

LOA would be valid for 5 years, November 2028 through February 2032. The USACE plans to construct new structures with pilings in the Lower Columbia River. The full DMMP includes proposed dredging and placement operations between RM 3 and RM 105.5. However, the scope of this request for a LOA is limited to potential pile driving that would be associated with any new structures installed under the DMMP which would occur between RM 23 and RM 36. In-water impact and vibratory pile driving of steel and timber piles may incidentally expose marine mammals to elevated levels of noise, thereby resulting in incidental take, by Level A and Level B harassment only. Therefore, the USACE requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

### Specified Activities

The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain the authorized LCR Federal Navigation Channel depth and width for a minimum of 20 years in the least cost, operationally feasible, and environmentally acceptable manner in order to provide continued reliable, safe, and efficient transportation of waterborne commerce and uninterrupted transit for fully loaded vessels in the LCR. The USACE anticipates 141 in-water work days will be required to install approximately 1,029, 12-inch timber piles and 1,038, 24-inch steel piles via impact and vibratory driving over 5 years. The number of in-water work days per year would range from 1 (Year 2) to 51 (Year 5). Take by Level A and Level B harassment has been requested for harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina richardii*), Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*). The USACE's application contains mitigation and monitoring measures designed to reduce impacts to marine mammals. The application also contains proposed marine mammal monitoring and reporting plans.

### Information Solicited

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning USACE's request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by USACE, if appropriate.

Dated: May 7, 2024.

**Catherine Marzin,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Documentation of Fish Harvest

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comments.

**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 the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [noaa.pra@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.pra@noaa.gov). Reference OMB Control Number 0648-0365 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. 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 Rick DeVictor, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, telephone: 727-824-5305, email: [rick.devictor@noaa.gov](mailto:rick.devictor@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The NMFS Southeast Region proposes to extend the information collection

currently approved under OMB Control Number 0648-0365, South Atlantic Documentation of Fish Harvest.

The NMFS Southeast Region manages commercial fishing in Federal waters of the South Atlantic under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). South Atlantic Federal waters encompass the area offshore of North Carolina and south through the east coast of Florida.

Federally permitted seafood dealers who process or sell federally managed snapper and grouper species during seasonal fishery closures in the South Atlantic for those applicable species must maintain documentation, as specified in 50 CFR part 300 subpart K and 50 CFR 622.192(i), that such fish were harvested from areas other than state or Federal waters in the South Atlantic. The applicable snapper and grouper species are greater amberjack, gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney. The required documentation includes information about the vessel that harvested the fish, and where and when the fish were offloaded. The required documentation also requires a signed statement by the dealer that attests to the harvest of the applicable species from areas other than the South Atlantic. NMFS requires the information for the enforcement of fishery regulations at 50 CFR 622, subpart I.

##### II. Method of Collection

The information is in the form of a paper affidavit that a dealer creates and retains.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0365.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission—extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 379.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 63 hours.

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

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

##### 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 Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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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; National Marine Sanctuary Permits

**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. This notice pertains to a requested revision and extension of

the approved collection of information for national marine sanctuary permits. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0141 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 Sophie De Beukelaer, National Permit Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 99 Pacific Street, Building 455A, Monterey, CA 93940, 831–583–8755, and [sophie.debeukelaer@noaa.gov](mailto:sophie.debeukelaer@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS). ONMS manages national marine sanctuaries pursuant to the purposes and policies of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*).

National marine sanctuary regulations at 15 CFR part 922 list specific activities that are prohibited in national marine sanctuaries. These regulations also state that otherwise prohibited activities may be conducted if a permit is issued by ONMS. Persons desiring a permit must submit an application (note that requests for baitfish permits and Tortugas Ecological Reserve North Access permits require contacting Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and do not require a completed ONMS permit application), and anyone obtaining a permit is generally required to submit one or more reports on the activity allowed under the permit. The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 15 CFR part 922 form the basis for this collection of information.

This information is required by ONMS to protect and manage sanctuary resources. The permit application collects information about the proposed activities, the methods proposed to be used, the potential effects to sanctuary resources, and information on the

regulatory review criteria at 15 CFR part 922. ONMS uses this information to evaluate whether the proposed activities are consistent with the goals and objectives of the sanctuary and the purposes and policies of the NMSA.

Changes to this information collection include revisions to the permit application and instructions to collect information about small businesses to better assess the types of entities engaged in permitting activities. The estimated number of permits issued per year also changed from 424 to 567 to reflect the additional estimated permit numbers if the various proposed national marine sanctuary designations are finalized. In particular, this is based on adding an estimated fifteen additional permits and about 59 certifications for the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (88 FR 58123, August 25, 2023), an estimated five additional permits for the proposed designation of the National Marine Sanctuary for the Pacific Remote Islands (88 FR 23624; April 18, 2023), an estimated five additional permits for proposed Lake Ontario National Marine Sanctuary (88 FR 3334, January 19, 2023), an estimated five additional permits for proposed Lake Erie Quadrangle National Marine Sanctuary (88 FR 32198, July 18, 2023), an estimated nine permits for the proposed sanctuary in the Hudson Canyon area (87 FR 38387, June 8, 2022), and increasing the numbers of amendments and Tortugas access permits to reflect more recent average permit numbers. The number of baitfish permits was diminished by 35 permits and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary plans to phase out the bait fishing permits over the next three years (87 FR 42800, July 18, 2022).

##### II. Method of Collection

Depending on the permit being requested, an application, reports, and telephone calls may be required from applicants. Applications and reports can be submitted via email, fax, or traditional mail. Applicants are encouraged to use electronic means to apply for permits and submit reports whenever possible.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0141.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local, or Tribal government.