

2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Information Collection Request

1. *Title:* Application for Tonnage Measurement of Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0022.

Summary: The information from this collection helps the Coast Guard to determine a vessel's tonnage. Tonnage in turn helps to determine licensing, inspection, safety requirements, and operating fees.

Need: 46 U.S.C. 14104 requires the measurement of certain vessels for tonnage. 46 CFR part 69 prescribes the rules for this measurement.

Respondents: Owners of vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 33,000 hours to 38,000 hours a year.

2. *Title:* Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), 1995 and 1997 Amendments to the International Convention.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0079.

Summary: This information is necessary to ensure compliance with the international requirements of the STCW Convention, and to maintain an acceptable level of quality in activities associated with training and assessment of merchant mariners.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. chapter 71 authorizes the Coast Guard to issue regulation related to licensing of merchant mariners. Title 46 CFR subchapter I, subchapter B, prescribe the regulations.

Respondents: Owners and operators of vessels, training institutions, and mariners.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 18,693 hours to 23,767 hours a year.

3. *Title:* Voyage Planning for Tank Barge Transits in the Northeast United States.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0088.

Summary: The information collection requirement for a voyage plan serves as a preventive measure and assists in ensuring the successful execution and completion of a voyage in the First Coast Guard District. This regulation (33 CFR 165.100), issued under authority of sec. 311 of Pub. L. 105-383, 112 Stat. 3411, and 33 U.S.C 1231, applies to primary towing vessels engaged in towing certain tank barges carrying petroleum oil in bulk as cargo.

Need: The information for a voyage plan will provide a mechanism for assisting vessels towing tank barges to identify those specific risks, potential

equipment failures, or human errors that may lead to accidents.

Respondents: Owners and operators of towing vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 420 hours to 31,651 hours a year.

4. *Title:* Facilities Transferring Oil or Hazardous Materials in Bulk—Letter of Intent and Operations Manual.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0093.

Summary: A Letter of Intent is a notice to the Coast Guard Captain of the Port that an operator intends to operate a facility that will transfer bulk oil or hazardous materials to or from vessels. An Operations Manual (OM) is also required for this type of facility. The OM establishes procedures to follow when conducting transfers and in the event of a spill.

Need: Title 33 U.S.C. 1321 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe pollution prevention regulation. Title 33 CFR 154.110 prescribes the regulations related to a Letter of Intent and 33 CFR 154 subpart B prescribe the regulations related to an OM.

Respondents: Operators of facilities that transfer oil or hazardous materials in bulk.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 27,819 hours to 47,200 hours a year.

5. *Title:* Ships Carrying Bulk Hazardous Liquids.

OMB Control Number: 1625-0094.

Summary: This information is needed to ensure the safe transport of bulk hazardous liquids on chemical tank vessels and to protect the environment from pollution.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 3703 authorizes the Coast Guard to prescribe regulations for protection of against hazards to life, property and the marine environment. Title 46 CFR part 153 prescribe regulations for the safe transport by vessel of bulk hazardous liquids.

Respondents: Owners and operators of chemical tank vessels.

Frequency: On occasion.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden has increased from 738 hours to 1,959 hours a year.

Dated: November 7, 2005.

R.T. Hewitt,

Rear Admiral, Assistant Commandant for Command, Control, Communications Computers and Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2005-22964]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Licensing Working Group of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) will meet to discuss matters relating to specific issues of towing safety. The meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The Licensing Working Group will meet on Thursday, December 1, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (local). The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 28, 2005. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Working Group should reach the Coast Guard on or before November 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Working Group will meet at the offices of the National Maritime Center—9th floor conference room; 4200 Wilson Blvd.; Arlington, VA 22203-1804. Please bring a government-issued, photo ID. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice and related documents are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under the docket number USCG-2005-22964.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gerald Miente, Assistant Executive Director of TSAC, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil. If you plan to attend the meeting, please notify Ms. Jennifer Carpenter, American Waterways Operators; at (703) 841-9300 by November 28, 2005. For security purposes, your name must be on a pre-vetted list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub.L.92-463, 86 Stat.770, as amended).

