

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

KIM E. HODGSON

Plaintiff,

v.

**MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner
of Social Security,**

Defendant.

No. 3:10-cv-06261-ST

OPINION AND ORDER

MOSMAN, J.,

On February 16, 2012, Magistrate Judge Stewart issued her Findings and Recommendation (“F&R”) [29] in the above-captioned case, recommending that I grant plaintiff’s motion for fees [24] in the sum of \$4,304.85. No objections were filed.

DISCUSSION

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the court is not required to review, under a de novo or any other standard, the factual or legal

conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

Upon review, I agree with Judge Stewart's recommendation and I ADOPT the F&R [29] as my own opinion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 9th day of March, 2012.

/s/ Michael W. Mosman
MICHAEL W. MOSMAN
United States District Court