

I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) imposed, with certain exceptions, a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals. Taking means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill any marine mammal. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA direct the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the taking of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to specified regulations that, among other things, establish permissible methods of taking provided NMFS determines that the taking is having a negligible impact on affected marine mammals. If a negligible impact on marine mammals can be determined, the MMPA allows the Secretary to authorize the activity provided monitoring and reporting of the activity's impact on marine mammals can be carried out. Procedural regulations outlining the requirements for the submission of requests for taking are contained in 50 CFR 216 Subpart I. Specific regulations governing authorized activities are contained in subsequent subparts to Subpart I. These regulations also require authorized activities to monitor and report interactions with marine mammals.

Information in a request for a Letter of Authorization (LOA) (to conduct activities under the regulations) varies by activity. It is used to determine if the applicant falls within the scope of the specific regulations, needs new regulations, or if an authorization for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) is warranted. Information required concerns the dates, location, methods and level of activity to determine if the potential taking is covered by the specific regulations and the statute.

Because the negligible impact determination had not been made previously under regulations, information in a request for an IHA needs to include both a description of the activity and an assessment of the impacts on marine mammals in the vicinity of the activity. In this case, the application for a harassment authorization needs to be as detailed as those submitted in a request for regulations that authorize marine mammals takings incidental to the activity.

Reporting takings incidental to the activity is required by the MMPA. Generally, an interim report is required approximately 90 days after completion of an activity or at the end of the authorization, whichever is earlier. If

complex data analyses are required, a final report may be required. Ninety-day reports, annual reports, and final reports must include a description of the activity including time, location, and place; a summary of the monitoring program, an assessment of the effects of the activity on marine mammals including the estimated level of take by species, and any other additional requirements listed in either the LOA or IHA.

II. Method of Collection

Written submissions are made responding to requirements in regulations.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0151.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Business and other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, federal and state governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24-30/year.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 3 hrs to 480 hrs depending upon type and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,565.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,200.

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: August 31, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Membership of NOAA Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees, and SES recertification. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul A. Gilmore, Executive Resources Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-0530 (ext. 204).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and position titles of the members of the NOAA PRB (*NOAA officials unless otherwise identified*) are set forth below:

Daniel J. Basta: Chief, Strategic Environmental Assessment Division, National Ocean Service

Stephen B. Brandt: Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Irwin T. David: Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, National Weather Service

Susan B. Fruchter: Counselor to the Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

Thomas A. Gary: Director, Office of Operations, Management and Information, National Marine Fisheries Service

Mary M. Glackin: Deputy Assistant Administrator, National

Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service
Margaret F. Hayes: Assistant General Counsel for Fisheries, Office of the General Counsel

William T. Hogarth: Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service

Helen M. Hurcombe: Director, Acquisition, Grants and Facility Service, Office of Finance and Administration

John E. Jones, Jr.: Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, National Weather Service

Christina B. Katsaros: Director, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratories, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Gerald R. Lucas: Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce

Jolene A. Lauria Sullens: Deputy Chief Financial Officer/ Director of Budget, Office of Finance and Administration

John E. Oliver, Jr.: Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, National Ocean Service

Helen M. Wood: Director, Office of Satellite Data Processing and Distribution, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service

Dated: September 1, 2000.

D. James Baker,

Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, September 14, 2000.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Bed Rails

The staff will brief the Commission on options concerning whether the Commission should issue an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) addressing a risk of injury/death associated with certain portable bed rails.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense will submit to OMB for emergency processing, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Applicable Form, and OMB Number: Application for Department of Defense Common Access Card—DEERS Enrollment; DD Form 1172-2; OMB Number 0704-[To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection; Emergency processing requested with a shortened public comment period ending September 28, 2000. An approval date by October 10, 2000, has been requested.

Number of Respondents: 300,000.
Responses per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 300,000.
Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 100,000.
Needs and Uses: The information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data to establish eligibility for the Department of Defense (DoD) Common Access Card for those individuals not pre-enrolled in the DEERS, and to maintain a centralized database of eligible individuals. This information is used to establish eligibility for the DoD Common Access Card for individuals either employed by or associated with the Department of Defense; is used to control access to DoD facilities and systems; and it provides a source of data for demographic reports and mobilization dependent support.

Affected Public: Individuals.
Frequency: On Occasion.
Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
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, or by fax at (703) 604-6270.

Dated: September 1, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0034]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0034).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Examination of Records by Comptroller General/Audit-Negotiation now retitled Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit. A request for public comments was published at 65 FR 41058, July 3, 2000. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of