

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF ALASKA AND PACIFIC (INCLUDING HAWAII) MARINE MAMMAL STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR STOCKS OF MARINE MAMMALS UNDER NMFS AUTHORITY THAT OCCUPY WATERS UNDER U.S. JURISDICTION. A "Y" UNDER THE HEADING "SAR REVISED?" INDICATES THAT THE 1998 STOCK ASSESSMENT REPORT HAS BEEN REVISED RELATIVE TO THE 1996 REPORT—Continued

| Species | Stock area | SRG region | NMFS center | Nmin | Rmax | Fr | PBR | Total annual mort. | Annual fish. mort. | Strategic status | SAR revised ? |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------|------|-----|-----|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Melon-headed whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Pygmy killer whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| False killer whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Killer whale ... | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Pilot whale, short-finned. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Blainville's beaked whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Cuvier's beaked whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Pygmy sperm whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Dwarf sperm whale. | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |
| Sperm whale | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y | |
| Blue whale | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y | |
| Fin whale | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.1 | N/A | N/A | N/A | Y | |
| Bryde's whale | Hawaii | PAC | SWC | N/A | 0.04 | 0.5 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N | |

¹ N/A means that an estimate for the affected value is not available.

² The IWC subsistence quota is not affected by the calculation of PBR using the formula specified in the MMPA.

³ Effort data for the 1995–1996 mid-Atlantic coastal sink gillnet and 1996 Atlantic squid, mackerel, butterfish trawl fisheries are currently under review. The estimated mortalities attributed to these fisheries will be included in the final 1998 SAR.

⁴ This value includes either or both of *Stenella frontalis* or *Stenella attenuata*.

⁵ Estimates may include sightings of the coastal form.

⁶ Effort data for the 1995–1996 mid-Atlantic coastal sink gillnet fishery is currently under review. The estimated mortalities will be available in the final 1998 SAR.

⁷ This estimate includes Cuvier's beaked whales and mesoplodon beaked whales.

⁸ This is the average mortality of beaked whales (*Mesoplodon* sp.) based on 5 years of observer data. This annual mortality rate includes an unknown number of Cuvier's beaked whales.

⁹ This estimate includes both long-finned and short-finned pilot whales.

¹⁰ Effort data for the Atlantic squid, mackerel, butterfish trawl fishery are currently under review; it is likely that the additional estimated mortality from this fishery will cause the 1992–1996 average total mortality to exceed PBR.

¹¹ This is the average mortality of right whales based on 5 years of observer data (0.0) and additional fishery impact records (1.0).

¹² This is the average mortality of humpback whales based on 5 years of observer data (0.7) and additional fishery impact records (3.8).

¹³ This value may include either or both of the Gulf of Mexico, continental shelf edge and slope and the outer continental shelf stocks of bottlenose dolphins.

¹⁴ Low levels of bottlenose dolphin mortality (0–4 per year) incidental to commercial fisheries have been reported. It is unknown to which stock this mortality can be attributed.

¹⁵ Estimates derived from stranded animals with signs of fishery interactions, and these could be either coastal or estuary stocks.

¹⁶ This entry encompasses 33 stocks of bottlenose dolphins. All stocks are considered strategic; see the full report for information on individual stocks. The listed estimates for abundance, PBR and mortality are sums across all bays, sounds, and estuaries.

¹⁷ Although the calculated PBR is 4.8, the allowable take is zero due to findings under the ESA.

¹⁸ This value includes a species-specific minimum abundance estimate of 123 Blainville's beaked whales, *Mesoplodon densirostris*.

¹⁹ This PBR includes 2.2 Blainville's beaked whales.

²⁰ This PBR has been adjusted because only 0.2 percent of this stock is estimated to be in U.S. waters.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Public Search Room

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, 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 September 22, 1998.

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 should be directed to the attention of Catherine Hollan, Acting Manager, at the Public Search Services Division, Information Dissemination Organizations, Crystal Plaza 3 Rm2C04, 2021 South Clark Place, Arlington, Va. 22202, by telephone at (703) 306–2608 or by facsimile transmission to (703) 308–0876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is required by 35 USC 41(I)(1) to maintain a Public Search Facility to provide patent and trademark collections for the public to search and retrieve information. The Public Search Facilities are maintained for public use with paper and automated search files and trained staff to assist searchers. The Public Search Facilities are available to everyone.

In order to maintain and control the patent and trademark collections so that the information is available to the public, the PTO issues Public User ID badges to users who wish to use the Public Search Facilities. For many years, the PTO issued paper User IDs, but the PTO is developing an electronic badging database for the issuance of plastic ID badges.

The new plastic ID badge will show a color photograph of the user, a bar-coded user number, and an expiration date. The new badging system will allow the PTO to electronically store the information, which can be updated periodically. The ID system (current and proposed) is designed to enable the PTO to (a) identify users of patent and trademark documents, (b) confine user access to public areas, (c) locate and control access to patent and trademark documents, and (d) identify users of PTO services.

The User badge enables the PTO to accurately track use of the documents and to identify any misusers of the search facilities. The PTO uses the ID badges to identify, counsel, and sanction users who destroy, misfile, or remove documents from its collections, or who mishandle its equipment. The Public User ID also grants to the public limited access to the non-public parts of the PTO, such as the Examiner's areas. Access to these areas requires that users wear a visible PTO employee ID, a contractor ID, or a Public User ID. (The proposed Public User ID badges will enable the PTO to immediately confirm a user's identity via an on-the-spot comparison with the badges' color photograph.)

For its ID system, the PTO collects the following mandatory identifying information: name and mailing address (as verified on a picture ID such as a driver's license), and signature. (The future system will require a digital photograph of users.) Optional information includes telephone number, PTO Attorney Registration Number, and company affiliations, if any.

II. Method of Collection

The written application for the Public User ID is completed on site and handed to a staff member to enter into the system.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without OMB control number.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, state, local or tribal governments, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,713 respondents per year after the first year. For the first year, it is estimated that there will be 571 fewer respondents because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year.

Estimated Time Per Response: Approximately five minutes to complete the application for a Public User ID and renew the Public User ID Badge, and approximately ten minutes to issue the Public User ID Badge.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 188 hours per year after the first year. For the first year, it is estimated that the burden will only be 141 hours because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$14,714.76 per year after the first year. It is estimated that the annual respondent cost burden will be only \$11,036.07 for the first year because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year. No capital expenditures are required—the estimate is for the time it takes for applicants to provide the information.

| Title of form | Form number(s) | Estimated time for response (mins) | Estimated annual burden hours | Estimated annual responses |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Issue Public User ID Badge | No Forms Associated | 10 | 94 | 571 |
| Renew Public User ID Badge (subsequent years) | No Forms Associated | 5 | 47 | 571 |
| Application for Public User ID | New Form ##### | 5 | 47 | 571 |
| Totals | | | 188 | 1,713 |

Note: The total estimated annual burden hours and estimated annual responses shown in this table include the figures for renewing the Public User ID Badge. The PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges in the first year. The PTO estimates the annual burden hours for the first year without the renewals to be 141 and the estimated annual responses to be 1,142.

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 will 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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice shall be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,
Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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AGENCY: Office of the Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) for Policy Support.