

monitor the U.S. catch in relation to the quota, thereby ensuring that the United States complies with its international obligations to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). Other provisions of the domestic regulations are also monitored through this collection of information, such as compliance with area closures, fishing seasons, and subquotas by gear type and/or user group. This information provides the catch data necessary to assess the status of bluefin tuna resources. Assessments are conducted and presented to ICCAT annually. The data provide the basis for ICCAT management recommendations which become binding on member nations. In addition, the Dealer Package provides essential information for domestic management policy and rule making.

II. Method of Collection

Dealers who buy, sell, or receive for commercial purposes any large, medium, or giant size class Atlantic bluefin tuna are required to report all transactions to NMFS via daily and biweekly reporting forms. These collect certain information for each Atlantic bluefin tuna that is sold at landing. Dealers who purchase any other types or sizes of Atlantic tuna, or Pacific coast dealers who export or import bluefin tuna, are required to submit biweekly reports only.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0239

Form Number: None

Type of Review: Regular submission for extension of a currently approved collection

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit (tuna dealers)

Estimated Number of Respondents: 452

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 minutes for the daily reports, 16 minutes for the biweekly Atlantic report, 21 minutes for the Pacific biweekly report, and 13 minutes for the biweekly report on other Atlantic tunas.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,087 hours

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0

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 26, 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: Receipt of application to modify permit no. 873 (P77(2) #63).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has requested a modification to Permit No. 873.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The modification request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, NOAA, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act 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 parts 217-222).

The Permit Holder is currently authorized to harass (i.e., through vessel approach, photogrammetry, and photographic identification, and tissue biopsy) several marine mammal species in Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, over a 5-year period.

The Permit Holder is now requesting emergency modification of the Permit for authorization to increase the number of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) to be biopsy sampled from 20 to 100 for 1996, including 15 cow/calf pairs (i.e., 30 animals), in Hawaiian waters during the 1996 field season. In light of the Permittee's need to begin sampling activities in March 1996, or otherwise lose a unique research opportunity, we are considering whether this action meets legal criteria for granting the requested modification prior to the close of the 30-day comment period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Restraint Levels for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mexico

February 26, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing levels.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 4, 1996.