

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* This is a compatible accessory for an existing instrument purchased for the use of the applicant.

The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated March 19, 1997, that the accessory is pertinent to the intended uses and that it knows of no comparable domestic accessory.

We know of no domestic accessory which can be readily adapted to the existing instrument.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of North Carolina Coastal Zone Management Programs and the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in New Hampshire.

The evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended. The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document or reserve management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA. The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members

of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The North Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from June 9-13, 1997. Two public meetings will be held during the week. These meetings are scheduled for 7 pm, June 10, 1997, at the DEHNR Wilmington Regional Office, 127 Cardinal Drive Extension, Wilmington, NC, and 7 pm, Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at the North Carolina Maritime Museum, 315 Front Street, Beaufort, NC.

The Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in New Hampshire site visit will be from June 2-6, 1997. A public meeting will be on Wednesday, June 4, 1997, from 7-9 pm, at the Sandy Point discovery Center, 89 Depot Road (off of Route 33), Stratham, New Hampshire.

The States will issue notice of the public meeting(s) in a local newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to the public meeting(s), 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 (PCD), 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, 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: April 24, 1997.

David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant, Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042197G]

Marine Mammals

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. Jim Darling, Box 384, Tofino, B.C., Canada V0R 2Z0, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 987.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 30, 1997.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits 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 request would be appropriate.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Permit No. 987 authorizes the permit holder to take (i.e., harass) up to 200 humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in the course of behavioral and photo-identification studies and biopsy sampling, in the waters around the main Hawaiian

Islands, primarily off of Maui, Hawaii, over a period of 2 years. The purpose of the research is to collect genetic information that will, among other things, determine the sex and behavior patterns of individual humpback whales involved in "singing" behavior. The permit holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to authorize: the observation of up to 200 humpback whales annually by the use of remote cameras to (1) observe the activities of individual whales, and (2) to determine if images can be obtained that will allow the length measurement of specific whales; and the observation of up to 1000 humpback whales annually through fixed wing and helicopter flights to measure the length of whales through photogrammetry for the purpose of age estimation and to observe (video/film) behavior patterns.

Dated: April 23, 1997

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 and Associated Form: Vehicle Access Application, DD Form X076, OMB Number 0704-0329.

Type of Request: Reinstatement With Change.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Needs and Uses: The information collection is necessary to control entry into the Pentagon. Respondents are non-DoD personnel who request consideration to enter controlled Pentagon entrances. The information provided by the requester consists of name, social security number, date of birth, race, sex, citizenship, vehicle description and tag number, and justification for entrance. The information is entered into a database

maintained by the Parking Management Office. Only the name and vehicle information are accessed by the Defense Protective Service Officers at controlled entry points. The Vehicle Access Application is filled out upon initial request and annually thereafter.

Affected public: 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.

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: April 24, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

**Availability of Non-Exclusive,
Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive
Licensing of U.S. Patent #5,448,842
Entitled Enclosure Sign Device**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502) and section 207 of title 35, United States Code announcement is made of the availability of the U.S. Patent No. 5,448,842 entitled, "Enclosure Sign Device" for licensing. The Department of the Army as represented by the Communications-Electronics Command wishes to license the technology described below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by this U.S. Patent. This U.S. Patent has been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army CECOM RDE Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate, ATTN: AMSEL-RD-NV-OPS, 10221 Burbeck Road, STE 430, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5806.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Karen Gordon, Technology Transfer Manager, 703-704-2279, FAX 703-704-1215.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The above mentioned patent describes and claims a safety measure at the entrance to a laboratory/room where access must be limited due to safety reasons. A box is placed around the doorknob at the entrance to the laboratory/room. A hatch door at the front of the box allows access to the doorknob. The hatch door can be left open when equipment is not operating, allowing normal access to the room. However, when a piece of equipment (i.e. laser) is operating, the hatch door (marked on the front with an unmistakable warning) is closed. A latch on the hatch door allows access to the doorknob, but only after unavoidable recognition of the warning. No one can open the door and enter the room without noticing this warning. The device is especially useful when standard procedures prohibit locking the door (i.e. when lasers are operating and only one person is within the room). In an improvement to the current patent, a buzzer sounds whenever the lid is opened while the "danger" sign above the door is illuminated.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**Notice of Public Meetings on
Improving the Free Application for
Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

AGENCY: United States Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Education will convene three public meetings to receive comments on its plan to make the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) easier to complete by reducing the overall number of questions on the form, reducing the number of questions that certain families must complete, and simplifying the way those questions are asked. The Department plans to use the revised FAFSA starting with the 1999-2000 award year. The FAFSA is completed by students and their families, and the information submitted