

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report from the Central Pennsylvania area, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Central Pennsylvania WFO area, attachment F, document that three comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, verifies that the existing Harrisburg local warning radar, WSR-76C, is no longer needed to support services or products for local office operations.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Harrisburg service area is included at attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing,

Attachments

Memorandum for: W/ER—John T. Forsing
From:

Bruce W. Budd, MIC NWSO Central
Pennsylvania, PA

Peter R. Ahnert, MIC NWSO Binghamton,
NY

Subject: Recommendation for Consolidation
Certification

After reviewing the attached documentation, we have determined, in our professional judgment, consolidation of the Williamsport Weather Service Office (WSO IPT) with the future Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will not result in any degradation in weather services to the Williamsport service area. This proposed certification is in accordance with the advance notification provided in the National Implementation Plan. Accordingly, we are recommending you approve this action in accordance with section 706 of Public Law 102-567. If you concur, please endorse this recommendation and forward this package to the Assistant Administrator for Weather Services for final

certification. If Dr. Friday approves, he will forward the certification to the Secretary for approval and transmittal to Congress.

Our recommendation is based on our review of the pertinent evidence and application of the modernization criteria for consolidation of a field office. In summary:

1. A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns affecting the weather services provided in the Williamsport service area is included as attachment A. As discussed below, we find that providing the services which address these characteristics and concerns from the future Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton Area WFOs will not degrade these services.

2. A detailed list of the services currently provided within the Williamsport service area from the WSO IPT location and a list of services to be provided from the future Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton area WFOs locations after the proposed consolidation is included as attachment B. Comparison of these services shows that all services currently provided will continue to be provided after the proposed consolidation. Also, the enclosed map shows the WSO IPT Area of Responsibility (i.e. "Affected Service Area") and the future WFO Central Pennsylvania Area of Responsibility. As discussed below, I find that there will be no degradation in the quality of these services as a result of the consolidation.

3. A description of the recent or expected modernization of National Weather Service (NWS) operations which will enhance services in the WSO IPT service area is included as attachment C. The new technology (i.e. ASOS, WSR-88D, and AWIPS) has or will be installed and will enhance services.

4. A map showing planned NEXRAD coverage at an elevation of 10,000 feet for Pennsylvania and portions of surrounding areas is included as attachment D. NWS operational radar coverage for the Williamsport service area will be increased and no area will be missed in coverage.

5. The following evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, played a key role in concluding there will be no degradation of service:

A. The WSR-88D RADAR Commissioning Report from the Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton areas, attachment E, validate that the WSR-88Ds meet technical specifications (acceptance test); are fully operational (satisfactory operation of system interfaces and satisfactory support of associated NWS forecasting and warning services); service backup capabilities are functioning properly; a full set of operations and maintenance documentation is available; and spare parts and test equipment and trained operations and maintenance personnel are available on site. Training was completed but two national work-arounds remain in effect.

B. The User Confirmation of Services from the future Central Pennsylvania and Binghamton WFOs areas, attachment F, document that five comments required follow-up. All negative comments have been answered to the satisfaction of the users as reflected in the report.

C. The Decommissioning Readiness Report, attachment G, is not necessary since WSO IPT does not have a radar.

6. A memorandum assigning the liaison officer for the Williamsport service area is included at attachment H.

I have considered recommendations of the Modernization Transition Committee (attachment I) and the _____ public comments received during the comment period (attachment J). On _____, the Committee voted to endorse the proposed consolidation (attachment K). I believe all negative comments have been addressed to the satisfaction of our customers and I continue to recommend this certification.

Endorsement

I, John T. Forsing, Director, Eastern Region, endorse this consolidation certification.

John T. Forsing

Attachments

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Permits; Foreign Fishing

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the Exclusive Economic Zone under provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct a joint venture in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean for Atlantic sea herring and Atlantic mackerel. The large stern trawlers DAURIYA, NADIR and NOVATOR, and the factoryship SERGEY VASILISIN, are identified as the vessels that will receive sea herring and mackerel from U.S. vessels. Send comments on this application to:

NOAA - National Marine Fisheries
Service

Office of Fisheries Conservation and
Management

1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

and/or, to one or both of the Regional
Fishery Management
Councils listed below:

Douglas G. Marshall, Executive
Director

New England Fishery Management
Council

5 Broadway
Saugus, MA 01906
617/231-0422

David R. Keifer, Executive Director

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Federal Building, Room 2115
300 South New Street
Dover, DE 19901-6790
302/674-2331

For further information contact Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, (301) 713-2337.

Dated: February 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification to permit no. 977 (P77-1#74).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 977, issued to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/712-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Permit was modified to authorize: (1) Use of gas anesthesia on up to 16 adult female California sea lions during instrumentation and recapture; (2) increase in the number of females taken in one year from 20 to 32 under Special Conditions A.1.a. and b.; and (3) use of gas anesthesia on pups authorized to be taken in Special Condition A.1.d. of the Permit. All other Terms and Conditions of the original permit remain in force and effect.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Wing Conversion and Airspace Modification Georgia Air National Guard Notice of Availability of Record of Decision

On January 3, 1996, the United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed Wing Conversion and Airspace Modification, Georgia Air National Guard. The decisions rendered by the U.S. Air Force were as follows: (1) Conversion of F-15A/B aircraft of the 116th Fighter Wing (FW) at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, Georgia to the B-1B aircraft and the relocation of the newly designated 116th Bomb Wing (BW) to Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia, will be implemented and; (2) The Coastal Military Operations Area will be proposed for establishment, Restricted Area R-3007 will be proposed for modification, and both will be presented to the Federal Aviation Administration as airspace actions for aeronautical analysis. The ROD was based on findings contained in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) made available on 17 November 1995 through notification in the Federal Register.

Many factors were considered in the decision of converting the 116 FW to the 116 BW, relocating to Robins AFB and creation of the Coastal MOA. Potentially, the most significant were: noise impacts; socioeconomic concerns involving land use, residential encroachment, and economic impact on businesses; aircraft ground and flight safety, electromagnetic radiation, and hazardous materials management; impacts on general aviation and wildlife refuges. Based upon comment from public participation in the Environmental Impact Statement process, mitigation measures will be taken by the Air National Guard to ensure impacts are minimized.

The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Director of the Air National Guard recognize the many unique and sensitive resources prominent with the southeastern United States. These resources have been effectively identified by the public,

special interest organizations, and Federal, state, and local officials throughout the study process. The Air Force and the Air National Guard acknowledge that flying operations over these areas must be strictly managed and accomplished with great sensitivity.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to: Lt Col Steve Shiell, Air National Guard Readiness Center, ANG/CEVP, 3500 Fetchet Avenue, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20331-5157, (301) 981-8804.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0067]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Incentive Contracts

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

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0067).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 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 Incentive Contracts. A request for public comments was published at 60 FR 58338, November 27, 1995. No comments were received.

DATES: Comment Due Date: March 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0067, Incentive Contracts, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Office of Federal