

# Authority and Duties of Division (7 U.S.C. & 453)

(a) The division shall render service to associations of producers of agricultural products, and federations and subsidiaries thereof, engaged in the cooperative marketing of agricultural products, including processing, warehousing, manufacturing, storage, the cooperative purchasing of farm supplies, credit, financing, insurance, and other cooperative activities.

(b) The division is authorized:

(1) To acquire, analyze and disseminate economic, statistical, and historical information regarding the progress, organization, and business methods of cooperative associations in the United States and foreign countries.

(2) To conduct studies of the economic, legal, financial, social, and other phases of cooperation, and publish the results thereof. Such studies shall include the analyses of the organization, operation, financial and merchandising problems of cooperative associations.

(3) To make surveys and analyses if deemed advisable of the accounts and business practices of representative cooperative associations upon their request; to report to the association so surveyed to results thereof, and with the consent of the association so surveyed to publish summaries of the results of such surveys, together with similar facts, for the guidance of cooperative associations and for the purpose of assisting cooperative associations in developing methods of business and market analysis.

(4) To confer and advise with committees or groups of producers, if deemed advisable, that may be desirous of forming a cooperative association and to make an economic survey and analysis of the facts surrounding the production and marketing of the agricultural product or products which the association, if formed, would handle or market.

(5) To acquire from all available sources information concerning crop prospects, supply, demand, current receipts, exports, imports, and prices of the agricultural products handled or marketed by cooperative associations, and to employ qualified commodity marketing specialists to summarize and analyze this information and disseminate the same among cooperative associations, and others.

(6) To promote the knowledge of cooperative principles and practices and to cooperate, in promoting such knowledge, with educational and marketing agencies, cooperative associations, and others.

(7) To make such special studies, in the United States and foreign countries, and to acquire and disseminate such information and findings as may be useful in the development and practice of cooperation.

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .5 hours per response.

*Respondents:* Mainly buyers of agricultural products in domestic market areas in which proposed cooperatives would be expected to market their member's products.

*Estimated number of Respondents:* 105

*Estimated number of responses per respondent:* 1

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 52.5 hours per year.

The Cooperative Development Division specializes in technical assistance to agricultural and rural producer groups interested in organizing a cooperative, and to emerging or developing co-ops, so they can: (a) use sensible economic judgment, (b) determine co-op feasibility, (c) meet an economic need, (d) successfully operate on sound business principles and, (e) increase member income.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Sam Spencer, Rural Business Team Information Collection Coordinator, at (202) 720-9588.

*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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Sam Spencer, Rural Business Team Information Collection Coordinator, Regulations and Paperwork Management Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0743, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-0743, or may be submitted via the Internet by addressing them to comments @ rus.usda.gov and must contain the words Buyer Survey. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 2, 1996.

Wilbur T. Peer,

*Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.*

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## ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** December 16-17, 1996.

**PLACE:** ARRB, 600 E Street, NW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Review and Accept Minutes of Closed Meetings
2. Review of Assassination Records
3. Other Business

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Eileen Sullivan, Assistant Press and Public Affairs Officer, 600 E Street, NW, Second Floor, Washington, DC 20530. Telephone: (202) 724-0088; Fax: (202) 724-0457.

David G. Marwell,

*Executive Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112596B]

### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P772#63)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 873.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200,

Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to permit no. 873, issued on July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorizes the permit holder to harass (i.e., through vessel approach, photogrammetry, photographic identification, and tissue biopsy) several marine mammal species in the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, over a 5-year period. The expiration date of the permit is December 31, 1997. The permit holder is now requesting that Permit 873 be amended to authorize the attachment of radio tags to up to 20 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) per year in the eastern North Pacific Ocean.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the

Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Title and OMB Control Number:** Joint Recruiting Advertising Program (JRAP); OMB Control No. 0704-0351.

**Type of Request:** Reinstatement.

**Number of Respondents:** 33,650.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 33,650.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 1 minute.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 561 hours.

#### Needs and Uses

This collection of information is necessary to conduct Congressionally directed recruiting campaigns for the Armed Forces. The Joint Recruiting Advertising Program (JRAP) supports Armed Forces recruitment efforts with cost-effective advertising. The JRAP ROTC Scholarship Folder, FUTURES magazine, and FUTURES magazine on-line, provide high school students with information about opportunities available in the Armed Forces. Students are provided with Business Reply Cards (BRCs) that they may voluntarily fill out to request additional information about the Armed Forces. When one branch of the Armed Forces receives a BRC, the information is promptly sent to the BRC respondent. The name of the BRC respondent is then added to mailing lists used by the Services for future mailings of Service-related enlistment and scholarship information brochures.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**DOD Clearance Officer:** Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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## Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

### Authorization Under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide General Permit Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard Categorical Exclusions for Certain Activities Requiring Department of the Army Authorization

**AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL) regarding the U.S. Coast Guard categorical exclusions (CEs), which have been authorized under the Corps nationwide general permit number 23. The U.S. Coast Guard previously developed its CEs pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR part 1500 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Effective date, November 5, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Cole, Regulatory Branch, Office of the Chief of Engineers, at (202) 761-0199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Coast Guard has requested Corps authorization, in accordance with the Corps nationwide general permit number 23, of its CEs originally published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1994 (59 FR 38654), and subsequently modified on September 6, 1995 (60 FR 46327), June 20, 1995 (60 FR 32197), and March 27, 1996, (61 FR 13563). The Corps issued the nationwide general permit to reduce duplicative Federal processes when another Federal agency has determined that certain activities are categorically excluded from a detailed NEPA analysis, and to expedite Department of the Army authorization for projects having no more than minimal adverse environmental effects either individually or cumulatively.

In 1983, the Corps approved the original U.S. Coast Guard CEs (45 FR 32819) under the nationwide permit and has been qualifying U.S. Coast Guard CE activities under the nationwide permit since then. We are publishing the existing U.S. Coast Guard CEs in their entirety, incorporating the subsequent changes made by the U.S. Coast Guard as identified in the Federal Register citations listed above. Several of the categorical exclusions do not require Department of the Army authorization but are listed to provide the complete