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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification to permit no. 977 (P77-1#74).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 977, issued to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/712-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Permit was modified to authorize: (1) Use of gas anesthesia on up to 16 adult female California sea lions during instrumentation and recapture; (2) increase in the number of females taken in one year from 20 to 32 under Special Conditions A.1.a. and b.; and (3) use of gas anesthesia on pups authorized to be taken in Special Condition A.1.d. of the Permit. All other Terms and Conditions of the original permit remain in force and effect.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Wing Conversion and Airspace Modification Georgia Air National Guard Notice of Availability of Record of Decision

On January 3, 1996, the United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed Wing Conversion and Airspace Modification, Georgia Air National Guard. The decisions rendered by the U.S. Air Force were as follows: (1) Conversion of F-15A/B aircraft of the 116th Fighter Wing (FW) at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, Georgia to the B-1B aircraft and the relocation of the newly designated 116th Bomb Wing (BW) to Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia, will be implemented and; (2) The Coastal Military Operations Area will be proposed for establishment, Restricted Area R-3007 will be proposed for modification, and both will be presented to the Federal Aviation Administration as airspace actions for aeronautical analysis. The ROD was based on findings contained in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) made available on 17 November 1995 through notification in the Federal Register.

Many factors were considered in the decision of converting the 116 FW to the 116 BW, relocating to Robins AFB and creation of the Coastal MOA. Potentially, the most significant were: noise impacts; socioeconomic concerns involving land use, residential encroachment, and economic impact on businesses; aircraft ground and flight safety, electromagnetic radiation, and hazardous materials management; impacts on general aviation and wildlife refuges. Based upon comment from public participation in the Environmental Impact Statement process, mitigation measures will be taken by the Air National Guard to ensure impacts are minimized.

The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Director of the Air National Guard recognize the many unique and sensitive resources prominent with the southeastern United States. These resources have been effectively identified by the public,

special interest organizations, and Federal, state, and local officials throughout the study process. The Air Force and the Air National Guard acknowledge that flying operations over these areas must be strictly managed and accomplished with great sensitivity.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to: Lt Col Steve Shiell, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANG/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20331-5157, (301) 981-8804.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0067]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Incentive Contracts

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0067).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Incentive Contracts. A request for public comments was published at 60 FR 58338, November 27, 1995. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: March 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0067, Incentive Contracts, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Office of Federal

Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-1758.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Incentive contracts are normally used when a firm fixed-price contract is not appropriate and the required supplies or services can be acquired at lower costs, and sometimes with improved delivery or technical performance, by relating the amount of profit or fee payable under the contract to the contractor's performance.

The information required periodically from the contractor—such as cost of work already performed, estimated costs of further performance necessary to complete all work, total contract price for supplies or services accepted by the Government for which final prices have been established, and estimated costs allocable to supplies or services accepted by the Government and for which final prices have not been established—is needed to negotiate the final prices of incentive-related item and services.

The contracting officer evaluates the information received to determine the contractor's performance in meeting the incentive target and the appropriate price revision, if any, for the items or services.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per completion, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 3,000; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 3,000; preparation hours per response, 1; and total response burden hours, 3,000.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requester may obtain copies of justifications from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0067, Incentive Contracts, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 8, 1996.

Beverly Fayson,
FAR Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Corpus Christi Bay to Port Isabel, TX

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent with request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a summary of the Corps of Engineers ongoing and planned study activities to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)—Corpus Christi Bay to Port Isabel, Texas. The purpose of the study is to develop a long-term plan for the placement of dredged material from continued maintenance dredging of the GIWW. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting public input as to the problems that need to be addressed and other study efforts that may be needed. Additionally, a series of public workshops to solicit input and concerns on this study are planned within the next several months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have information or questions concerning this notice or the study, or if you wish to be on the mailing list for this study, please contact Mr. Rick Medina at (409) 766-3044 or Mr. Neil McLellan at (409) 766-3963, or you may write to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

This notice provides a summary of the ongoing and planned study activities to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW)—Corpus Christi Bay to Port Isabel, Texas. The purpose of the study is to develop a long-term plan for the placement of dredged material from continued maintenance dredging of the GIWW. Because of the public interest and concerns related to dredging and dredged material, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has decided to issue this notice and solicit public input regarding the study. This in no way prejudices the significance of new information and circumstances since 1975 nor predetermines the results of the ongoing studies.

Study Background

This section of the GIWW is a 12-foot deep by 125-foot wide channel which extends 117 miles from Corpus Christi Bay to Port Isabel through the Laguna Madre. This reach of the GIWW serves the Ports of Port Mansfield, Harlingen, Port Isabel, and Brownsville, transporting 2 million tons of commerce annually. This vital artery transports over 350 million gallons of gasoline to the Rio Grande Valley. Over 2 million cubic yards of material are dredged annually from this reach at an average annual cost of \$1.2 million dollars. Within this reach there are 71 placement areas totaling over 9,000 acres.

The Laguna Madre is one of only three hypersaline lagoons in the world. This shallow, productive estuary produces over 50% of the State's coastal finfish harvest and serves as nursery grounds for the important Gulf shrimp fishery. Seagrasses are a significant resource in the Laguna and cover over 65 percent of the bay bottom. The seagrasses also provide feeding grounds for the largest population of redhead ducks in the world.

Interagency Coordination Team

To address the dredging and placement practices along the GIWW within the Laguna Madre, the Corps of Engineers began efforts in September 1994 to form an Interagency Coordination Team (ICT). Over the next several months, extensive coordination and consultation occurred to obtain the commitment of a broad-based Federal and State agency involvement. The ICT first met in February 1995 and has met nine times as of January 1996. In addition, the ICT has formed a Modelling Task Force which has met three times. The ICT is comprised of four Federal agencies and six State agencies. They include:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Texas General Land Office
- Texas Water Development Board
- Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department

- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Natural Resource

Conservation Commission

- Corpus Christi Bay National Estuary Program (Advisory)

Study Process

The study process for developing a long-term dredged material management plan for the Laguna Madre is reflected in the goals established by the ICT.