

(f) When the station is transmitting under the authority of a reciprocal permit for alien amateur licensee, a CEPT radio-amateur license, or an IARP, an indicator consisting of the appropriate letter-numeral designating the station location must be included before, after, or both before and after, the call sign issued to the station by the licensing country. When the station is transmitting under the authority of an amateur service license issued by the Government of Canada, the station location indicator must be included after or both before and after the call sign. At least once during each intercommunication, the identification announcement must include the geographical location as nearly as possible by city and state, commonwealth or possession.

7. In § 97.301, the introductory text of paragraphs (a) and (b) are revised to read as follows:

§ 97.301 Authorized frequency bands.

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(a) For a station having a control operator who has been granted a Technician, Technician Plus, General, Advanced, or Amateur Extra Class operator license or who holds a CEPT radio-amateur license or IARP of any class:

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(b) For a station having a control operator who has been granted an Amateur Extra Class operator license or who holds a CEPT radio-amateur license Class 1 license or Class 1 IARP:

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 575

Consumer Information Regulations

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the request for public comments on proposed collections of information, which was published Wednesday, August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44391). The regulations related to the information reporting requirements for consumer information contained in 49 CFR Part 575 sections 575.103 and 575.105.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 28, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Kosek (202) 366-2590 (not a toll-free call).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background:

Reinstatement of OMB Clearance for 49 CFR Part 575—Consumer Information Regulations. NHTSA must ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers comply with 49 CFR Part 575, Consumer Information Regulation Part 575.103—Truck camper loading and Part 575.105—Utility Vehicles.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 575

Truck-camper loading, Utility vehicles, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Accordingly, the notice is corrected by revising the following text to include information that was inadvertently omitted:

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information—In order to ensure that motor vehicle manufacturers are complying with 49 CFR Part 575, NHTSA needs consumer information from manufacturers of new light trucks and utility vehicles before this information is distributed to prospective purchasers and first purchasers of a vehicle. For each report, the manufacturer will provide technical information related to performance and safety of light trucks and utility vehicles.

For truck-camper loading, the information provided may be used to reduce overloading and improper load distribution in truck-camper combinations, in order to prevent accidents resulting from the adverse effects of these conditions on vehicle steering and braking.

For utility vehicles, the information provided is used to alert drivers that the particular handling and maneuvering characteristics of utility vehicles require special driving practices when those vehicles are operated on paved roads.

Description of the likely respondents (including estimated number, and proposed frequency of response to the collection of information)—NHTSA anticipates that no more than 15 vehicle manufacturers will be affected by the reporting requirements. NHTSA does not believe any of these 15 motor vehicle manufacturers are small businesses (i.e., manufacturers that employ less than 500 persons), since each manufacturer employs more than 500 persons. Manufacturers of light trucks and utility vehicles must file one

response annually, which may be amended only if the information changes as a result of a new model being introduced.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 229

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Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Plan; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public scoping meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intention to begin scoping for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) for anticipated proposed rulemaking under the Take Reduction Plan provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The intended effect is to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in the course of commercial fishing operations.

DATES: The scoping meeting will be held on October 22, 1996, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Written comments on the scope of the EIS or EA must be submitted by November 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the Inn at the Crossing, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886, (401) 732-6000. Scoping comments and requests for additional information should be sent to Doug Beach, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, fax (508) 281-9301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Beach, (508) 281-9254, fax (508) 281-9301, or Victoria Cornish, (301) 713-2322, fax (301) 713-0376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 118(f) of the MMPA requires NMFS to develop and implement a Take Reduction Plan that is intended to assist in the recovery or that prevents the depletion of each strategic marine mammal stock(s) that interacts with

certain fisheries. The immediate goal of the plan is to reduce, within 6 months of its implementation, the incidental mortality or serious injury of strategic marine mammals incidentally taken in the course of commercial fishing to levels less than the Potential Biological Removal (PBR) level established for that stock. The long-term goal of the plan shall be to reduce, within 5 years of its implementation, the incidental mortality or serious injury of marine mammals incidentally taken in the course of commercial fishing to insignificant levels approaching a zero mortality and serious injury rate, taking into account the economics of the fishery, the availability of existing technology, and existing state or regional fishery management plans.

Each plan shall include a review of the information in the final stock assessment published under section 117(b) and any new information; an estimate of the total number and, if possible, age and gender, of animals from the stock that are being incidentally lethally taken or seriously injured each year during the course of commercial fishing operations; recommended regulatory or voluntary measures for the reduction of incidental mortality and serious injury; and recommended dates for achieving the specific objectives of the plan.

In accordance with section 118(f)(6)(A), NMFS established the Atlantic Offshore Cetacean Take Reduction Team (TRT) for the U.S. Atlantic large pelagics drift gillnet, pair trawl, and longline fisheries on May 23,

1996 (61 FR 25846). All three fisheries interact with the following strategic marine mammal stocks: long-finned and short-finned pilot whales and the offshore stock of bottlenose dolphin. The U.S. Atlantic large pelagics pair trawl fishery also interacts with common dolphins and unidentified stocks of beaked whales, and the U.S. Atlantic large pelagics drift gillnet fishery also interacts with common dolphins, Cuvier's beaked whales, True's beaked whales, Gervais' beaked whales, Blaineville's beaked whales, Sowerby's beaked whales, Atlantic spotted dolphins, Pantropical spotted dolphins, Atlantic white-sided dolphins, and three species of endangered large whales: the humpback whale, the northern right whale, and the sperm whale. These stocks are considered strategic under the MMPA because they are either listed as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act or because the levels of human-caused mortality are greater than their PBR levels.

A draft plan will be developed by the Atlantic Offshore Cetacean TRT and will be forwarded to NMFS by November 23, 1996. NMFS then has 60 days to publish a proposed plan, along with any proposed implementing regulations, as necessary.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to receive comments in anticipation of an EIS or EA that may be prepared for the final plan and any regulations that may be necessary to implement the provisions of the plan. Any EIS or EA prepared would examine the

environmental impacts of management alternatives considered in the plan to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in this fishery, as well as assessing, based on currently available information, the impacts of the plan and implementing regulations on the human environment, marine mammals, and other protected species in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The scoping meeting is scheduled to coincide with the second day of the last meeting of the TRT on October 21 - 22, 1996. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. The scoping meeting will include a short presentation from NMFS staff outlining the take reduction plan process and options that are being considered and will allow a minimum of 2 1/2 hours for public comment. NMFS is also requesting written comments to be submitted by mail or by fax, until November 23, 1996, and background materials are available (see **ADDRESSES**). The meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Doug Beach at (508) 281-9254 by October 14, 1996.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.

Dated: October 3, 1996.

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*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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