

Public Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0402. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 12 hours per response for applications, six hours per response for modification requests, and two hours per response for annual reports. These estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are required to obtain benefits. The purposes of the forms are to allow citizens to apply for a scientific research permit under the Endangered Species Act or to modify or report on such a permit. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the National Marine Fisheries Service - West Coast Region, Protected Species Division at: 1201 Northeast Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR, 97232.