

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 091599D]

**Marine Mammals; File No. 707-1531-00**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Social Sciences, Hawaii Hall 105, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before October 25, 1999.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, 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.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant is requesting authorization to harass up to 750 North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually during the course of tracking and photographing/filming the animals for purposes of behavioral observation, individual identification, gender identification, size measurement, documentation of

group membership and affiliations, and recording of vocalizations. The research will be carried out over a five-year period in waters of the North Pacific Ocean, with primary emphasis on the whales' Hawaiian winter grounds.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

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

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4027);

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2941 (808/973-2987); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7235).

Dated: September 15, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0139]

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know**

**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 (9000-0139).

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 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 Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know. A request for public comments was published at 64 FR 38896, July 20, 1999. No comments were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on or before October 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the 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), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Linfield, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1757.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Purpose**

FAR Subpart 23.9 and its associate solicitation provision and contract clause implement the requirements of E.O. 12969 of August 8, 1995 (60 FR 40989, August 10, 1995), "Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know," and the Environmental Protection Agency's "Guidance Implementing E.O. 12969; Federal Acquisition Community Right-to-Know; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting" (60 FR 50738, September 29, 1995). The FAR coverage requires offerors in competitive acquisitions over \$100,000 (including options) to certify that they will comply with applicable toxic chemical release reporting requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 11001-11050) and the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13101-13109).

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, 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, 167,487; responses per respondent, 1; total annual responses, 167,487; preparation hours per response, 0.50; and total response burden hours, 83,744.

**OBTAINING COPIES OF PROPOSALS:**

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0139, Federal Acquisition and Community Right-to-Know, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

**Edward C. Loeb,**

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the United States Commission on National Security/21st Century

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense (Policy).

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Commission on National Security/21st Century will meet in closed session on October 4, 1999. The Commission was originally chartered by the Secretary of Defense on 1 July 1998 (charter revised on 18 August 1999) to conduct a comprehensive review of the early twenty-first century global security environment; develop appropriate national security objectives and a strategy to attain these objectives; and recommend concomitant changes to the national security apparatus as necessary.

The Commission will meet in closed session on October 4, 1999, to give guidance on the methodology and approach to follow for the development of its Phase Two report. By Charter, the Phase Two report is to be delivered to the Secretary of Defense no later than April 14, 2000. The report will be based on classified material concerning U.S. interests, objectives and a proposed national strategy to achieve those interests and objectives. The Commissioners also will meet with Secretary of State Madeline Albright

and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C., Appendix II], it is anticipated that matters affecting national security, as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1988), will be presented throughout the meeting, and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** Monday, 4 October, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Dr. Keith A. Dunn, National Security Study Group, Suite 532, Crystal Mall 3, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-3805. Telephone 703-602-4175.

Dated: September 20, 1999.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,*  
*Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act Public Law (92-463), announcement is made of the following open meeting.

*Name of Committee:* Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

*Dates of Meeting:* 15-16 November 1999.

*Place:* Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Building 54, 14th St. and Alaska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20306-6000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (15 November 1999). 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (16 November 1999).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ridgely Rabold, Center for Advanced Pathology (CAP), AFIP, Building 54, Washington, DC 20306-6000, phone (202) 782-2553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *General function of the board:* The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies and procedures of the AFIP.

*Agenda:* The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Deputy Director,

Center for Advanced Pathology Director, the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology departments which the Board members will visit during the meeting.

*Open board discussions:* Reports will be given on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

#### Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the 1992 Final Environmental Impact Statement on Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park (Mod Waters Project) To Address a Change in Design of the Levee 67 and Levee 29 Water Conveyance Features Within Water Conservation Area 3 (WCA 3)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The congressionally authorized Mod Waters project consists of structural modifications and additions to the existing C&SF Project required to improve water deliveries for ecosystem restoration of Everglades National Park (Park). The authorized plan calls for construction of six water control structures in Levee 67 (L-67) and its adjacent canal, which partition WCA 3 into two basins, WCA 3A and WCA 3B and two recently constructed structures in L-29. At the request of the local sponsor, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), the Corps will be reevaluating the design of the water conveyance features and addressing the need for water seepage control for WCA 3B.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232; Attn: Mr. Elmar Kurzbach, 904-232-2325.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. Alternatives to be evaluated involve combinations of gated water control structures, passive structures (fixed-crest weirs), levee removal, and canal filling to convey water from WCA 3A into WCA 3B and from WCA 3B into Northeast Shark River Slough. Seepage