

under section 101(a)(2)(B) and (C) of the MMPA. If necessary, documentary evidence may also be requested from the Republic of Ecuador to determine whether the affirmative finding criteria are being met. In order for the affirmative finding for the Republic of Ecuador to be renewed after NMFS's annual review in 2004, the Republic of Ecuador must submit a new application in early 2005 for an affirmative finding to be effective for the period April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006, and the subsequent 4 years.

Dated: June 26, 2003.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061803K]

Marine Mammals; File No. 455-1445

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Waikiki Aquarium, 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 (Dr. Cindy Hunter, Principal Investigator) has been issued an amendment to scientific research and enhancement Permit No. 455-1445-03.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm. 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.*).

This minor amendment extends the expiration date of the permit to maintain Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for scientific research and enhancement purposes from June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

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 27, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Aperture Stop with Low Backscattering

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/006,316 entitled "Aperture Stop with Low Backscattering," filed December 4, 2001. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US02/38225). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A system including but not limited to a low-backscatter aperture structure, where the system can include but is not limited to a camera, an optical communications system, an imaging system, a test system, and a measurement system.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Continuous Aimpoint Tracking System

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 101/103,748, titled "Continuous Aimpoint Tracking System" and filed on March 22, 2002. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, ATTN: Operations of Research Technology Applications, AMSAM-RD-AS-TI-HI, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kelly McGuire at telephone 256/876-8743 or e-mail:

kelly.mcguire@rdc.redstone.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Continuous Aimpoint Tracking System is comprised of a position detection device (PDD) and a laser pointing device (LDP) that projects an infrared crosshair onto the PDD. The PDD is coupled to a computer and comprises a multitude of photodiodes and associated circuits, the photodiodes being evenly spaced and arranged to form a frame that can be mounted on the computer so as to surround the computer video display. When a "shot" is fired from the LPD, the crosshair projection is interrupted briefly. The PDD determines the position of the four crosshair intersections and reports them to the computer which, in response, generates the video signals that form the resolved aimpoint on the screen, matching the LPD aimpoint to the video image. Further, the tracking system determines the rotation of the LPD over a range of

at least 10 degrees clockwise or counter-clockwise.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Non-Exclusive, Exclusive License or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Soft Landing Assembly for a Parachute

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR Part 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. US 6,575,408 B2 entitled "Soft Landing Assembly for a Parachute" issued June 10, 2003. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert Rosenkrans at U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760, phone: (508) 233-4928 or E-mail: Robert.Rosenkrans@natick.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any licenses granted shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR Part 404.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Coastal Engineering Research Board

AGENCY: Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Coastal Engineering Research Board (CERB).

Dates of Meeting: July 22-24, 2003.

Place: Embassy Suites Downtown, Chicago, IL.

Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquiries and notice of intent to attend

the meeting may be addressed to Mr. Thomas W. Richardson, Acting Executive Secretary, Coastal Engineering Research Board, Coastal and Hydraulics Laboratory, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, 3909 Halls Ferry Road, Vicksburg, MS 39180-6199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Proposed Agenda:* On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, presentations and discussions will pertain to the Monitoring Complete Navigation Projects, Coastal Field Data Collection, National Shoreline Erosion Control Development and Demonstration Program (Section 227), and the Coastal Inlets Research Program. On Wednesday, July 23, 2003, presentations and discussions will include the Flood and Coastal Systems, and on Thursday, July 24, 2003, presentations and discussions will include the Navigation Systems.

This meeting is open to the public, but since seating capacity of the meeting room is limited, advance notice of intent to attend, although not required, is requested in order to assure adequate arrangements for those wishing to attend.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee will meet to discuss basic and advanced research and technology. All sessions of the meetings will be devoted to briefings, discussions and technical examination of information related to the application of science and technology to FORCENet; the reform of technology acquisition; and the assessment of electromagnetic gun technology.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, July 21, 2003, through Friday, July 25, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Monday, July 28, 2003, through Thursday, July 31, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, August 1, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego, 53560 Hull Street, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Ryan, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to discussions of basic and advanced research and associated science and technology opportunities with respect to concepts and science and technology (S&T) initiatives, including those in the space, atmospheric, surface and subsurface environments, required to achieve the visions of FORCENet and Sea Power 21; alternative approaches to technology acquisition that could be implemented within the Department of the Navy's acquisition system; and, initiatives required to produce a militarily effective Naval electromagnetic (EM) gun system. These briefings and discussions will contain proprietary information and classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. The proprietary, classified and non-classified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1) and (4).

Dated: June 27, 2003.

E.F. McDonnell,

Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No.: 84.326C]

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Special Education—Technical Assistance and Dissemination To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities—Projects for Children and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind (84.326C)

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2003.