

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 14, 2000.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 713-2289;

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702-2432, (727) 570-5301.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment 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 other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski or Jeannie Drevenak, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 909-1465-00, issued on June 14, 1999 (63 FR 39272) 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 and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226). Permit No. 909-1465-00 authorizes the applicant to conduct photo-identification and skin biopsy sampling activities on several species of cetaceans, including the sperm whale (*Physeter catodon*), in the Gulf of Mexico over a five year period. Samples collected via biopsy sampling, as well as extant samples of stored material obtained from National Marine Fisheries Services' Southeast Regions, may be exported to England for genetic analyses. The authority of this permit expires on April 30, 2004.

The applicant is now requesting authorization for the following: (1)

Extend the study for sperm whales only to waters of the southern Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and mid-western Atlantic, allowing for documentation of genetic variability of additional sperm whale populations thought to be residents in the northern Gulf of Mexico; (2) biopsy females with calves present as long as the calves are at least 4.5 meters in length; (3) expand the draw weight of the crossbow used for biopsy from 35-45 kg to a maximum of 150 kg; (4) increase sperm whale takes by an additional 250 individuals by biopsy and 750 individuals by incidental harassment; and (5) export all collected samples, including those from the increased geographic area, to England for genetic analysis.

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.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011300D]

Marine Mammals; File No. P624

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. Michael J. Moore, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1032.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 10, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 73523) that an amendment of Permit No. 1032, issued April 18, 1997 (62 FR 23229), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The Permit, as amended, authorizes at-sea biopsy darting of large whales, blubber acoustic assay, passive acoustic listening, and inadvertent harassment of large whales in Atlantic Ocean, international waters and Caribbean.

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: June 8, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the

“Corporation”), has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13. (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35)). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Evaluation, Marcia Scott, (202) 606–5000, extension 100. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606–5256 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Mr. Danny Werfel, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395–7326, within 30 days of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate 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;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information to those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Long-term Study of Member Outcomes.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: AmeriCorps members, comparison group individuals, AmeriCorps program administrators.

Total Respondents: 3,456.

- 1,792 AmeriCorps members (1,410 State/National and 382 NCCC).
- 1,552 individuals in the comparison groups (1,223 individuals who inquired about AmeriCorps through the CNS

inquiry line for the State/National comparison group; 329 individuals from the NCCC program’s wait list for the NCCC comparison group).

- 112 AmeriCorps program administrators.

Frequency:

- AmeriCorps members at post-program (eight months after baseline).
- Comparison group individuals eight months after baseline.
- Program characteristics from AmeriCorps administrators at post-program.
- AmeriCorps member and comparison group follow-up at three years after baseline (approximately two years after the post-program survey).

Average Time Per Response:

- The Post-program survey of members will require an average of 45 minutes per respondent.
- The initial follow-up survey of individuals in the comparison groups will take an average of 30 minutes per respondent.
- The survey of AmeriCorps program administrators will take an average of 20 minutes per program.
- Follow-up surveys of AmeriCorps members and individuals in the comparison group at three years after baseline will take an average of 30 minutes per respondent.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 3,831 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Description: The Corporation seeks approval to continue to study the impact of AmeriCorps*State/National and AmeriCorps*NCCC on members over time. The objectives of this study are to describe the outcomes that are associated with participating and document changes in those outcomes over time; to identify factors explaining variation in outcomes at different stages of time; and to identify relationships between selected program features and member outcomes. Outcome domains will include civic engagement, educational skill aspiration and achievements, employment skill aspiration and achievements, and life skills. To meet these objectives, the study has selected a nationally representative sample of incoming AmeriCorps members from over 100 programs to ensure generalizability to the overall population. The study is collecting baseline data from a self-report survey measuring a variety of life outcomes for AmeriCorps members of State/National and NCCC programs as well as individual background characteristics.

To fully understand the impacts that cause change in outcomes, the study has selected a comparison group for both programs and has completed collecting baseline information on those individuals. The initial round of data collection for this study was authorized under OMB approval 3045–0060 which expires September 30, 2002. This is a request to conduct two additional rounds of data collection on the study: (1) surveys of treatment and comparison group members at two time points: ten months and two years after baseline; and (2) a survey of AmeriCorps program administrators at the end of the 1999–2000 program year.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

William H. Bentley,

Director, Department of Evaluation and Effective Practices.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Web-based Education Commission; Hearing

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Education.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next hearing of the Web-based Education Commission. Notice of this hearing is required under Section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend this hearing.

DATES: The hearing will be held on June 26, 2000, from 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. in conjunction with the National Educational Computing Conference in Atlanta, GA. The hearing location is in the Georgia World Congress Center (Hall G).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Byer, Executive Director, Web-based Education Commission, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006–8533. Telephone: (202) 219–7045. Fax: (202) 502–7873. Email: web_commission@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Web-based Education Commission is authorized by Title VIII, Part J of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, as amended by the Fiscal 2000 Appropriations Act for the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. The Commission is required to conduct a thorough study to assess the critical pedagogical and policy issues affecting the creation and use of web-based and