Agenda of Working Group Meeting: The agenda for the Licensing Working Group tentatively includes the following item:

The development of an approved model training program for towing vessel wheelhouse personnel.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director (as provided above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than November 28, 2005. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than November 28, 2005.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Mr. Miente at the number listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

Dated: November 8, 2005.

Howard L. Hime,

Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091305C]

Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Related to the Bi-State Water Diversion Habitat Conservation Plan for the Walla Walla River Basin

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to conduct scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (Services) advise interested parties of their intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Services anticipate receiving permit applications from Gardena Farms

Irrigation District (GFID), Hudson Bay District Improvement Company (HBDIC), and the Walla Walla River Irrigation District (WWRID). Other surface water diverters in the Walla Walla Basin, such as independent irrigators, ditch companies, and other local governments, may also apply. The permit applications would be submitted under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the incidental take of listed species through actions associated with the Bi-State Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Walla Walla River Basin. Given the present list of likely permit applicants, the geographic scope of the permit would be that portion of the mainstem Walla Walla River downstream from the Walla Walla River Irrigation District's diversion. If other surface water diverters apply for permits, the geographic scope would be expanded accordingly to include those stream reaches within the Walla Walla Basin that are potentially affected by those diversions. The proposed actions to be covered by the permit would be those activities undertaken by the applicants that are associated with the diversion and delivery of surface water. **DATES:** Four scoping meetings will be held in November 2005. They will include one meeting for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), one for all interested and affected agencies, and two for the public. Meeting locations and times will be published in the local newspapers of record:

1. Public scoping meeting, November 16, 2005, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.
2. Public scoping meeting, November 17, 2005, 7 p.m.–9 p.m.
3. Agency scoping meeting, November 17, 2005, 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
4. CTUIR scoping meeting, November 18, 2005, 9 a.m.–10 a.m. Written comments should be received on or before December 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

1. Public scoping meeting, Washington State Department of Transportation (Conference Room) 1210 G Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.
2. Public scoping meeting, Milton Freewater Library (Albee Room), 8 SW 8th Avenue, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.
3. Agency scoping meeting, Washington State Department of Transportation (Conference Room) 1210 G Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362.
4. CTUIR scoping meeting, 73239 Confederated Way, Mission, OR 97801.

All comments concerning the preparation of the EIS and the NEPA process should be addressed to: Ms. Michelle Eames, FWS, 1103 East

Montgomery Drive, Spokane, Washington 99206, facsimile 509–891–6748; or Mr. Dale Bambrick, NMFS, 304 S. Water Street, Suite 200, Ellensburg, WA 98926, facsimile 509–962–8544. E-mail comments may be submitted to the following address:

WallaWallaHCP@fws.gov. In the subject line of the e-mail, include the document identifier: Walla Walla HCP-EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Eames, FWS, (509)–891–6839, or Dale Bambrick, NMFS, (509) 962–8911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority

Section 9 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1538) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.21(c), 17.31(a)) prohibit the “taking” of animal species listed as endangered or threatened. The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1532(19)). “Harm” is defined by FWS regulation to include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering (50 CFR 17.3). NMFS’ definition of harm includes significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures fish or wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, spawning, migrating, rearing, and sheltering (64 FR 60727, November 8, 1999).

Section 10 of the ESA and implementing regulations provide for the issuance of incidental take permits (ITPs) to non-Federal applicants to authorize incidental take of endangered and threatened species (16 U.S.C. 1539(a); 50 CFR 17.22(b), 17.32(b)). Any proposed take must be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity, must not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild, and must be minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. In addition, an applicant must prepare an HCP describing the impact that will likely result from such taking, a plan for minimizing and mitigating the impacts of such incidental take, the funding available to implement the plan, alternatives to such taking, and the reason such alternatives are not being implemented.

NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requires that Federal agencies conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the