

one matchmaking meetings, (3) in-depth workshops on doing business in Brazil, and (4) all logistical support. We expect that individuals—after participating in the mission—will feel comfortable operating in Brazil and, thus, will know how to establish an effective strategy to penetrate and/or expand their commercial presence in Brazil.

Participation Criteria

A maximum of 15 companies will be selected to participate in the mission. Participants must be potential exporters to and/or investors in the state of Bahia or neighboring regions. We will assess a company's potential to penetrate the Brazilian market in light of the opportunities in Bahia and select the best candidates based on the following factors: (1) Consistency of a company's goals with the scope, nature and desired outcome of the mission as described herein; (2) Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the mission; (3) Past, present and prospective business activity in Bahia (and Brazil); (4) Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional under-representation in business; and (5) Timeliness of completed application by company (including payment of participation fee).

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

Endorsements/Referrals

Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies that are nominated or endorsed must themselves submit an application in order to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

Costs: The fee to participate in the mission is \$750. The participation fee does not cover the participants' travel, lodging or other personal expenses.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Walter Bastian,

Director, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Southeast Region Federal Fisheries Permits

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Edward E. Burgess, Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702, (813) 570-5326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This mandatory requirement is being implemented under authority of 50 CFR 622.4. Commercial fishermen and dealers participating in certain Federally-controlled fisheries are required to obtain fishing or dealer permits. Federal permits are a major component of fishery management in the Southeast. Identification and control of fishing vessels and dealers through a permit system are necessary in rebuilding stressed fish stocks.

II. Method of Collection

Vessel owners and fishery dealers must submit applications for federal fishing permits. In most cases fishery permit applications are filled out using data which had previously been submitted and mailed to the applicant. The applicant need only modify any data which has changed and choose the desired permits.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0205.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Commercial fishermen and seafood dealers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: The response time varies by the type of permit requirement. Generally vessel permits are estimated to take 20 minutes

per application and dealer permits 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,431 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: Fishermen are charged for the administrative cost of issuing the permit. This annual cost is expected to be \$310,000.

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: April 11, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Antarctic Marine Living Resources Conservation and Management Measures

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robin Tuttle, F/ST, Room 14212, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-2282).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pursuant to the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Act (1984), NOAA regulates harvesting, importing and research activities in the Antarctic area. Permits are issued and forms are used to collect information from an anticipated six respondents for the conservation and management of resources and to meet the treaty obligations of the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

II. Method of Collection

Fishers seeking permits to fish in the Convention Area submit permit application forms to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Fishers holding permits and fishing in the Convention Area keep daily logs. Logbooks are submitted at the conclusion of a fishing season, with every 5-day, 10-day, or monthly reporting (by cable, telex or fax) of certain species catch. Fishers proposing to conduct a new or exploratory fishery are required to submit information describing the operation. Importers seeking to import fish harvested from the Convention area submit permit application forms to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Importers holding permits submit import tickets reporting each importation. Researchers who anticipate catches of less than 50 tons of finfish submit a notification of research vessel activity. Researchers who anticipate catches of greater than 50 tons of finfish submit plans for finfish surveys. Persons proposing to enter a CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring (CEMP) site submit an application for an entry permit and report annually on CEMP site activity.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0194.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Individuals

requesting/holding permits to harvest or import resources from the Convention Area.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4-6.

Estimated Time Per Response: Permit applications for established fisheries are expected to take ½ hour each to complete. Applications for new or exploratory fisheries should take 16 to forty hours, respectively, but are a function of how much or how little is known about the fishery, and therefore, cannot be reliably predicted. Import tickets should take no more than 15 minutes each to complete since the information requested tracks data previously supplied in applying for an import permit. CEMP site entry applications should require about one hour to complete. An annual CEMP site activity report should require ½ hour. There are currently no U.S. fishers holding permits to fish in the Convention Area. There is no U.S. Research underway or planned which will exceed the tonnage figures required for reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 54½ hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1090.00.

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: April 11, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of three applications for scientific research permits (P631, P633, P644).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of California, Jackson Demonstration State Forest at Fort Bragg, CA (JDSF); William M. Kier and Associates at Sausalito, CA (KIER); and ENTRIX Incorporated at Walnut Creek, CA (ENTRIX) have applied in due form for permits authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before May 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Protected Species Division in Santa Rosa, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: JDSF, KIER, and ENTRIX request permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

JDSF (P631) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies on JDSF lands in Mendocino County. The studies consist of three assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, and 3) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and