

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Showcase Exhibit of U.S. Exports

AGENCY: DOC, International Trade Administration.

DATES: March 18, 1999.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration ("ITA") of the Department of Commerce announces an exhibition of exported U.S. environmental technology products and services. The exhibition will showcase U.S. environmental exports by displaying successfully exported products and services at ITA headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of these exports on the U.S. economy. Companies and trade associations are encouraged to express interest in providing exhibit material. The exhibition will be coordinated through the Office of Environmental Technologies Exports.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marc Lemmond, Office of Environmental Technologies Exports; U.S. Department of Commerce/ITA; Room 1003; Washington, DC 20230; Telephone (202) 482-3889; fax (202) 482-5665; e-mail: "marc_lemmond@ita.doc.gov"

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: ITA is showcasing U.S. exports by exhibiting successfully exported products and services at its headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. The exhibit, which represents a series of industries and a variety of companies, is located in the Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade. The exhibit is rotated approximately every four months.

The next sector to be displayed is the environmental technologies sector. Companies and trade associations in this sector are encouraged to express interest in showcasing their exports of goods and/or services by contacting ITA through the individual listed above. Displayed items may include illustrations, miniaturized or actual models of overseas projects incorporating substantial U.S. environmental products or services, in addition to samples of actual U.S. products that are being successfully exported.

Extensive shelf-, wall- and floor-space are available in this executive-style office.

Selection Process:

Items will be selected for exhibition on the basis of the following factors:

(1) Items must be produced in, or representative of services exported from, the United States and have at least a 51% U.S. content, including materials, equipment and labor (in the case of large development projects, the applicant should identify substantial U.S. products or services into the completed project). To highlight the impact of exports on small businesses, items will also be considered that are produced by U.S. companies that do not directly export but rather whose goods or services are incorporated into another company's for export.

(2) The items must relate to the industry selected by ITA and be suitable for exhibition in a limited space.

(3) The company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly, by a foreign government.

(4) Items chosen should reflect diversity of company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

Other conditions: Displayed items will be considered loans to the Department. Companies will be responsible for shipment of the item to and from the Commerce Department, for obtaining appropriate insurance, and for all related costs.

Time Frame for Applications: Expressions of interest from the environmental technologies sector should be received by April 5, 1999. Expressions of interest should be sent to the ITA official identified above.

A **Federal Register** notice will be published subsequently to announce the next sector to be highlighted.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Ambassador David L. Aaron,

Under Secretary for International Trade.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Biology Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova

Scotia, B3H 4J1 Canada, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 926.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115, (206/526-6150);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 709 West 9th Street, Federal Building, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-72212); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 56913) that an amendment of permit No. 926, issued June 6, 1994 (59 FR 31217), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been issued 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 (ESA) 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).

The Permit be amended to: (1) expand the geographic research area to include Hawaii waters; (2) include suction-cup TDR/VHF tagging, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of several additional species of marine mammals found in Hawaii waters (*i.e.*, spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*), melon headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), Blainville's or dense beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)); and (3) collect photo-identification and behavioral information on odontocetes in Hawaii waters (*i.e.*, those odontocete species listed above as well as bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and those species which are currently covered in the existing permit that are found in

Hawaii waters (*i.e.*, short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*). The permittee is also requesting authorization to: conduct in-water activities for the purposes of obtaining measuring photographs and/or video footage of the behavior of tagged humpback whales; and retain for genetic analyses small amounts of humpback whale skin which may adhere to the inner surface of the suction cups. The primary goal of the proposed research on the subject species is to study their diving behavior using time-depth recorder data.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

Jeannie K. Drevenak,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), ODUSD(PI)/Defense Human Resources Activity, ATTN: Ms. Sheila Ford, 4040 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 696-1022.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment, DD Form 1172, OMB Number 0704-0020.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to authorize members of the Uniformed Services, their spouses and dependents, and other authorized individuals certain benefits and privileges. These privileges include health care, use of commissary, base exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. This information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data to determine eligibility, to provide eligible individuals with an authorization card (identification card) for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services, and maintain a centralized database of eligible individuals. This information collection may also be used by the military departments and the Defense agencies to issue their non-benefit identification cards.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 281,092.

Number of Respondents: 1,623,246.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection identifies those individuals eligible for the benefits and privileges authorized in Sections 1061-1065, 1072-1074c, 1076, 1076a, 1077, 1174a, 1175, and 1408 of Title 10 and issuance of the appropriate Uniformed Services identification cards.

The Uniformed Services identification card is the key to authorized usage of military health care, commissary,

exchange privileges, and morale, welfare, and recreation facilities. In order to obtain this identification card, an applicant is required to go to an identification card issuing site and update a DD Form 1172, "Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card—DEERS Enrollment." The sponsor, or person authorized to sign the DD Form 1172 in accordance with the criteria established in DoD Instruction 1000.13, provides appropriate dependent information and verification, *i.e.*, birth certificate, marriage license, etc. The information is entered into an automated system by the identification card issuing official and reviewed by the applicant. Once the applicant has reviewed the information for correctness, the sponsor, or person authorized to sign the form, will sign the system-printed DD Form 1172. The DD Form 1172 must be signed by both the sponsor (or person authorized to sign the form) and the verifying official. The person authorized to sign the form must sign it in the presence of the verifying official. On those rare occasions where the sponsor (or personnel authorized to sign the form) is unable to accompany his/her dependent to the identification card issuing site, the signature must be notarized in accordance with the criteria set forth in DoD Instruction 1000.13 prior to verification by the verifying official. This does not happen very often and does not create a significant increase in burden to the public. Once the DD Form 1172 has been properly signed, the form is taken to the identification card issuing site for issuance of the ID card. The data are transmitted to the Defense Manpower Data Center to be entered into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. The application is required to update the information once every four years or as changes occur, *i.e.*, reservist entering active duty or being released from active duty.

This information collection may also be used to identify employees and certain contractors of the military departments and Defense agencies for the purpose of issuance of a non-benefit identification card. This group may include civilians and contractors who regularly require official identification in connection with their official business.

Individuals eligible for this program include: active duty, reserve, and retired personnel of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, US Public Health Service, and NOAA) and their dependents; surviving dependents of deceased active