

proposal to expand the NIST Handbook 44, Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) Systems Used for Vehicle Enforcement Screening—Tentative Code to also apply to legal-for-trade (commercial) and law enforcement applications. The TG is made up of representatives of WIM equipment manufacturers; the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration; truck weight enforcement agencies; state weights and measures agencies; and others. Mr. Alan Walker (State of Florida) serves as Chair of the TG. The Work Group formed by the U.S. Department of Transportation—Federal Highway Administration that developed the existing NIST Handbook 44 Code titled, “Weigh-In-Motion Systems Used for Vehicle Enforcement Screening—Tentative Code,” disbanded shortly following the adoption of that tentative code by the NCWM in 2015.

Members of the TG met face to face for the first time at the NCWM Annual Meeting in July 2016. It was agreed at that meeting to eliminate from the proposal any mention of a law enforcement application and focus solely on WIM systems intended for use in commercial applications. The primary focus of the TG since the July 2016 meeting has been to concentrate on the development of test procedures that can be used to verify the accuracy of a slow-speed WIM system while taking into consideration the different axle and tandem axle configurations of the vehicles that will typically be weighed by the system.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Anhydrous Ammonia Liquid-Measuring Devices

Item 3302–1 N.3. Test Drafts

The S&T Committee will consider a proposal recognizing the use of calibrated transfer standards (also called “master meters”) in the verification and calibration of Liquefied Petroleum Gas and Anhydrous Ammonia Liquid-Measuring Devices. Currently, most official tests of these devices are conducted using volumetric proving methods. The proposal outlined in this item includes requirements for a minimum test draft when using “master meters” in both service-related and official testing.

Mass Flow Meters

Item 3307–2 N.3. Test Drafts

The S&T Committee will consider a proposal recognizing the use of calibrated transfer standards (also called “master meters”) in the verification and calibration of Mass Flow Meters. Currently, most official tests of these devices are conducted using gravimetric

test procedures. The proposal outlined in this item includes requirements for a minimum test draft when using “master meters” in both service-related and official testing.

Taximeters and Transportation Network Measuring Systems

The NCWM will consider proposed changes to existing NIST Handbook 44, Code Section 5.54. Taximeters and the addition of a new tentative code to address “Transportation Network Systems” in the following items.

Taximeters

Item 3504–1 A.2. Exemptions

Item 3504–2 U.S. National Work Group (USNWG) on Taximeters—Taximeter Code Revisions and Global Positioning System (GPS)-Based Systems for Time and Distance Measurement

Transportation Network Systems (New Tentative Code): Item 3600–6 5.XX

Transportation Network Measurement Systems—Tentative Code and Appendix D. Definitions

For several years, the NIST U.S. National Work Group (USNWG) on Taximeters has discussed possible approaches for amending the NIST Handbook 44, Taximeters Code to specifically recognize GPS-based time and distance measuring systems that are used to assess charges for transportation services such as those provided by taxicabs. Appropriate specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for these devices must be developed for manufacturers and users of these devices, as well for weights and measures officials. Such requirements help ensure accuracy and transparency for customers and a level playing field for transportation service companies, enabling consumers to make value comparisons between competing services. In 2016, the USNWG on Taximeters submitted a proposal through multiple regional weights and measures associations to establish a separate NIST Handbook 44 code to address “Transportation Network Measurement Systems (TNMS).” Changes to the current NIST Handbook 44, Taximeters Code have also been proposed by the USNWG to recognize taximeters that are now being designed to operate using similar features and functionality as TNMS; these changes have been proposed in a separate item. The S&T Committee will present these proposals for a vote at the upcoming 2017 NCWM Annual Meeting.

NCWM L&R Committee

The following items are proposals to amend NIST Handbook 130 or NIST Handbook 133:

NIST Handbook 130—Section on Uniform Regulation for the Method of Sale of Commodities

Item 2301–6 Section 2.17. Precious Metals

The L&R Committee is recommending adoption of a revision to the uniform method of sale for precious metals that will enhance the ability of consumers to know whether they are getting a fair price for their precious metals. This proposal will allow a consumer to make an informed decision in doing an equitable trade or purchase and make value comparisons. This proposal is not for precious metals traded on the commodity market. If adopted, the proposal will require sellers to prominently display a table indicating grams and ounces, percentage of metal in mixtures, unit price, and if selling by SI a conversion chart to Troy ounces.

NIST Handbook 133

Item 2600–4 Section 4.5. Polyethylene Sheeting

The current test procedure in NIST Handbook 133, Section 4. Polyethylene Sheeting has provided a test procedure for only polyethylene sheeting and some bag type products. The L&R Committee is recommending for adoption a proposal to expand the current requirements to also include polyethylene bags (e.g., t-shirt bags, which retail stores put consumer goods in for carry-out) and can liners. If adopted, this proposal would clarify the test procedure and improve the accuracy of length determinations when determining test measurements for bags and liners, including bags with a cut out (t-shirt bags).

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272(b).

Dated: May 12, 2017.

