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Dear NOAA PRA Officer,

Re. the MMPA Section 104 and ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) Permit Applications, the new instructions do not include any information re. existing permit holders, i.e., those who have an existing permit to conduct scientific research under the MMPA and ESA. I would like to recommend that existing permit holders have the opportunity to extend their current permit duration for up to 10 years. This is the same opportunity those applying for new permits will have under the proposed revisions, and would be very useful and important to existing permit holders as well as new applicants. This change would result in a great reduction in the time burden of preparing applications. As someone who has worked on many permit applications over the years, I appreciate your consideration.

Many thanks and best,

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