

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 Stephen P. Freese, F/NWO1-Trade and Industry Services Division, Bin C15700, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6113.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Abstract

Data on the costs and earnings of the four major groups of participants in the Pacific whiting industry will be collected. The following groups will be surveyed: (1) shorebased processors of whiting; (2) at-sea processors of whiting; (3) catcherboats that harvest Pacific whiting; and (4) processors of whiting wastes. Companies associated with these groups will be surveyed for production, cost, and revenue information. In general, questions will be asked concerning amount of time spent processing or harvesting whiting; amounts of whiting harvested, processed, or converted to waste; the harvesting or processing of species other than whiting; ex-vessel and wholesale revenues; product recovery rates; and fixed, variable, and capital costs. The data will be used for the Regulatory Impact Review (E.O. 12866) and the Regulatory Flexibility Act of the Pacific Whiting onshore-offshore allocation decisions to be made by the Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Secretary of Commerce. As required by law, data will be kept on a confidential basis.

II. Method of Collection

Because of the voluntary nature of the survey, the small number of companies in each user group, and the unique characteristics of each processor, it will be necessary to survey all processors and harvesters to develop appropriate estimates and to allow the necessary aggregation of data to protect confidentiality. Most likely, all of the data collection will be done by NMFS economists unless funding is located for contracting the catcher vessel survey. Questionnaires will be mailed to each member of each survey group and in many instances will be followed up by interviews where questions and responses can be clarified.

III. Data

OMB Number: None

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular Submission

**Affected Public:** Pacific whiting harvesters and processors and Pacific whiting waste processors

**Estimated Number of Respondents:**

Total=79: 12 Shorebased processors, 17 at-sea processors, 40 catcher vessels, and 10 whiting waste processors

**Estimated Time Per Response:** 1 hour

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 79

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$0.0

Respondents will not need to buy equipment or materials to respond to this survey

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 21, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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**Marine Mammals**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of scientific research permit no. 982 (P254D).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Pacific Whale Foundation (Paul H. Forestall, Ph.D., Principal Investigator), 101 N. Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui, HI 96753-8833, has been issued a permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/955-8831).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On

November 15, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 57402) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) over a 5-year period, during observational and photo-identification studies in waters in the Hawaiian Islands area. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**Patent and Trademark Office**

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**Examination Guidelines for Computer-Related Inventions**

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office ("Office") is publishing the final version of the guidelines to be used in