Kevin Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF105

Endangered Species; File No. 21088

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; application for an enhancement of survival permit.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application for an enhancement of survival permit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and a request for entry into an associated Safe Harbor Agreement (Agreement) between the applicant and NMFS. The proposed enhancement of survival permit and Agreement are intended to promote the survival and recovery of the Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), which is listed as threatened under the ESA.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the action proposed in the application or related matters must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on June 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document and requests for a public hearing by any of the following methods. Please identify comments as relating to the "Hart Ranch Proposed Safe Harbor Agreement."

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic comments via the Federal Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0041>, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter, or attach your comments.

- **Mail, Email, or Fax:** Submit written comments and requests for a public hearing to California Coastal Office, NMFS WCR, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Comments and requests may also be submitted via fax to 707-825-4840 or by email to WCRHartRanchSHA.comments@noaa.gov.

Instructions: Comments sent by any other methods, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are part of the public record, and will generally be posted for public viewing on <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personally identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Information NMFS received as a part of the application is available upon request by contacting the NMFS West

Coast Region (WCR) at its California Coastal Office in Arcata, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Simondet, NOAA Fisheries California Coastal Office, 707-825-5171, email: WCRHartRanchSHA.comments@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Enhancement of survival permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-227). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Were 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 set forth in section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Under a Safe Harbor Agreement, participating landowners voluntarily undertake management activities on their property to enhance, restore, or maintain habitat benefiting species listed under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Safe Harbor Agreements, and the subsequent enhancement of survival permits that are issued pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, encourage private and other non-federal property owners to implement conservation efforts for listed species by assuring property owners that they will not be subjected to increased property-use restrictions as a result of their efforts to attract listed species to their property and increase the numbers or distribution of these species already on their property. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through Safe Harbor Agreements are found in 50 CFR 222.308(b), 222.308(c) and the Announcement of Final Safe Harbor Policy published on June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32717). The permit allows any necessary future incidental take of covered species above the mutually agreed-upon baseline conditions for those species in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit and accompanying Agreement.

Any interested party may submit data, views, arguments, or a request for a hearing with respect to the permit application and proposed Safe Harbor Agreement. Anyone requesting a hearing on a matter pursuant to this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such

hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Application Received (Permit 21088)

The Hart Ranch (Applicant) is requesting an enhancement of survival permit and approval of an associated proposed Agreement that was developed by NMFS and the Applicant. The enhancement of survival permit will facilitate implementation of the Agreement, which is expected to promote the recovery of the covered species on non-federal property within the Little Shasta River on the Hart Ranch. The Little Shasta River is a tributary to the Shasta River, (a tributary to the Klamath River) in Siskiyou County, California. The proposed duration of the Agreement and the associated enhancement of survival permit is 10 years. The proposed enhancement of survival permit would authorize the incidental taking of SONCC coho salmon that may be associated with covered activities, including beneficial management activities, routine ranch management activities, and the potential future return of the enrolled property to baseline conditions at the end of the Agreement, as defined in the Agreement. The Agreement specifies the beneficial management activities to be carried out on the enrolled property and a schedule for implementing those activities. The Agreement is expected to promote the recovery of SONCC coho salmon within the Hart Ranch.

The Safe Harbors policy encourages landowners to improve habitat for listed species on their property. Under the policy, NMFS determines a habitat baseline condition and any increase in a listed species population above that baseline condition that results from the landowner's voluntary stewardship efforts would not increase their regulatory responsibility or affect future land-use decisions. NMFS reviewed each present baseline and elevated baseline determination. The Agreement also contains a monitoring component that requires the Applicant to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, and that the baseline levels of habitat for the covered species occurs on the enrolled property. Results of the monitoring efforts will be provided to NMFS by the Applicant in an annual report for the duration of the 10-year permit term.

Upon approval of this Agreement, and consistent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency and NMFS's joint Safe Harbor Policy (64 FR 32717, June 17, 1999), NMFS will issue an enhancement of survival permit to the Applicant. The

enhancement of survival permit will authorize the Applicant to take SONCC coho salmon incidental to the implementation of the covered activities specified in the Agreement, incidental to other lawful uses of the enrolled property, and to return to present baseline and elevated baseline conditions, if desired, at the end of the Agreement. In addition to meeting other criteria, actions to be performed under the enhancement of survival permit must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed species.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and 50 CFR part 17 of federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish a notice announcing its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 11, 2017.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 16, 2017.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0022. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery.

Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 224-82, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Alfreida Pettiford, 202-245-6110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: ED-524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions.

OMB Control Number: 1894-0008.

Type of Review: An extension of an existing information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 5,400.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 94,500.

Abstract: The ED-524 form and instructions are included in U.S. Department of Education discretionary grant application packages and are needed in order for applicants to submit

summary-level budget data by budget category, as well as a detailed budget narrative, to request and justify their proposed grant budgets which are part of their grant applications.

Dated: May 11, 2017.

Stephanie Valentine,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0020]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; U.S. Department of Education Grant Performance Report Form (ED 524B)

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 16, 2017.

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