

ACTION: Receipt of application for modification

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Lawrence D. Wood, Marine Life Center of Juno Beach, 14200 U.S. Hwy. 11, Juno Beach, FL 33408, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1418.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 12, 2004.

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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 modification 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.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1418.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 1418, issued on January 14, 2004 (69 FR 2118) is requested under the authority of 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. 1418 authorizes the permit holder to study the abundance and distribution of hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles in the waters of Palm Beach County, FL. The purpose of this project is to support hawksbill

recovery efforts by surveying the local population to document the distribution and movement of individuals in these waters. The permit holder requests authorization to blood sample each of the 75 hawksbill sea turtles already authorized to be captured. The blood samples will allow researchers to determine the sex of the turtles in order to more accurately characterize the population.

Dated: September 3, 2004.

Amy C. Sloan,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bruce Kellogg, at (202) 606-5000, extension 526. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (800) 833-3722 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern standard time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Brenda Aguilar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316, within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions 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 on those who are to respond, including 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.

An ICR document has been submitted to OMB for consideration concerning a proposed revision to an earlier OMB-approved form. It is The Voucher and Payment Request Form (OMB #3045-0014).

This is the document by which an AmeriCorps member accesses his or her account in the National Service Trust. The form serves three purposes: (1) The AmeriCorps member uses it to request and authorize a specific payment to be made from his or her account, (2) the school or loan company uses it to indicate the amount for which the individual is eligible, and (3) the school or loan company and member both certify that the payment meets various legislative requirements. When the Corporation receives a voucher, it is processed and the U.S. Treasury issues a payment to the loan holder or school on behalf of the AmeriCorps member.

The document was published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2004, for a 60-day pre-clearance public comment period. A caller commented on unclear wording, which has been modified. Only one organization, a school, requested a copy of the document. Its suggestion was incorporated into the version now being presented to OMB for consideration. The form is discussed below.

Voucher and Payment Request Form

Type of Review: Renewal.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Voucher and Payment Request Form.

OMB Number: OMB #3045-0014.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Individuals who have completed a term of national service and who wish to access their educational award accounts.

Total Respondents: 69,000 annually (estimated annual average over the next 3 years).

Frequency: Experience has shown that some members may not ever use the

education award and others use it several times a year.

Average Time Per Response: Total of 5 minutes (one half minute for the AmeriCorps member's section and 4½ minutes for the school or lender).

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 5,750 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Description

After completing a period of national and community service, the AmeriCorps member receives an education award that can be used to pay against qualified student loans or pay for current post secondary educational expenses. The Voucher and Payment Request Form is the document that a member uses to access his or her account in the National Service Trust.

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The form was first designed and some variation of it has been in use since the summer of 1994. We are proposing revisions to clarify certain sections of the existing form and to include terminology included in recent legislative changes. The changes impose no additional burden. The legislated change in terminology modifies the definition of loans "made directly to the student. * * *" to loans "made, insured, or guaranteed directly to the student. * * *"

Modifications to Section A clarify instructions to the member on filling out that portion of the Voucher, especially the dollar amount the member requests and authorizes, and includes space to indicate the disbursement period. Similarly, modifications to Section B clarify information provided to loan holders and educational institutions, particularly in regard to stating the dollar amount for educational expenses.

The Corporation seeks to continue using this particular form, albeit in a revised version. The current form is due to expire 09/2004.

Analysis of Comments Received During the Public Comment Period

One comment was received from an educational institution. It suggested the member indicate the disbursement period for the requested payment on the form so that the school would not need to contact the student for that information. Another person commented on the reference to "an eligible program", which he found unclear. Both comments were incorporated into the revised form.

Dated: August 30, 2004.

Ruben Wiley,

Manager, National Service Trust.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Contract Financing: Performance-Based Payments

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) is currently conducting an internal assessment regarding the use of performance-based payments as a method of financing for DoD contracts. As part of this assessment, DPAP would like to hear the views of interested parties on what they believe are potential areas for improving DoD's use of performance-based payments.

DATES: Submit written comments to the address shown below on or before October 25, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Policy Directorate, ATTN: Mr. David Capitano, Room 3C838, 3000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3000. Comments may also be submitted by fax at (703) 614-0719 (ATTN: Mr. David Capitano), or by e-mail at david.capitano@osd.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Capitano, DPAP Policy Directorate, by telephone at (703) 847-7486, or by e-mail at david.capitano@osd.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Government policy is that performance-based payments are the preferred form of contract financing. In furtherance of this policy, the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy is soliciting public input regarding actions (policy changes, training, etc.) DoD should undertake to—

1. Increase the use of performance-based payments as the method of contract financing on DoD contracts (e.g., what should be done to increase the number of contracts that utilize performance-based payments); and

2. Improve the efficiency of performance-based payments when used on DoD contracts (e.g., what should be done to improve the use of performance-based payments on those contracts that provide for such contract financing).

It would be helpful, but not required, if respondents could also provide—

1. A brief summary of their experience in using performance-based payments on DoD contracts; and

2. What they believe to be the most important advantages and disadvantages that performance-based payments have with respect to progress payments.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through