whose requirements are outlined in annual **Federal Register** notices.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0175.
Form Number: SF–424.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Individuals; state or local governments; businesses or other for-profit; non-profit institutions; and small businesses or organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 60 per year.
Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours for applications, 1 hour for semi-annual reports, and 1 hour for annual reports.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 285 hours.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No cost to the public other than the time required to fill out the forms.

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: May 6, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Monthly Cold Storage Fish Report.

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 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 or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Barbara K. O'Bannon, Fisheries Statistics and Economics Division (F/ST1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910. (301) 713–2328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

These data are collected under authority of Section 742(d) of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 as amended (16 U.S.C. 742(A)–754) and under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) as amended. Cold storage warehouses are asked to report on the quantity of fishery products by species held in cold storage on the last day of each month. Data are needed by industry for orderly purchases, sales, distribution and price planning for fishery products, and by NMFS and Fishery Council economics for fishery management and development purposes.

II. Method of Collection

Form 88–16 is conducted monthly via a survey form mailed to cold storage warehouses.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0015.
Form Number: 88–16 Monthly Cold Storage Fish Report.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 110.
Estimated Time Per Response: 8 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 176.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No cost to the public other than the time required to fill out the form.

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: May 6, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE: Applications and Reports for Registration as a Tanner or Agent. MMPA Exemption for Alaska Natives Subsistence.

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, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 13, 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 or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Steven Springer, National

Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Enforcement, 8484 Georgia Ave., Suite 415, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, Telephone (301) 427–2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (Act) Alaskan natives may take marine mammals only for subsistence purposes or for creating and selling native handicrafts. The possession of marine mammals so taken are limited to natives or to registered agents or tanners. Agents or tanners must apply for registration, and after registration must annually submit copies of transaction records. The information is collected to (1) grant certain members of the public an exemption under the Act to which they would not otherwise be entitled, and (2) to manage the program and provide for effective law enforcement.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents will meet the requirements set forth in the regulation. No forms will be used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0179.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2.0 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0 (no capital expenditures).

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.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Final Certification for the Combined Consolidation and/or Automation and Closure of 80 Weather Service Offices (WSOs) and Consolidation of Two WSOs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 6, 1998 the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere approved and transmitted 14 office consolidation, 46 office automation, and 80 office closure certifications to Congress. Pub. L. 102–567 requires that the final certifications be published in the **Federal Register**.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final certification packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301–713–0300 ext. 144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The two consolidation certifications for Astoria and Wichita Falls were proposed in the December 27, 1996 **Federal Register** and the 60-day public comment period closed on February 25, 1997. The remaining 80 certification packages were proposed in the January 7, 1997 **Federal Register** and the 60-day public comment period closed on March 10, 1997. Thirteen timely and three late public comments were received pertaining to WSO Astoria. Individual public comments were received pertaining to each of the following WSOs: Muskegon, Michigan; Rapid City, South Dakota; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Apalachicola, Florida; and Port Arthur, Texas. Two public comments were received pertaining to Athens, Georgia and one comment was received that pertained to Pennsylvania sites in general. These comments and responses are set forth here for reference.

Comment: Thirteen timely and three late comments were received from individuals in the Astoria, Oregon area. Individuals providing comments included Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse, State Representative Jackie Taylor, Senator George H. Smith, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, State Representative Tim Josi, Sheriff and Director of Emergency Services John P. Raichl, Airport Manager and Director of Operations Port of Astoria Ron Larsen, and Captain and President Columbia River Bar Pilots George A. Waer. The main concern presented by all individuals was the loss of face to face interaction with National Weather Service (NWS) personnel and the perceived inability to forecast for the ''unique'' weather conditions at Astoria from Portland.

Response: To ensure all concerns were addressed and understood, the March 1997 Modernization Transition Committee (MTC) meeting was held in Astoria. The community leaders and anyone else concerned with NWS Modernization actions had the opportunity to express their concerns to the Committee. The MTC and the public in attendance listened to both the NWS management from Portland and the public. The major topics discussed during the six-hour public comment period on the Astoria Consolidation Certification during the March 18, 1997 meeting are summarized below. A major concerns surrounding the Astoria Consolidation was the ability of the Portland NEXRAD Weather Service Forecast Office (NWSFO) to provide information on the Columbia River Bar and offshore marine environment. To address these concerns the NWS presented the following: (1) the Portland office has access to all data that the Astoria office did and access to data that the Astoria office never had; (2) the Astoria WSO never produced the marine forecasts, these products have always been issued from Seattle or Portland; (3) mariners can contact the forecasters in Portland directly by phone; and (4) an Internet home page maintained in Portland allows ready access to current weather forecasts and products for Oregon and the coastal waters.

The ability of the Portland office to recognize rapid changes in the Atoria weather was questioned. However, the infrastructure affecting this ability has only improved since services were transferred to Portland. The more timely and robust data sets of the Modernization (i.e., Doppler radar, high resolution satellite imagery and continuous surface observations) provide a superior platform for Portland to monitor rapid weather changes than was previously present in the Astoria office. The severe weather spotter volunteers previously used by Astoria are still in place, except they now call Portland when severe weather threatens.