

this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order. *Reasons:* This instrument is unique in that it combines the sensitivity, long life, and reproducibility of thermopile sensors with a large internal working volume capable of containing the molten oxide solvents used for calorimetry and operating in the range 700–1000 degrees Celsius where such solvents are molten. Conventional differential scanning calorimeters, made by other companies, are completely different in design and do not feature the large sample volume surrounded by a sensitive detector that is essential for solution calorimetry.

*Docket Number:* 12–001. *Applicant:* The Regents of the University of California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Road M/S 71R0259, Berkeley, CA 94720. *Instrument:* Berkeley Lab Laser Accelerator “BELLA” 1.3 petawatt laser system. *Manufacturer:* Thales Optronique S.A., France. *Intended Use:* See notice at 77 FR 5768, February 6, 2012. *Comments:* None received.

*Decision:* Approved. We know of no instruments of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as this is intended to be used, that was being manufactured in the United States at the time of order. *Reasons:* Requirements of this system include that it is characterized by a short pulse, high intensity, Ti:sapphire laser able to demonstrate a 10 GeV laser-plasma accelerator module with a pulse energy of 40 Joules on target and a pulse duration of <40 femtoseconds at optimum compression with a repetition rate of  $1\text{ Hz} \pm 5\%$ .

Dated: March 5, 2012.

**Gregory W. Campbell,**  
*Director, Subsidies Enforcement Office,*  
*Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gear-Marking Requirement for Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 11, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Kate Swails, (978) 282–8481 or [Kate.Swails@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Swails@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The purpose of this collection of information is to enable National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to reduce the serious injury and mortality of large whales, especially right whales, due to incidental entanglement in the United States (U.S.) commercial fishing gear. Any persons setting trap/pot of gillnet gear in some areas of the Atlantic Ocean are required to paint or otherwise mark their gear with one or two color codes, designating the type of gear and area where the gear is set. The surface buoys of this gear need to be marked to identify the vessel or fishery. These marking requirements apply in the various management areas under the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (ALWTRP), developed under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The goals of this collection of information are to obtain more information on where large whales are being entangled and on what type of gear is responsible for the entanglement. This information will allow NMFS to focus further risk reduction measures in certain areas or fisheries, where needed, to meet the goals of the ALWTRP. Also, fisheries observers can provide information to managers on whether regulations need to be modified to address compliance or safety issues.

##### II. Method of Collection

Information collected is in the form of gear marking.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0364.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 4,270.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Gear marking per vessel, 2 hours and 25 minutes; trip notification to observers, 2 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 10,235.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$6,755.

## 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: March 6, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**  
*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief*  
*Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council (Council); Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Reopening of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This action reopens the comment period of a notice published on December 21, 2011. The original comment period on the notice closed at 5 p.m., E.S.T., March 1, 2012; however, the Council's Executive Committee voted to reopen the comment period an additional 60 days. This notice reopens the comment period to 5 p.m., E.S.T., April 30, 2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., E.S.T., on April 30, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Travis Ford, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9233.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS published a NOI to prepare an EIS and announced public scoping meetings for the Council's Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan on December 21, 2011 (76 FR 79153). The comment period for the subject document closed on March 1, 2012. The Council's Executive Committee voted to reopen the comment period an additional 60 days. The closing date for comments has been extended to 5 p.m., E.S.T., April 30, 2012.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 6, 2012.

**Emily H. Menashes,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XB066**

#### Marine Recreational Fisheries of the United States; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS)/ Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Calibration Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** SEDAR and NOAA Fisheries Service will convene a workshop to consider calibration methods for the MRFSS and MRIP estimates of marine recreational fisheries harvest.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held March 27-29, 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The MRFSS/MRIP Calibration Workshop will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Raleigh Brownstone—University, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; telephone: (800) 331-7919 or (919) 828-0811.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, Science and Statistics Program Manager, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Changes in estimated recreational catch resulting from the revised estimation process developed through MRIP may have consequences to assessment and management of many fish stocks. Managers and scientists need to consider how revised marine recreational catch values will affect stock assessments and management actions, and how to best incorporate revised values into assessment and management systems. SEDAR and NOAA Fisheries are working cooperatively to address these recreational catch issues through the planned workshop. Workshop objectives are to review a range of studies that may provide insight for potential MRIP-MRFSS calibrations, develop possible calibration methods, and develop guidance for incorporating revised estimates into stock assessments.

*Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.:* Review of calibration methodologies applied in other monitoring programs and MRFSS/MRIP calibration studies.

*Wednesday, March 28, 2012: 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.:* Overview of catch estimates, impacts of re-estimates on stock assessments, discussion of calibration methods.

*Thursday, March 29, 2012, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.:* Discussion of calibration procedures and recommendations.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the South Atlantic Council office (4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; (843) 571-4366) at least 5 business days prior to the workshop.

Dated: March 6, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA999**

#### Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Notice; affirmative finding renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, (Assistant Administrator) has granted an affirmative finding 2-year renewal to the Government of Ecuador under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This affirmative finding renewal will allow yellowfin tuna harvested in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) in compliance with the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP) by Ecuadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under Ecuadorian jurisdiction to be imported into the United States. The affirmative finding renewal was based on review of documentary evidence submitted by the Government of Ecuador and obtained from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

**DATES:** The affirmative finding renewal is effective from April 1, 2011, through March 31, 2013 (retroactive).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone 562-980-4000; fax 562-980-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, the IATTC, or the Department of State.

The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP and obligations of membership in the IATTC. Every 5 years, the government of the harvesting nation must request an affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator. NMFS