

File No. 633-1763: Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

File Nos. 594-1759 and 633-1763:

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 these applications should be mailed 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 the particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (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.

Additionally, comments may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the appropriate File No. (594-1759 or 633-1763) as a document identifier in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Tammy Adams or Carrie Hubbard at (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permits are 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

File No. 594-1759: The applicant requests a 5-year permit for aerial surveys, including associated photo-identification, behavioral observation and incidental harassment of North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) in Atlantic waters off Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida and Gulf of Mexico waters off Florida and Alabama. Data will be used to (1) reduce potential for ship collisions via the Early Warning System, (2) improve knowledge of right whale habitat utilization, (3) maintain photo-id catalog, (4) monitor annual reproductive success, and (5) implement programs for population monitoring.

File No. 633-1763: The applicant requests a 5-year permit to conduct

aerial and vessel surveys, photo-identification, behavioral observation, collection and export of sloughed skin, and incidental harassment of North Atlantic right whales in waters of the Gulf of Maine, Cape Cod Bay, Great South Channel, and Georgia Bight. Surveys will be conducted to investigate population parameters, habitat use and conflicts with human activities, and to develop a multi-dimensional foraging/ecosystem model. Data will also be provided to management agencies, including NMFS and the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. The CCS application also requests permission for biopsy sampling of right whales for genetic analyses. NMFS is deferring a decision on a permit for that biopsy sampling pending further environmental analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A draft EA has been prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 17, 2005.

**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

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** DoD, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a)

Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's 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 through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 25, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee, ATTN: Mr. Stephen Westbrook, Hoffman I, Room 836, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331-1300. Comments may be e-mailed to Mr. Westbrook at [stephen.westbrook@us.army.mil](mailto:stephen.westbrook@us.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call (703) 325-1420.

**Title, Associated Forum, and OMB Number:** Medical Physician's Statement for Premium-Class Travel, DD Form X488; OMB Number 0704-TBD.

**Needs and Uses:** Certification validating the disability or other special medical need for premium-class travel accommodations is required for Department of Defense travelers. The requested information provides medical documentation of a disability or other special medical need(s) that will be evaluated, along with other information, in connection with an individual's request for an upgrade in travel to a premium-class of service (business/first-class) as a reasonable accommodation. The physician will specify the physical and environmental requirements connecting the identified disability or other special medical need(s) and the recommended travel accommodation.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 300.

**Number of Respondents:** 600.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency:** On Occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

The Joint Federal Travel Regulations and the Joint Travel Regulation state that civilian employees and military members or their dependents must use coach-class accommodations for official travel. Exceptions to this policy for the use of other than coach-class accommodations must be approved by the appropriate approval authorities as outlined in the regulations. When the reason for a requested upgrade is medical, a physician's certification is needed to validate the condition and the need for premium class seating. The information the physician provides on this form, along with other information, will assist the approval authorities with determining whether or not to approve the use of other than coach-class accommodations for the traveler.

Dated: February 15, 2005.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the findings of the 2004 Science and Technology Quality Review of Air Force Research Laboratory programs. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** 8 March 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** 1670 Air Force Pentagon, Room 4E936, Washington DC 20330-1670.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Major Kyle Gresham, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Rm 5D982, Washington DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4808.

**Albert Bodnar,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy****Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/152,471: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING AND TRACKING PROJECT TRENDS //U.S. Patent No. 6,650,297: LASER DRIVEN PLASMA ANTENNA UTILIZING LASER MODIFIED MAXWELLIAN RELAXATION //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/553,510: SPECIAL SOUNDS VIDEO NARROWBAND PROCESSING SOFTWARE //U.S. Patent No. 6,657,594: PLASMA ANTENNA SYSTEM AND METHOD //U.S. Patent No. 6,806,833: CONFINED PLASMA RESONANCE ANTENNA AND PLASMA RESONANCE ANTENNA ARRAY //U.S. Patent No. 6,827,791: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REMOVING PAINT FROM A SUBSTRATE //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/037,808: SEPARATED FLOW LIQUID CATHOLYTE ALUMINUM HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SEAWATER SEMI-FUEL CELL //U.S. Patent No. 6,829,198: ELECTROACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER HAVING COMPRESSION SCREW MECHANICAL BIAS //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/874,306: NON-LINEAR AXISYMMETRIC POTENTIAL FLOW BOUNDARY MODEL FOR PARTIALLY CAVITATING HIGH SPEED BODIES //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/839,449: LOW FREQUENCY SONAR COUNTERMEASURE //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/565,237: ADAPTABLE HIGH SPEED UNDERWATER MUNITION (AHSUM) CONTROL CIRCUITRY FOR HIGH SPEED VIDEO CAMERA OPERATION //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,907: ANTENNA FOR DEPLOYMENT FROM UNDERWATER LOCATION //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,963: ROTATING FEELER GAGE //U.S. Patent No. 6,822,928: ADAPTIVE SONAR SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/637,074: ACOUSTIC PROCESSING FOR ESTIMATING SIZE OF SMALL

TARGETS //U.S. Patent No. 6,834,608: AN ASSEMBLY OF UNDERWATER BODIES AND LAUNCHER THEREFOR //U.S. Patent No. 6,809,444: FREE ROTATING INTEGRATED MOTOR PROPULSOR //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/627,103: ASYMMETRIC TOW SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE LINEAR SEISMIC ARRAYS //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/679,674: LAUNCHER ASSEMBLY WITH ELASTOMERIC EJECTION //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/679,675: PLUNGING TOWED ARRAY ANTENNA //U.S. Patent No. 6,819,630: ITERATIVE DECISION FEEDBACK ADAPTIVE EQUALIZER //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/679,677: SURF ZONE MINE CLEARANCE ASSAULT SYSTEM //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/730,184: UNDERWATER WEAPON SYSTEM HAVING A ROTATABLE GUN //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/679,687: GUN-ARMED COUNTERMEASURE //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/695,497: VORTEX ASSISTED PRESSURE CONTROL AT INLET OF UNDERWATER LAUNCH SYSTEM //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/663,059: GRAVITY-ACTUATED SUBMARINE ANTENNA //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/644,574: LASER-BASED ACOUSTO-OPTIC UPLINK COMMUNICATIONS TECHNIQUE //U.S. Patent No. 6,813,219: DECISION FEEDBACK EQUALIZATION PRE-PROCESSOR WITH TURBOEQUALIZER //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/456,140: ROTARY ELECTROMAGNETIC LAUNCH TUBE //U.S. Patent No. 6,835,108: OSCILLATING APPENDAGE FOR FIN PROPULSION //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/652,078: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CALIBRATING VOLTAGE SPIKE WAVEFORMS FOR THREE-PHASE ELECTRICAL DEVICES AND SYSTEMS //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/652,079: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CALIBRATING VOLTAGE SPIKE WAVEFORMS //U.S. Patent No. 6,813,218: BUOYANT DEVICE FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL ACOUSTO-OPTIC SIGNAL TRANSFER ACROSS THE AIR-WATER INTERFACE //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/672,964: A BROADBAND, TOWED LINE ARRAY WITH SPATIAL DISCRIMINATION CAPABILITIES //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/679,678: TOWABLE SUBMARINE MAST SIMULATOR //U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/456,245: MULTI-LOBED BUOYANT LAUNCH CAPSULE //U.S. Patent No. 6,822,373: BROADBAND