

seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade; promotes coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non governmental organizations; determines priorities and initiates and guides the preparation of draft standards through and with the aid of appropriate organizations; finalizes standards elaborated and publish them in a Codex Alimentarius either as regional or worldwide standards, together with international standards already finalized by other bodies, wherever this is practicable; amends published standards, as appropriate, in the light of new developments.

#### Issues To Be Discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the agenda for the 35th Session of the CAC will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
  - Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Procedural Manual
  - Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 8 of the Procedure (including those Submitted at Step 5 with a Recommendation to Omit Steps 6 and 7 and at Step 5 of the Accelerated Procedure)
  - Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts at Step 5
  - Revocation of Existing Codex Standards and Related Texts
  - Amendments to the Codex Standards and Related Texts
  - Proposals for the Elaboration of New Standards and Related Texts and for the Discontinuation of Work
  - Matters Referred to the Commission by Codex Committees and Task Forces
  - Strategic Planning of the Codex Alimentarius Commission
    - (a) General Implementation Status
    - (b) Draft Codex Strategic Plan 2014–2019
  - Matters Arising from FAO and WHO
    - (a) FAO/WHO Project and Trust Fund for Enhanced Participation in Codex
    - (b) Other Matters Arising from FAO and WHO
  - Financial and Budgetary Matters
  - Relations between the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other International Organizations
  - Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
  - Designation of Countries Responsible for Appointing the Chairpersons of Codex Committees and Task Forces
  - Other Business
- Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or

to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the meeting. Members of the public may access copies of these documents (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Public Meeting

At the June 5, 2012, public meeting, draft U.S. positions on the agenda items will be described and discussed, and attendees will have the opportunity to pose questions and offer comments. Written comments may be offered at the meeting or sent to the U.S. Delegate for the 35th Session of the CAC (see **ADDRESSES**). Written comments should state that they relate to activities of the 35th session of the CAC.

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Done at Washington, DC on: May 21, 2012.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Educational Activity Submissions.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0309.

*Form Number(s):* NA.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 129.

*Average Hours per Response:* Scientific research plans, 37 hours; scientific research reports, 3 hours; exempted fishing permit (EP) requests, 37 hours; EFP reports, 15 hours; exempted educational requests, 4 hours; reports, 2 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 6,073.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a current information collection.

Fishery regulations do not generally affect scientific research activities conducted by a scientific research vessel. Persons planning to conduct such research are encouraged to submit a scientific research plan to ensure that the activities are considered research and not fishing. The researchers are requested to submit reports of their scientific research activity after its completion. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) may also grant exemptions from fishery regulations for educational or other activities (e.g., using non-regulation gear). The applications for these exemptions must be submitted, as well as reports on activities.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:*

*OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov.*

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *JJessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*.

Dated: May 18, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Reporting Requirements for Commercial Fisheries Authorization Under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *JJessup@doc.gov*).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be

directed to Kristy Long, (301) 427-8402 or *Kristy.Long@noaa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Reporting injury to and/or mortalities of marine mammals is mandated under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. This information is required to determine the impacts of commercial fishing on marine mammal populations. This information is also used to categorize commercial fisheries into Categories I, II, or III. Participants in the first two categories must be authorized to take marine mammals, while those in Category III are exempt from that requirement. All categories must report injuries or mortalities on a National Marine Fisheries Service form.

##### II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0292.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* Non-profit institutions; State, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

##### 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 18, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC034**

#### Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes for public review and comment information regarding a permit application for transshipment of Atlantic herring by Canadian vessels, submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by June 7, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action, identified by RIN 0648-XC034, should be sent to MiAe Kim in the NMFS Office of International Affairs at 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: (301) 427-8365, fax: (301) 713-2313, email: *mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov*).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MiAe Kim at (301) 427-8365 or by email at *mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov*.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue a transshipment permit authorizing a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or, with the concurrence of a state, within the boundaries of that state, to a point outside the United States. In addition, Public Law 104-297, section 105(e) directs the Secretary to issue section 204(d) permits for up to 14 Canadian