

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 030598A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Bruce A. Carlson, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, Waikiki Aquarium, 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815, has applied in due form for a permit to take Hawaiian monk seals, *Monachus schauinslandi*, for purposes of scientific research and enhancement. In addition, Douglas P. DeMaster, Ph.D., National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, has applied in due form for a permit to take Steller sea lions, *Eumetopias jubatus*, and northern fur seals, *Callorhinus ursinus*, for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed 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 these particular requests 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 by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The activity proposed by Dr. Carlson involves the continued holding of three Hawaiian monk seals for the purposes of enhancing the survival and recovery of the species, and for scientific research. The seals have been held under the authority of Scientific Research Permit Numbers 413 and 482, issued to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The applicant seeks to: assess the efficiency with which Hawaiian monk seals assimilate and metabolize amino acids and fatty acids from common prey types; and elucidate and monitor how reproductive and metabolic activity of male Hawaiian monk seals are related.

In addition to the projected research above, the seals will be made available for scientific studies to other researchers whose protocols have been approved by the University of Hawaii Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (UHIACUC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources. Due to the possibilities of disease transmission, release would present a finite and unwarranted risk to the wild population. Any public display of the seals would be incidental to and not interfere with the proposed research and enhancement activities.

The second applicant, Dr. DeMaster, seeks authorization to count, capture, handle, flipper tag, blood sample, and biopsy sample Steller sea lion pups, dart biopsy adult and juvenile Steller sea lions, and disturb Stellers of all ages during the conduct of aerial surveys. Research activities are scheduled to take place in Alaska. In addition, the applicant requests authority to disturb a small number of northern fur seals on Bogoslov Island during aerial surveys.

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 activities proposed are 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 these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The application and related documents submitted by Dr. Carlson may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396;

The application and related documents submitted by Dr. DeMaster may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Art Jeffers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Technical Advisory Committee To Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure; Meeting**

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure will hold a meeting on April 22-23, 1998. The Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure was established by the Secretary of Commerce to provide industry advice to the Department on encryption key recovery for use by federal government

agencies. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 22–23, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Tremont House Hotel, 275 Tremont Street, Boston, MA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward Roback, Committee Secretary and Designated Federal Official, Computer Security Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 426, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899; telephone 301–975–3696. Please do not call the conference facility regarding details of this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Agenda

Opening Remarks
Chairperson's Remarks
News Updates (Members, Federal Liaisons, Secretariat)
Working Group (WG) Reports
Intellectual Property Issues (as necessary)
Public Participation
Plans for Next Meeting
Closing Remarks

Note that the items in this agenda are tentative and subject to change due to logistics and speaker availability.

2. Public Participation

The Committee meeting will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the individual identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Committee at any time. Written comments should be directed to the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure, Building 820, Room 426, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. It would be appreciated if sixty copies could be submitted for distribution to the Committee and other meeting attendees.

3. Additional information regarding the Committee is available at its world wide web homepage at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/tacdfipsfkm/>.

4. Should this meeting be canceled, a notice to that effect will be published in the **Federal Register** and a similar

notice placed on the Committee's electronic homepage.

Mark Bohannon,

Chief Counsel for Technology Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology)/Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations) announces the proposed extension of a 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 May 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations)/Office of Financial and Economic Analysis, ATTN: Mr. Michael Scullin, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Two Skyline Place, Suite 1401, Falls Church, VA 22041.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further 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 Mr. Michael Scullin at (703) 681–5479.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Department of Defense Application for Priority Rating for

Production or Construction Equipment, DD Form 691, OMB Number 0704–0055.

Needs and Uses: Executive Order 12919 delegated to DoD authority to require certain contracts and orders relating to approved Defense Programs to be accepted and performed on a preferential basis. This program helps contractors acquire industrial equipment in a timely manner, thereby facilitating development and support of weapons systems and other important Defense Programs.

Affected Public: Businesses or Other for-Profit, Not-for-Profit Institutions; Federal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 610.

Number of Respondents: 610.

Responses to Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 Hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This information is used so the authority to use a priority rating in ordering a needed item can be granted. This is done to assure timely availability of production or construction equipment to meet current Defense requirements in peacetime and in case of national emergency. Without this information DoD would not be able to assess a contractor's stated requirement to obtain equipment needed for fulfillment of contractual obligations. Submission of this information is voluntary.

Dated: March 12, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission of 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).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Foreign Acquisition—Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Part 225 and Related Clauses at 252.225; DD Form 2139; OMB Number 0704–0229.

Type of Request: Extension.