

from June 8–12, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This public meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M. in the Admiral Room, Raymond M. Blasco M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507.

The Alaska Coastal Management Program site visit will be from June 9–18, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200. Teleconference connections will be provided between Anchorage and the coastal communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Cordova, Valdez, Kenai, Kodiak, Dillingham, Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow.

Each State will issue notice of the public meeting in a local newspaper at least 45 days prior to the public meeting, and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division (PCD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone, Management Program Administration.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050598B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fred Sharpe, Behavioral Ecology Research Group, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6, Canada, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 10, 1998.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99801 (907/586-7221).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment 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. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the

regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The purpose of the proposed research is to: examine the behavior, social structure and foraging ecology of North Pacific humpback whales through passive observation (photo-identification, hydrophone recordings, video recording), side-scan sonar, playbacks of humpback whale sounds, and suction cup tagging with "critter cam" dive tags; and obtain opportunistic photo-identification images and recordings of killer whales. Up to 390 humpback whales may be harassed annually during these activities (only 18 of this number may be suction cup tagged annually). Up to 300 killer whales may be harassed annually during photo-identification studies. Research activities will be conducted over a five-year period in southeast Alaska waters.

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 activity proposed is 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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation 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).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services; DD Form 1540; OMB Number 0704-0264.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500.

Average Burden Per Response: 25 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 208.

Needs and Uses: The Department of Defense Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP) requires the exchange of scientific and technical information within and among Federal Government agencies and their contractors. The data that the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) handles is controlled, either because of distribution limitations or security classification. For this reason, all potential users are required to register for service. The registration procedure is mandated by DoD Directive 5200.21, Dissemination of DoD Technical Information. Federal Government agencies and their contractors are required to complete the DoD Form 1540, Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services. The contractor community completes a separate DD Form 1540 for each contract or grant and registration is valid until the contract expires. All collected information is verified by DTIC's Registration Branch.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer 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: May 5, 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 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).

Title and OMB Number: Request for Approval of Foreign Government Employment of Air Force Members; OMB Number 0701-0134.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 148.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 148.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Annual Burden Hours: 148.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is to obtain the information needed by the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of State on which to base a decision to approve or disapprove a request to work for a foreign government. This approval is specified by Title 37, United States Code Section 908. This statute delegates such approval authority of Congress to the respective service secretaries and to the Secretary of State. Respondents are Air Force retired members who have gained jobs with a foreign government and who must obtain approval of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of State to do so. Information, in the form of a letter, includes a detailed description of duty, name of employer, Social Security Number, and statements specifying whether or not the employee will be compensated; declaring if employee will be required or plans to obtain foreign citizenship; declaring that the member will not be required to execute an oath of allegiance of the foreign government; verifying that the member understands that retired pay equivalent to the amount received from the foreign government may be withheld if he or she accepts employment with a foreign government before receiving approval. Reserve members only must include a request to be reassigned to Inactive Status List Reserve Section (Reserve Section Code RB). After verifying the status of the individual, the letter is forwarded to the Air Force Review Board for processing. If the signed letter is not included in the file, individuals reviewing the file cannot furnish the necessary information to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of State on which a decision can be made. Requested information is necessary to maintain the integrity of the Request for Approval of Foreign Government Employment Program.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Manual for Courts-Martial

AGENCY: Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is considering recommending changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, (1995 ed.) [MCM]. The proposed changes are the 1998 draft annual review required by the MCM and DoD Directive 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee (JSC) on Military Justice," May 8, 1996. The proposed changes concern the preamble, the rules of procedure and evidence applicable in trials by courts-martial and the punitive articles describing offenses. The proposed changes to one offense are contingent upon the passage of legislation amending that offense. More specifically, the proposed changes would: (1) Clarify the method of identifying amendments to and editions of the MCM should more than one executive order be signed in a given year; (2) set forth the rules for issuing protective orders preventing the parties and witnesses from making out of court statements when there is a substantial likelihood of material prejudice to a fair trial; (3) clarify which "convictions" are admissible on sentencing; (4) incorporate numerous references into the existing rules, discussion, and punitive articles to confinement with or