governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant is authorized to conduct a five-year scientific study determining biological and life history information on shortnose sturgeon in Connecticut waters, including the Connecticut, Thames, and Housatonic Rivers. The permit authorizes non-lethal sampling with anchored gill nets and trawls, capturing up to 500 fish annually. Each fish will be captured, weighed, measured, passive integrated transponder tagged, and sampled for genetic tissue analysis. Of those 500 fish, 225 will also have a fin ray clipped for ageing analysis, and 100 will undergo gastric lavage. A sub-set of 25 fish will be acoustic tagged internally, released, and tracked, to determine seasonal movement and habitat selection.

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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 23, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

Department of the Air Force

Record of Decision for the Barry M. Goldwater Range East Range Enhancements Final Environmental Impact Statement

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: On May 20, 2011, the United States Air Force signed the ROD for the Barry M. Goldwater Range East Range Enhancements Final Environmental Impact Statement. The ROD states the Air Force decision to implement six of the 10 proposals analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement. These six proposals include: Proposal 1, Developing a sensor training area; Proposal 4, developing a new target for live air to-ground missiles within the East tactical range; Proposal 6, Converting a portion of Manned Range 3 into a helicopter gunnery range; Proposal 8, constructing a new taxiway and air traffic control tower at Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field; and proposal 10, Excavating, stockpiling, and using sand and gravel resources on the BMGR East. While no decision has been made for the remaining four proposals at this time, the Air Force anticipates issuing one or more RODs for these independent proposals at a future date.

The decision was based on matters discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final EIS was made available to the public on November 26, 2010 through a NOA in the Federal Register (Volume 75, Number 227, Page 72824) with a wait period that ended on December 27, 2010. The ROD documents only the decision of the Air Force with respect to the proposed Air Force actions analyzed in the Final EIS. Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1506.6) implementing the provisions of the NEPA of 1969 (42 USC. 4321, et seq.) and the Air Force’s Environmental Impact Analysis Process (EIAP) (32 CFR Parts 989.21(b) and 989.24(b)(7)).


Bao-Anh Trinh, Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of its Printing and Publishing Activities, OMB Control Number 1910–0100. The proposed collection of this data is a Congressional Joint Committee on Printing requirement: The Department reports on information gathered and compiled from its facilities nation-wide on the usage of in-house printing and duplicating activities as well as all printing production from external Government Printing Office (GPO) and GPO vendors; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 160; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 800; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 1,570; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: No costs associated with record keeping.


Issued in Washington, DC, on May 24, 2011.

Dallas Woodruff,
Team Lead Printing Specialist, Office of Administrative Management and Support, Printing Team.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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