

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Vernon Leeworthy, 301-713-3000, extension 138, or at Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain socioeconomic monitoring information in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS). In 1997, regulations became effective that created a series of "no take zones" in the FKNMS. Monitoring programs are used to test the ecological and socioeconomic impacts of the "no take zones". Two voluntary data collection efforts support the socioeconomic monitoring program.

The first collection involves a set of four panels on commercial fishing operations, where commercial fishermen will be interviewed to assess financial performance and to assess the impacts of Sanctuary regulations. The information on catch, effort, revenues, operating and capital costs will be obtained to do financial performance analysis. Seven years of data collection have been completed and this application is to complete the efforts for years eight through ten. Information on socioeconomic factors for developing profiles of the commercial fishermen such as age, sex, education level, household income, marital status, number of family members, race/ethnicity, percent of income derived from fishing, percent of income derived from study area, years of experience in fishing will be gathered to compare panels with the general commercial fishing population. The data would be collected annually.

The second collection will monitor recreational for-hire operations through the use of dive logs for estimating use in the "no take areas" versus other areas for snorkeling, scuba diving and glass-bottom boat rides. Volunteers or a contractor will collect the logbooks monthly.

II. Method of Collection

Face-to-face interviews will generally be used. Dive shops will be requested to share their logbooks.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0409.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours for a commercial fishing panel member interview and 10 hours for a dive shop interview.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 790.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: February 14, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate and notice of availability of final findings.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performances of the Kachemak Bay (Alaska) National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Apalachicola (Florida) National Estuarine Research Reserve, the Michigan Coastal Management Program, the Virginia Coastal Management Program, and the Indiana Coastal Management Program.

The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L. The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart E and part 923, subpart L. The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Coastal Management Program document or Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meeting during the site visits.

The Kachemak Bay (Alaska) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held April 3-6, 2006. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, 95 Sterling Highway, Homer, Alaska.

The Apalachicola (Florida) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held May 1-3, 2006. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Apalachicola Community Center, 222 6th Street, Apalachicola, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

The Michigan Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 8–12, 2006. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 7 p.m. at Northwestern Michigan College, Great Lakes Campus, Great Lakes Water Studies Institute, Room 112, 715 East Front Street, Traverse City, Michigan.

The Virginia Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 15–19, 2006. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2006, at 4 p.m. at the Department of Environmental Quality, First Floor Conference Room, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

The Indiana Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 30–June 2, 2006. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, at 6 p.m. at the Westchester Public Library Service Center, 100 West Indiana Avenue, Chesterton, Indiana.

Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting held for a Program. Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluations are completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the South Carolina and Maine Coastal Management Programs (CMPs) and the Wells (Maine) National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The states of South Carolina and Maine were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in

CZMA section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. The Wells (Maine) NERR was found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563–7118.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

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Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Applications for two scientific research permits and one permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received three scientific research permit application requests relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on March 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the applications should be sent to Protected

Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232–1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503–230–5441 or by e-mail to resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503–231–2005, Fax: 503–230–5441, e-mail: Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available from the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in This Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): endangered upper Columbia River (UCR); threatened lower Columbia River (LCR); threatened upper Willamette River (UWR).

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened middle Columbia River (MCR); threatened UCR; threatened UWR; threatened LCR.

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR.

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received

Permit 1559

The Oregon State University (OSU) is asking for a 3-year research permit to take adult and juvenile UCR Chinook salmon, UCR steelhead, MCR steelhead, UWR Chinook salmon, and UWR steelhead in randomly-selected river systems in Oregon and Washington. The research was previously approved under Permit 1156; it is designed to help managers assess the condition of rivers and streams in the 12 conterminous