

Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: July 29, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Public Comment for Enhancement of the Initial Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for written public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the opportunity for public comment on the planning process and plans for developing the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). IOOS is the U.S. contribution to the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) and the Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS).

**DATES:** A conference to complete a phased implementation plan for the IOOS has been scheduled for August 31 through September 1, 2004. Due to limited space, attendance is by invitation only. However, the public is invited to comment in writing on design plans and priorities for IOOS development. Planning documents that

the conference will build on can be found at <http://www.ocean.us/documents/componentsIOOS.jsp>. Comments must be submitted by close of business on August 20, 2004 ([w.fields@ocean.us](mailto:w.fields@ocean.us), or Ms. Windy Fields, Ocean.US, 2300 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 1350, Arlington, VA 22201).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is undisclosed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Windy Fields, Ocean.US Telephone: (703) 588-0853. E-mail: [w.fields@ocean.us](mailto:w.fields@ocean.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See <http://www.ocean.us>.

Dated: July 29, 2004

**Mary Leach,**

*Chief Financial Officer, Ocean Services and Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 369-1757

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Bruce R. Mate, Ph.D., Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365, has applied in due form for a permit to take large whales, and other non-endangered species for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 2, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The application 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 this application 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 this particular 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.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 369-1757.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is 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).

The Applicant requests a permit to conduct the following activities:

(1) Tag 200 each of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*), southern right whales (*Eubalaena australis*), bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), sperm whales (*Physeter catodon*) and 60 North Pacific right whales (*Eubalaena japonica*) in U.S. and foreign waters of the North Atlantic (including Gulf of Mexico), North Pacific (including Hawaii), Arctic and Indian Oceans, Beaufort, Bering and Chukchi Seas, and international waters of the Mediterranean Sea over a 5-year period. No more than 50 of each whale species will be tagged in a single year. Up to 200 of each species would be incidentally harassed annually. Satellite-monitored radio tags, GPS-linked satellite tags and acoustic tags will be deployed to monitor the movements and diving behavior of these species. The objectives of the proposed research are to: (a) identify migration routes; (b) identify specific feeding and breeding grounds for each species, if unknown; (c) characterize local movements and dive habits in both feeding and breeding grounds, and during migration; (d) examine the relationships between movements/dive habits and prey distribution, time of day, geographic location, or physical and biological oceanographic conditions; (e) provide surfacing-rate information that can be useful in the

development of more accurate abundance estimations; (f) characterize whale vocalizations; and (g) characterize sound pressure levels to which whales are exposed. Tagged whales will be approached for photo-identification, behavioral observation and assessment of possible tag effects;

(2) Tag 100 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) over a five-year period not to exceed 20 in a single year. This would occur on an opportunistic basis, should killer whales be encountered during tagging activities with other species. The objectives of this research are to document killer whale movements and seasonal distribution patterns;

(3) Conduct non-invasive Level B harassment (photo-identification and behavioral observation) on the other non-target non-endangered/threatened marine mammal species encountered during tagging activities, in order to contribute to the knowledge of species (or situations) for which little information has been documented; and

(4) Import and export marine mammal biopsy samples and baleen from beach-cast (dead) whales. Baleen will be used for isotopic ratio analysis which may help validate movements between ocean areas with distinctive isotopic ratio signatures. Biopsy samples would be analyzed in different laboratories depending upon the species in question or the specific tests being conducted. Samples would be imported/exported on a worldwide basis.

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.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm. 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA

01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

**Patrick Opay,**

*Acting 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

#### 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).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 2, 2004.

**Title, Form, and OMB Number:** Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subpart 237.70, Mortuary Services, DFARS clause 252.237-7011, Preparation History; DD Form 2063; OMB Number 0704-0231.

**Type of Request:** Reinstatement.

**Number of Respondents:** 800.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 800.

**Average Burden Per Response:** .5 hours.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 400.

**Needs and Uses:** This requirement provides for the collection of necessary information from contractors regarding the results of the embalming process under contracts for mortuary services. The information is used to ensure proper preparation of the body for shipment and burial. The contractor uses DD Form 2063 to provide this information.

**Affected Public:** Business or other for-profit.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

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

**OMB Desk Officer:** Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher 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/ESCD/Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202-4326.

Dated: July 28, 2004.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*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).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 2, 2004.

**Title and OMB Number:** Customer Satisfaction Survey—Generic Clearance; OMB Number 0704-0403.

**Type of Request:** Extension.

**Number of Respondents:** 790.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Annual Responses:** 790.

**Average Burden per Response:** 10 minutes.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 132.

**Needs and Uses:** This information collection requirement is necessary to assess the level of service the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) provides to its current customers. The surveys will provide information on the level of overall customer satisfaction, and on customer satisfaction with several attributes of service that impact the level of overall satisfaction. These customer satisfaction surveys are required to implement Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards." Respondents are DTIC registered users who are components of the Department of Defense, Military Services, other Federal government Agencies, U.S. Government contractors, university involved in Federally funded research, and participants. The information obtained by these surveys will be used to assist agency senior management in determining agency business policies and processes that should be selected for examination,