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(1) *Mail*: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; or

(2) *Fax*: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) *Email*: program.intake@usda.gov.

Justin Maxson,

Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Notice of Public Meetings of the Virginia Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Virginia Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a web-based meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of the meeting is to hear testimony regarding on police accountability in Virginia.

DATES: Thursday, November 16, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Online Registration

Register online (audio/visual): <https://bit.ly/3an93pb>

Join by phone (audio only): 800-360-9505 USA Toll Free; Access code: 2762 662 9419

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov or (202) 618-4158.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may listen to this discussion through the above call in number, or participate online via the above online registration link. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Closed captions will be provided. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number. Persons with disabilities requiring other accommodations are invited to contact the Regional Programs Unit at (202) 618-4158 or email Corrine Sanders at csanders@usccr.gov 10

business days prior to the meeting to make their request.

Members of the public are entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Melissa Wojnaroski at mwojnaroski@usccr.gov.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Virginia Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Panel Discussion: Civil Rights and Police Accountability in Virginia
- III Committee Members Q & A
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Adjournment

Dated: October 8, 2021.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; West Coast Region Permit Family of Forms**

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before December 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0204 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Dana Preedeedilok, Permits Branch, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), West Coast Region (WCR) Long Beach Office, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (562) 980–4019, and Dana.Preedeedilok@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for a revision and extension to the existing reporting requirements of the collection of information *West Coast Region Family of Forms (0648–0204)*. In addition to the extension of *West Coast Region Family of Forms (0648–0204)* this request includes a revision to this collection. The revision will include the addition of Letters of Authorization (LOA) and Exempted Educational Activity Authorizations (EEAA). Currently, LOAs and EEAs are part of Information Collection Request (ICR) *Scientific Research, Exempted Fishing, and Exempted Educational Activity Submissions (0648–0309)*.

Originally this information was collected under information collection 0648–0309 which included EFPs, EEAs, and LOAs for all NOAA regions. Beginning in November 2021, these collections will be maintained by each regional office. Therefore, this notice proposes to combine the relevant collection information from 0648–0309 with the WCR's information collection 0648–0204.

The WCR Permits Office administers permits required for persons participating in Federally-managed fisheries off the West Coast under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* Section 303 (b)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifically authorizes the establishment of permit requirements. Almost all international, federal, state, and local fishery management authorities use permits as part of their management systems.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act established regional fishery management councils, including the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council), to develop fishery management plans (FMP) for fisheries in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ). These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce, are implemented by Federal regulations, which are enforced by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. FMPs are intended to regulate fishing for stocks to prevent overfishing and achieve the optimum yield from the fisheries for the benefit of the U.S. The Pacific Council has prepared FMPs for the coastal pelagic species (CPS) fishery and Pacific Highly Migratory Species (HMS) off the U.S. West Coast. Each of these FMPs created permit programs which are administered by the West Coast Region, NMFS.

There are two types of regulatory permits used by the WCR: Open access fishery permits and limited entry permits for selected fisheries. Open access permits are used in all fisheries where there are no specific limitations or eligibility criteria for entry to the fishery. Limited entry permits are used to prevent overcapitalization or address other management goals in the fishery and limit the number of applicants permitted to participate in the fishery. Applicants for both open access and limited entry permits are required to submit applications to obtain these permits but are not required to submit reports on their fishing activities under these permits. These permits are part of ICR 0648–0204.

Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) are issued to applicants for fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited under a fisheries management plan. Applicants for an EFP must submit written information that allows NOAA Fisheries and the Pacific Fishery Management Council to evaluate the proposed exempted fishing project activities and weigh the benefits and costs of the proposed activities. The Council makes a recommendation on each EFP application and for successful applicants, NOAA Fisheries issues the EFP which contains terms and conditions for the project including various reporting requirements. The information included in an application is specified at 50 CFR 600.745(b)(2) and the Pacific Council Operating Procedure #19. EFP holders are required to file pre-season harvest plans, interim and/or final summary reports on the results of the project, and in some cases

individual vessels and other permit holders are required to provide data reports (*i.e.*, logbooks and/or catch reports). The results of EFPs are commonly used to explore ways to reduce effort on depressed stocks, encourage innovation and efficiency in the fishery, and provide access to constrained stocks by directly measuring the bycatch associated with current and proposed management measures. EFPs are currently part of ICR 0648–0204.

Letters of Authorization (LOAs) and Exempted Educational Activity Authorizations (EEAAs) were historically collected under OMB control number 0648–0309. To reduce burden estimates, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Headquarters proposes to move LOAs and EEAs to their respective region's permit family-of-forms collections. NMFS may use these permits to grant exemptions from fishery regulations for educational or other activities (*e.g.*, using nonregulation gear). An EEAA is a permit issued by the Regional Office to accredited educational institutions that authorize, for educational purposes, the target or incidental harvest of species managed under a fisheries management plan or fishery regulations that would otherwise be prohibited. EEAs are generally of limited scope and duration and authorize the take of the amount of fish necessary to demonstrate the lesson. Researchers are requested to submit scientific research plans prior to undertaking those activities, along with reports of their scientific research activity after its completion. LOAs are required under Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972 for the incidental take of marine mammals during fisheries surveys and related research activities conducted by the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS), NMFS. Management of certain marine mammals falls under the jurisdiction of the NMFS under the MMPA and Endangered Species Act (ESA) and mechanisms exist under both the MMPA and ESA to assess the effect of incidental takings and to authorize appropriate levels of take.

II. Method of Collection

The primary method of collection is via an electronic (internet) submission form; paper applications are also available and may be submitted by mail to the Long Beach Permits Office.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0204.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (Revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 787.

Estimated Time per Response: Highly Migratory Species (Paper), New—20 minutes; Highly Migratory Species (Online), New—15 minutes; HMS Paper; Renew—10 minutes; HMS Online, Renew—5 minutes; CPS Renewal—10 minutes; CPS Transfer—30 minutes; LE DGN Renew—10 minutes; LE DGN Transfer—30 minutes; LE DGN Designation Request—30 minutes; LE DGN Exemption Request—30 minutes; Appeals—240 minutes; Scientific research plans—13 hours; scientific research reports—7 hours exempted fishing permit requests; 60 minutes, exempted fishing permit reports, 4.5 hours; exempted educational requests, 5 hours; exempted educational reports, 2.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 197.2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$13,331.00.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain a permit. Keep a valid vessel permit while fishing and provide accurate data on forms.

Legal Authority: MSA.MMPA, ESA.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB509]

Marine Mammals; File No. 25943

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Stephen John Trumble, Ph.D., Baylor University, 101 Bagby Ave., Waco, TX 76706, has applied in due form for a permit to import, export, and receive parts from cetaceans for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 25943 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 25943 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to import, export, and receive cetacean parts for scientific research to chronologically profile anthropogenic contaminants, physiological stress, and reproductive hormones from cetaceans to determine influence of anthropogenic and environmental stressors. Parts from up to 100 individuals of each of the following species may be obtained annually: Blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), Bryde's (*B. edeni*), fin (*B. physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), minke (*B. acutorostrata*), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), North Pacific right (*E. japonica*), Rice's (*Balaenoptera ricei*), sei (*B. borealis*), Southern right (*E. australis*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales, and unidentified cetaceans. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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

Dated: October 12, 2021.

Julia M. Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of membership of the NOAA Performance Review Board.