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This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations, and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) regulations. NMFS will evaluate the ITP application, associated documents, and submitted comments to determine whether the ITP application and associated documents meet the requirements of the ESA, NMFS' regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6), and NHPA section 106 regulations (36 CFR 800). NMFS is furnishing this notice to allow other agencies and the public an opportunity to review and comment on these documents, to scope alternatives and impacts to be considered, and comment on effects to cultural and historic properties. All comments received will be available for review pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. The final ITP decision will be made no sooner than 30 days after date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

July 28, 2003.

Laurie K. Allen,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072503B]

Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS); Pilot Program for Testing of VMS Unit for Certification in Northeast Fisheries

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

ACTION: Request for participants in a pilot program.

SUMMARY: NMFS' Northeast Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) is seeking potential participants for a voluntary, limited-duration pilot program to field test the Thrane & Thrane TT-3026M VMS unit currently being considered for

certification for use in Northeast fisheries that require the use of VMS units for reporting and monitoring of fishing activity.

DATES: Individuals interested in participating in this pilot program should apply by August 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Application information may be obtained from and applications should be submitted to: Northeast Office for Law Enforcement, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "VMS Pilot Program." Or, you may fax an application to: 978-281-9317.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Northeast Office for Law Enforcement, VMS Program, at 978-281-9213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations at 50 CFR 648.9 set forth VMS requirements for fisheries in the northeastern United States that require the use of VMS for fishery monitoring and/or reporting. Specifically, § 648.9(b) lists minimum VMS performance criteria that a VMS unit must meet in order to be certified for use. If and when a new or modified unit becomes available, the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) may, under the provisions of § 648.9(a), certify that unit for use, if it meets the minimum performance criteria.

The Thrane & Thrane TT-3026M VMS unit is being evaluated for certification in Northeast fisheries that require the use of VMS. In order to provide field-testing information to the Regional Administrator, OLE has designed a voluntary pilot program. Specific focus of the pilot program will be the at-sea testing on the setting of the Days-at-Sea (DAS) activity codes using the freeform e-mail capability of the TT-3026M unit.

The pilot program duration will be from 30 to 60 days, and will utilize six vessels of various sizes and configurations in the Northeast multispecies (groundfish) and Atlantic sea scallop fisheries. One unit has already been installed and activated on a local groundfish vessel that will be included in the pilot program. Therefore, five additional vessels are being sought to participate in the pilot program. Participant selection will be based upon vessel length, mast configuration, available power sources, principal port, permit type, personal computer (PC) knowledge level of the operator, and the anticipated fishing activity during the pilot program period. Applicants for the pilot program may provide this information to OLE by requesting, completing and returning a single-page application (see **ADDRESSES**).

All expenses related to the installation and operation of the unit, within the scope of the pilot program, will be paid by OLE.

Once participant selection is finalized, the VMS units will be installed on selected vessels in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines; using local marine electronic vendors. The installer will be required to make the appropriate connections to the PC onboard the vessel and to load the easyMail software, which comes with the TT-3026M. OLE will provide laptop PCs for those vessels that do not already have PCs on board. Once the VMS unit is installed and powered up, the installer will send a test message to OLE and then contact the OLE VMS staff to verify that the message was received and that the VMS unit is operating normally.

The vessel operator will be provided an information packet from OLE that contains instructions for communications with OLE via the VMS unit and step-by-step instructions for sending and receiving activity code changes via the easyMail program. OLE will also provide contact information, so that unforeseen difficulties with the VMS unit or software can be resolved in a timely manner. A test script will be provided to the pilot program vessels to test specific functionality of the system used by OLE to process DAS Activity Code changes. OLE will review the test results and perform any necessary system adjustments.

At the conclusion of the pilot program, interviews with the vessel operators will be conducted to solicit feedback and to obtain suggestions for system changes or enhancements. The VMS unit, along with any ancillary equipment, will be removed from the vessel. The vessel owner will have the option of retaining the control cable, if so desired; otherwise, it will be removed.

Dated: July 28, 2003.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.102000B]

Endangered Species; Permit No. 1144

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 1144 submitted by Michael Bresette has been granted.

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;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay, (301)713-1401 or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of 50 CFR 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification extends the expiration date of the Permit from July 31, 2003, to July 31, 2004, for takes of green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles. It also updates Special Condition C.10. (the net check interval) and adds Special Condition C.12 (sterile research procedures) to the permit to reflect current recommended protocols in order to ensure the safety and health of the sea turtles taken by the research activities.

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 threatened and endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 28, 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

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 2, 2003.

Title, Forms, and OMB Number: Medical Screening of Military Personnel; DD Form 2807-1 and DD Form 2807-2; OMB Number 0704-0413.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 850,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 850,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 135,833.

Needs and Uses: Title 10 U.S.C. 504, 505, 507, 532, 978, 1201, 1202, and 4346, require military applicants to meet medical accession standards for enlistment, induction, and appointment to the Armed Forces. This information collection is the basis for determining medical eligibility of applicants for entry in the Armed Forces. Information is needed to determine the medical qualifications of applicants based upon their current and past medical history. The DD Form 2807-1, "Report of Medical History" and the DD Form 2807-2, "Medical Prescreen of Medical History Report," will be the forms used to collect the necessary data needed from the military applicants to elicit a more accurate picture of their well being and medical history. The information obtained on the DD Form 2807-2 will also identify any medical disqualifying condition(s) prior to the application process and meets the Congressional requirements to obtain the applicant's Health Care provider and Insurance provider.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jackie Zeiher.

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

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing. Written requests for copies of

the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: July 25, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Advisory Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the next meeting of the Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: September 3-4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: 3650 Schriever Avenue, Mather, CA 19406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: RAND provides information about this Panel on its Web site at <http://www.rand.org/organization/nsrd/terrpanel/>; it can also be reached at (703) 413-1100, extension 5683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Schedule and Agenda

Panel To Assess the Capabilities for Domestic Response to Terrorist Attacks Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction will meet from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on September 3, 2003 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. on September 4, 2003. Time will be allocated for public comments by individuals or organizations at the end of the meeting on September 4.

Public comment presentations will be limited to two minutes each and must be provided in writing prior to the meeting. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the open public session to: Hillary Peck, RAND, 1200 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202-5050. Public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.