038–0070). This is a request for extension of currently approved information collections.

Abstract: Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) added to the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) new section 2(a)(13), which establishes standards and requirements related to real-time reporting and the public availability of swap transaction and pricing data. Section 2(a)(13) and part 43 of the Commission’s Regulations require reporting parties to publish real-time swap transactions and pricing data to the general public. Without the frequency of reporting set forth in part 43, the Commission would not be able to adequately assess the swap markets and, more importantly, would fail to achieve the frequency of reporting and promotion of increased price discovery in the swaps market which are mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act.

Burden Statement: Part 43 of the Commission’s regulations results in three information collection requirements within the meaning of the PRA. The first collection of information requirement under part 43 imposes a reporting requirement on registered swap execution facilities (“SEFs”) or designated contract markets (“DCMs”) when a swap is executed on a trading facility or on the parties to a swap transaction when the swap is executed bilaterally. The second collection of information requirement under part 43 of the Commission’s regulations creates a public dissemination requirement on registered swap data repositories (“SDRs”). The third collection of information requirement imposes a recordkeeping requirement for SEFs, DCMs, SDRs and any reporting party (as such term is defined in part 43 of the Commission’s regulations).

The Commission notes that rather than the initial estimate of 40 SEFs, there currently are 25 SEFs either registered with the Commission or with registration pending. The Commission notes that rather than the initial estimate of 18 DCMs, there currently are 15 DCMs registered with the Commission. The Commission notes that rather than the initial estimate of 15 SDRs, there currently are 4 SDRs registered with the Commission. Based on the experience gained by the Commission with regard to SDRs, the Commission estimates that rather than the initial estimate of 750 reporting parties who are not swap dealers (“SDs”) or major swap participants (“MSPs”), and who contract with third parties to satisfy their reporting obligations, there are 496 such reporting...
The Commission estimates that rather than the initial estimate of 250 reporting parties who are not swap dealers (“SDs”) or major swap participants (“MSPs”), and who satisfy their reporting obligations themselves, there are 207 such reporting parties.6 The burden hours for each entity category based upon these new estimates are noted in the applicable table below.

**RECURRING ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR SEFs**

**Respondents/Affected Entities: SEFs.**
Estimated number of respondents: 25. Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 52,000 hours.7

**RECURRING ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR DCMs**

**Respondents/Affected Entities: DCMs.**
Estimated number of respondents: 15. Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 31,200 hours.8

**RECURRING ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR SDRs**

**Respondents/Affected Entities: SDRs.**
Estimated number of respondents: 4. Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 27,600 hours.9

**RECURRING ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR NON SD/MSPS USING THIRD PARTY**

**Respondents/Affected Entities: Non SD/MSPs Using Third Party.**
Estimated number of respondents: 496. Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 10,912 hours.10

**RECURRING ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS FOR NON SD/MSPs REPORTING THEMSELVES**

**Respondents/Affected Entities: Non SD/MSPs Reporting Themselves.**
Estimated number of respondents: 207. Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 139,932 hours.11

In addition to the above burden hours for compliance with part 43 obligations generally, the Commission determined that certain market participants would incur burden hours associated with the masking of the geographic detail of the underlying assets to a swap in the other commodity asset class, and with the election to have a swap transaction treated as a block trade or large notional off-facility swap.14 The Commission initially estimated that respondent SDRs would incur an aggregate of 833 annual burden hours in connection with the masking of geographic detail of the underlying assets to a swap in the other commodity asset class.13 Based on the Commission’s observation of registered SDRs’ operations and compliance with part 43’s requirements, the Commission is increasing this estimate and now estimates that SDRs will incur an aggregate of 3,307 annual burden hours in connection with the masking of geographic detail of the underlying assets to a swap in the other commodity asset class.13

The Commission initially estimated that market participants would incur an aggregate of 2,167 annual burden hours in connection with the election to have a swap transaction treated as a block trade.15 Based on the Commission’s observation of market participants’ compliance with part 43’s requirements, the Commission is increasing this estimate and now estimates that market participants will incur an aggregate of 3,648 annual burden hours in connection with the election to have a swap transaction treated as a block trade.15

The Commission initially estimated that market participants would incur an aggregate of 2,255 annual burden hours in connection with the election to have a swap transaction treated as a large notional off-facility swap.17 Based on

- 6 See 77 FR at 1230.
- 7 See 77 FR at 1230.
- 8 2,080 average recurring burden hours per respondent SEF x 25 registered SEFs = 52,000 total burden hours for all registered SEFs.
- 9 2,080 average recurring burden hours per respondent DCM x 15 registered DCMs = 31,200 total burden hours for all registered DCMs.
- 10 6,900 average recurring burden hours per respondent SDR x 4 registered SDRs = 27,600 total burden hours for all registered SDRs.
- 11 22 average recurring burden hours per respondent x 496 respondents = 10,912 total burden hours for all respondents.
- 12 676 average recurring burden hours per respondent x 207 respondents = 139,932 total burden hours for all respondents.
- 13 See 78 FR 32866, 32913.
- 14 See 78 FR 32866, 32915 (50,000 other commodity swaps with masked locations x 0.0167 hours (one minute) of burden per response = 833 total burden hours).
- 15 198,022 other commodity swaps with masked locations x 0.0167 hours (one minute) of burden per response = 3,307 total annual burden hours.
- 16 See 78 FR 32866, 32913–14 (125,000 elections by SDRs/MSMPs x 5,000 elections by nonSDs/MSMPs = 130,000 total annual elections. 130,000 elections x 0.0167 hours (one minute) of burden per response = 2,167 total annual burden hours).
- 17 218,428 block trades x 0.0167 hours (one minute) of burden per response = 3,648 total annual burden hours.