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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090399C]

#### Requirements for Taking Endangered or Threatened Species for Research/ Enhancement Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Karen Salvini, Office of

Protected Resources, Room 13603, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, (301) 713-1401 (x130).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of endangered species for research/enhancement purposes. The corresponding regulations established procedures for persons to apply for such permits. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA prior to issuing a permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions. In order to issue permits as under ESA section 10(a)(1)(A), NMFS must determine that (1) such exceptions were applied for in good faith, (2) if granted and exercised will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species, and (3) will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

##### II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be in the form of applications, annual reports, and final reports responding to requirements in regulations and instructions; no forms are required.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* None

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected public:* Non-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; businesses or other for-profit; and Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 140

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 40 hours for permit applications, 10 hours for permit modification requests, 10 hours for annual reports, and 20 hours for final reports.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,000

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$290

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Application Form for Membership on Sanctuary Advisory Councils for the National Marine Sanctuary Program

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**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Elizabeth Moore, Marine