

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosa L. González or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

**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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild.

Wessley Merten requests a two-year photography permit to film and photograph bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) in waters off Puerto Rico, specifically, out to 40 miles. Filming would be conducted underwater and from a small boat. Filming would occur throughout the year and be completed by July 2015. Footage would be used in a documentary of offshore sport fishing in Puerto Rico, endorsed by the Puerto Rico Sea Grant Program, and which would be distributed to schools and the public throughout Puerto Rico. In addition, footage would be used in a documentary about Puerto Rico's marine mammal and marine mammal program.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 6, 2013.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC100**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17115

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 17115-00 has been issued to James Lloyd-Smith, Ph.D., Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, 610 Charles E. Young Dr. South, Box 723905, Los Angeles, CA 90095-7239.

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

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 15, 2013, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 42041) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 17115-00 to conduct research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 17115-01 authorizes the permit holder to study the prevalence of leptospirosis in wild California sea lions in California. The amendment expands the scope of the study to include (1) two additional study sites, Monterey Bay and San Nicolas Island, in addition to Año Nuevo Island; (2) disentangling sea lions; (3) disturbance from collecting environmental samples to study transmission of leptospirosis; and (4) collecting fur and blood to study contaminants. Sea lions may be captured (including restraint and

anesthesia); marked and measured; sampled (blood, urine, vibrissae, fur); and released. A limited number of non-target sea lions may be captured and released without sampling. California sea lions, northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be taken by incidental disturbance. Four unintentional mortalities of California sea lions are authorized annually, not to exceed eight over the duration of the permit. The permit expires September 30, 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 6, 2013.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force

**AGENCY:** Director of Administration and Management, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force ("the Commission") will take place.

**DATES:** *Date of Open Meeting, including Hearing and Commission Discussion:* Tuesday, October 1, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Bossier Civic Center, Bodcau Room, at 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA 71111.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Marcia Moore, Designated Federal Officer, National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force, 1950 Defense Pentagon, Room 3A874, Washington, DC 20301-1950. Email: [dfoafstrucomm@osd.mil](mailto:dfoafstrucomm@osd.mil). Desk (703) 545-9113. Facsimile (703) 692-5625.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

**Purpose of Meeting:** The members of the Commission will hear testimony from individual witnesses and then will discuss the information presented at the hearings.

**Agenda:** On the morning of October 1, 2013, a subset of members from the Commission will tour units located at the Barksdale Air Force Base.

The hearing and meeting on October 1, 2013 is expected to include testimony from representatives from the state of Louisiana and possibly neighboring states, as well as military leadership from bases and units in the area who have been asked to testify and address the evaluation factors under consideration by the Commission for a U.S. Air Force structure that—(a) Meets current and anticipated requirements of the combatant commands; (b) achieves an appropriate balance between the regular and reserve components of the Air Force, taking advantage of the unique strengths and capabilities of each; (c) ensures that the regular and reserve components of the Air Force have the capacity needed to support current and anticipated homeland defense and disaster assistance missions in the United States; (d) provides for sufficient numbers of regular members of the Air Force to provide a base of trained personnel from which the personnel of the reserve components of the Air Force could be recruited; (e) maintains a peacetime rotation force to support operational tempo goals of 1:2 for regular members of the Air Forces and 1:5 for members of the reserve components of the Air Force; and (f) maximizes and appropriately balances affordability, efficiency, effectiveness, capability, and readiness. Individual Commissioners will also report their activities, information collection, and analyses to the full Commission.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, the meeting is open to the public. The building is fully handicap accessible. Several public parking facilities are nearby. Photography and videography is permitted, but must be previously arranged through the Commission's staff. All contact information may be found in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Written Comments:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and

section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Commission in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or the Commission's mission. The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) will review all submitted written statements. Written comments should be submitted to Mrs. Marcia Moore, DFO, via facsimile or electronic mail, the preferred modes of submission. Each page of the comment must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. All contact information may be found in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**Oral Comments:** In addition to written statements, one hour will be reserved for individuals or interested groups to address the Commission on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Interested oral commenters must summarize their oral statement in writing and submit with their registration. The Commission's staff will assign time to oral commenters at the meeting, for no more than 5 minutes each. While requests to make an oral presentation to the Commission will be honored on a first come, first served basis, other opportunities for oral comments will be provided at future meetings.

**Registration:** Individuals who wish to attend the public hearing and meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 are encouraged to register for the event in advance with the Designated Federal Officer, using the electronic mail and facsimile contact information found in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The communication should include the registrant's full name, title, affiliation or employer, email address, and daytime phone number. If applicable, include written comments and a request to speak during the oral comment session. (Oral comment requests must be accompanied by a summary of your presentation.) Registrations and written comments must be typed.

**Background:** The National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force was established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Pub. L. 112–239). The Department of Defense sponsor for the Commission is the Director of Administration and Management, Office of the Secretary of Defense. The Commission is tasked to submit a report, containing a comprehensive study and recommendations, by February 1, 2014 to the President of the United States and the Congressional defense committees. The report will contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its

recommendations for such legislation and administrative actions it may consider appropriate in light of the results of the study. The comprehensive study of the structure of the U.S. Air Force will determine whether, and how, the structure should be modified to best fulfill current and anticipated mission requirements for the U.S. Air Force in a manner consistent with available resources.

Dated: September 9, 2013.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2013–0029]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (OAA–AAHS), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 12, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Federal Docket Management System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 02G09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.