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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notification**

Threatened California Central Valley (CCV) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and the Southern DPS (sDPS) of North American green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*).

**Authority**

Scientific research and enhancement permits are issued in accordance with Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-227). NMFS issues a Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit based on findings that the permit is (1) applied for in good faith, (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which is the subject of the permit, and (3) consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA. Authority for the take exemption of listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permit.

**Permit 16608-3R**

A receipt of application notice for Permit 16608-3R was published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2022 (86 FR 46832), providing 30 days for public comment prior to permit processing. No comment was received. Permit 16608-3R was issued to Reclamation on December 20, 2022.

Permit 16608-3R authorizes take exemption of threatened CCV steelhead and the sDPS of North American green sturgeon in association with enhancement activities involving research and monitoring in the San Joaquin River from the Merced River confluence to the base of Mendota Dam, and select locations on the Mariposa and Eastside bypasses, and entrances to the following off-channel sloughs: Mud Slough, Salt Slough, and Newman Wasteway (collective termed the study area). The primary objectives of this enhancement effort involve: (1) monitor for adult CCV steelhead in the wetted sections of the San Joaquin River downstream of Mendota Dam to the Merced River confluence, (2) relocate CCV steelhead to more suitable habitat downstream of the Merced River confluence, (3) determining the distribution, abundance, size, and age structures of both CCV steelhead and sDPS green sturgeon, and (4) documenting changes in CCV steelhead

abundance and distribution in response to fluctuating water conditions.

Monitoring activities include: capture (raft-mounted electrofisher), fyke nets with wing walls and fish traps, steelhead-specific trammel nets, hand seines, handling (conducting length measurements, gender identification, tissue and scale collection, assessment of condition, checking for the presence of tags), and Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tagging of fish inclusive of steelhead and green sturgeon. Captured CCV steelhead will be transported by tanker truck and released in the San Joaquin River downstream of the Merced River confluence. Recaptured CCV steelhead will be identified by the presence of a PIT tag.

Field activities for monitoring effort will occur December 1 through April 30 over the next 5 years (start: 12/01/2022 End: 12/31/2027). For this 5 year effort Reclamation will take no more than: (1) non-lethal (seven adults) and lethal (two adults) effects due to collecting, sampling, and transport of live threatened CCV steelhead (natural origin) and non-lethal (seven adults) and lethal (two adults) effects to threatened CCV steelhead of hatchery origin, (2) non-lethal (six adults) and no lethal effects due to capture, handling, and release of live threatened sDPS of North American green sturgeon, and (3) non-lethal effects to threatened CCV steelhead of natural origin (ten adults) and threatened CCV steelhead of hatchery origin (ten adults), and threatened sDPS of North American green sturgeon (three adults) due to observations and harassment at weirs, fish ladders, and dams where no trapping occurs. The potential unintentional lethal take resulting from the proposed scientific enhancement activities is up to four adult CCV steelhead (two natural origin; two hatchery origin). Overall, no intentional lethal take of CCV steelhead is proposed or expected as a result of these scientific enhancement activities.

This scientific enhancement effort is expected to provide valuable information on sDPS of North American green sturgeon and the most southern extent of CCV steelhead to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's comprehensive monitoring plan for steelhead and green sturgeon in the Central Valley. The monitoring by Reclamation is consistent with recommendations and objectives outlined in NMFS' Recovery Plan for CCV steelhead and the sDPS of North American green sturgeon. See the application for Permit 16608-3R for greater details on the scientific

enhancement proposal and related methods.

Dated: March 2, 2023.

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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; Chesapeake Bay Watershed Environmental Literacy Indicator Tool**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 4, 2022 (87 FR 66657) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

*Title:* Chesapeake Bay Watershed Environmental Literacy Indicator Tool.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0753.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission; Extension of a current information collection.

*Number of Respondents:* 685.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 229.

*Needs and Uses:* The Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement of 2014 required monitoring of progress toward the environmental literacy goal: "Enable students in the region to graduate with the knowledge and skills needed to act responsibly to protect and restore their local watersheds." NOAA, on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Program, will ask the state education agencies for Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to survey their local

education agencies (LEAs) to determine: (1) LEA capacity to implement a comprehensive and systemic approach to environmental literacy education, (2) student participation in Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience during the school year, (3) sustainability practices at schools, and (4) LEA needs for improving environmental literacy education programming. LEAs (generally school districts, in some cases charter school administration) are asked to complete the survey on the status of their LEA on a set of key indicators for the four areas listed above. One individual from each LEA is asked to complete their survey once every two years. The results of the biennial ELIT survey will be analyzed and reported to the internal stakeholders of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. Participating states will receive a summarized report of findings for the full watershed, a summary of findings for their state, and comparisons of results between states. These aggregated results will be used by the state agencies to understand progress of their school districts over time, and to inform decision-making about strategies and priorities for future work with school districts. Additionally, NOAA will use this information to inform priorities within their B-WET funding opportunities and technical assistance. The biennial reporting will also be used by the Chesapeake Bay Program to understand progress of school districts in the watershed, understand differences between jurisdictions, and guide strategy for providing targeted support in each state. The instrument has not undergone any changes since its last PRA approval process.

*Affected Public:* State, Local and Tribal Governments.

*Frequency:* Biennially.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* US Code: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* Name of Law: National Environmental Policy Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and

entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0753.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Law School Clinic Certification Program

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on December 21, 2022, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

*Title:* Law School Clinic Certification Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0081.

*Needs and Uses:* Public Law 113–227 (Dec. 16, 2014) requires the United States Patent and Trademark Office to establish regulations and procedures for application to, and participation in, the USPTO Law School Clinic Certification Program. The Program allows students enrolled in a participating law school's clinic to practice patent or trademark law before the USPTO under the direct supervision of an approved faculty clinic supervisor. Each clinic provides legal services on a pro bono basis for clients who qualify for assistance from the law school's clinic. By drafting, filing, and prosecuting patent and trademark applications, students gain valuable experience that would otherwise be unavailable to them while in law school. The program also facilitates the provision of pro bono services to patent and trademark applicants who lack the financial

resources necessary for traditional legal representation. Currently, 62 law schools participate in the program; a slight increase from the estimated number of law schools listed in the 60-day notice.

This information collection covers the applications from law schools that wish to enter the program, faculty advisors who seek to become a faculty clinic supervisor, and students who seek to participate in this program. The collection also includes the required semiannual reports from participating law school clinics and biennial renewals required by the program as well as the request to make special under the Law School Clinic Certification Program, which allows a limited number of applications per semester to be advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination if the applicant makes the appropriate showing, to provide law students with practical experience as they will be more likely to receive substantive examination of applications within the school year that the application is filed.

*Form Number(s):* (LS = Law School; SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO–158LS (Application for Limited Recognition in USPTO Law School Program for Law Students to Practice Before the USPTO).
- PTO/SB/419 (Certification and Request to Make Special under the Law School Program).

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals or households.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency:* On occasion; semi-annually; biennially.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 863 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 925 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take respondents approximately between 30 minutes (0.5 hours) and 40 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 1,241 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$46.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO