

effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ronald Lee, Bureau of the Census, Room 1282-3, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 457-3343.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Quarterly Financial Report (QFR) Program is planning to submit for approval to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) its four data collection forms: Quarterly Financial Report Forms QFR-101(MG)-long form, QFR-102(TR)-long form, and QFR-101A(MG)-short form, and QFR-103(NB)-Nature of Business Report. The current expiration for these forms is December 31, 1998.

The QFR Program has published up-to-date aggregate statistics on the financial results and position of U.S. corporations since 1947. It is a principal economic indicator that also provides financial data essential to calculation of key Government measures of national economic performance. The importance of this data collection is reflected by the granting of specific authority to conduct the program in Title 13 of the United States Code, Section 91, which requires that financial statistics of business operations be collected and published quarterly. Public Law 103-105 extended the authority of the Secretary of Commerce to conduct the QFR Program under Section 91 through September 30, 1998. Efforts are underway to extend this authority. On May 13, 1998, Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN) introduced S. 2071, a bill that would extend the authority to conduct the QFR Program through September 30, 2005. Senator John Glenn (D-OH) is a co-sponsor of the legislation. We plan to submit a request for extension of the OMB approval of the QFR program reporting forms in anticipation of the enactment of this legislation.

The main purpose of the QFR is to provide timely, accurate data on business financial conditions for use by Government and private-sector organizations and individuals. An extensive subscription mailing list attests to the diverse groups using these data including foreign countries, universities, financial analysts, unions, trade associations, public libraries, banking institutions, and U.S. and foreign corporations. The primary users are governmental organizations charged with economic policy-making responsibilities. These organizations play a major role in providing guidance, advice, and support to the QFR Program.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 25 days of the end of the quarter for which the data are being requested. Letters and/or telephone calls encouraging participation will be directed to respondents who have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0432.

Form Number: QFR-101 (Sent quarterly to manufacturing, mining, and wholesale trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-102 (Sent quarterly to retail trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more at time of sampling), QFR-101A (Sent quarterly to manufacturing corporations with assets of less than \$50 million at time of sampling), and QFR-103 (Sent at the beginning of sample selection and at 2-year intervals if the corporation is included in the sample for more than eight quarters)

Type of Review: Regular Review.

Affected Public: Manufacturing corporations with assets of \$250 thousand or more and mining and wholesale and retail trade corporations with assets of \$50 million or more.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Form QFR-101—3,475 per quarter, 13,900 annually
Form QFR-102—575 per quarter, 2,300 annually
Form QFR-101A—4,500 per quarter, 18,000 annually
Form QFR-103—1,225 per quarter, 4,900 annually.

Estimated Time Per Response: The average for all respondents is about 2.1 hours. For companies completing Form QFR-101 or QFR-102, the range is from less than 1 to 10 hours, averaging 2.9 hours. For companies completing Form

QFR-101A, the range is less than 1 hour to 3 hours, averaging 1.2 hours. For companies completing Form QFR-103, the range is from 1 to 4 hours, averaging 2.4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The total annual burden for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 is estimated to be 80,340 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The cost to all respondents for their time to respond is estimated to be \$1,063,742. This cost is calculated by multiplying the annual burden hours (80,340) by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' 1996 estimate (\$523 for a 39.5 hour work week) for a private industry entry level accountant.

Respondents' Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 91 and 224.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 24, 1998.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 88-8A016.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted to Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America ("WMMA") on February 3, 1989. The Notice of issuance of the

original Certificate was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 1989 (54 FR 6312).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (1998).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 88-80016, was originally issued to WMMA on February 3, 1989 (54 FR 6312, February 9, 1989) and previously amended on June 22, 1990 (55 FR 27292, July 2, 1990); August 20, 1991 (56 FR 42596, August 28, 1991); December 13, 1993 (58 FR 66344, December 20, 1993); August 23, 1994 (59 FR 44408, August 29, 1994); September 20, 1996 (61 FR 50471, September 26, 1996); and June 20, 1997 (62 FR 34440, June 26, 1997).

WMMA's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of § 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Terrco, Inc., Waterloo, South Dakota; and
2. Delete L.R.H. Enterprises, Inc. and Wood-Mizer Products as "Members" of the Certificate.

Effective Date: March 10, 1998.

Dated: June 24, 1998

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062298D]

Marine Mammals; File No. P368F

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. James T. Harvey, Associate Professor, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039-0450, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 974 (File No. P368F).

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-4045).

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: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 974, issued on August 29, 1995 (60 FR

46577) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 974 authorizes the permit holder to: determine body fat of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*); handle 20 harbor seal pups up to four times and 80 pups one time annually to track changes in health, physiological condition, and diving behavior; handle 20 adults and 20 juveniles four times annually to determine seasonal shifts in health, physiological condition, and diving behavior; and harass 600 harbor seals as a result of the above activities. The permit holder requests authorization to: increase the number of accidental mortalities from 2 to 15 to compensate for the effects of El Nino on pup condition, and increase total number of takes of adults and subadults.

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: June 23, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062498D]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 926

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin W. Baird, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4J1, Canada, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 959. **DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 30, 1998.