

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101599G]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 638-1519-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Thomas R. Kieckhefer, Pacific Cetacean Group, UC Monterey Bay Education, Science & Technology Center, 3239 Imjin Road #122, Marina, CA 93933, has been issued a permit to take humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 21, 1999, notice was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 39118) that a request for a scientific research permit to take (*i.e.* harass) up to 300 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually in California waters had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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 and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222 through 226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**Meeting Notice**

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

Time and Date: 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., December 7, 1999.

Status: Open.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice that Chairman William J. Rainer will hold a public roundtable meeting to discuss emerging technology related issues as they pertain to the financial services and commodities markets.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC, Lobby Level Hearing Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

De'Ana H. Dow, Legal Counsel to Chairman Rainer, at 202-418-5030, or Elizabeth Fox, Legal Counsel to Commissioner Newsome, at 202-418-5052. Written comments should be submitted to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 24, 1999.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

Time and Date of Meeting: 6:00 p.m., December 8, 1999.

Place: Red Lion Hotel, Richland/Hanford House, McNary Room, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352.

Status: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require

that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

Matters to be considered: The Board is visiting the Hanford Site as a part of its oversight of the Department of Energy's (DOE) safety management of its defense nuclear facilities. The Board's enabling legislation requires health and safety oversight encompassing design, construction, operation and decommissioning activities. The Board's Strategic Plan, submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress, has identified the facilities and operations at Hanford that represent the greatest hazards and has worked with DOE to establish action plans to address them. These include emptying the K-basins, characterizing and stabilizing high-level tank wastes, stabilizing and safely storing or disposing of the weapons program radioactive residuals, and clean-up and decommissioning of contaminated facilities.

The Board will review DOE's progress on these stabilization and clean-up activities. The Board wishes to avail itself of the opportunity of this visit to learn the public's views on the Hanford clean-up program as it exists today, where they believe it should be focused in the future, and the reasons for that focus.

The Board's meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the public, DOE, and its contractor employees or their representatives to comment on or provide information directly to the Board regarding matters affecting health or safety at Hanford, including, but not limited to, those subject areas and facilities the Board will review during this visit.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to speak at the meeting may be submitted in writing or by telephone. Commentators should describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on December 7, 1999, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board. The posting will be made at the entrance to the McNary Room at the start of the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

Anyone who wishes to comment, provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington, DC, office.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

A.J. Eggenberger,
Vice-Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address DWERFEL@OMB.EOP.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing

proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

William E. Burrow,
Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: New.

Title: The Study of Personnel Needs in Special Education (SPeNSE).

Frequency: One-time.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 8,083

Burden Hours: 5,578

Abstract: The Study of Personnel Needs in Special Education (SPeNSE) will describe the number and qualifications of personnel serving students with disabilities. SPeNSE will explore variation in workforce adequacy and identify working conditions, State and local policies, preservice education, and continuing professional development practices that explain that variation.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO IMG Issues@ed.gov or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

For questions regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements, contact Sheila Carey at 202-708-6287 or electronically mail her at internet address sheila_carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Withdrawal of Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the High Flux Beam Reactor at the Brookhaven National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: On November 24, 1997, the Department of Energy announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the High Flux Beam Reactor (HFBR) at the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in Upton, New York. The EIS would evaluate the range of reasonable alternatives regarding the future of the reactor including resumption of operation at a power level of up to 60 MW. On November 16, 1999, the Secretary of Energy announced that the HFBR would be permanently closed. Therefore, the preliminary draft environmental impact statement (EIS) that was under review in the Department is no longer necessary. The NEPA process is hereby terminated. The preliminary draft EIS has been released as an environmental report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the HFBR, please contact: George Malosh, U.S. Department of Energy, 53 Bell Avenue, Bldg. 464, P.O. Box 5000, Upton, NY 11973-5000. Telephone: (516) 344-3424; facsimile (516) 344-3214; electronic mail: gmalosh@bnl.gov.

The report is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.doe.bnl.gov>, or a hard copy may be requested through Dr. Nand Narain at (516) 344-5435.

For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-0119. Telephone: (202) 586-4600 or leave a message on (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Brookhaven National Laboratory was established in 1947 as a multi-disciplinary scientific research center. It is located close to the geographic center of Suffolk County, Long Island, about 56 miles (91 kilometers) east of New York City. The HFBR is centrally located within the BNL site. HFBR was commissioned in 1965 as a scientific facility dedicated to neutron scattering research and other research programs in solid state physics, nuclear physics,