

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of Protected Resources, Permits and Conservation Division, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The requested Letters of Confirmation have 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). The General Authorization allows for bona fide scientific research that may result only in taking by level B harassment of marine mammals. The following Letters of Confirmation (LOC) were issued in Fiscal Year 2013.

File No. 17235: Issued to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach, VA on November 21, 2012, authorizes close approach, photo-identification, video, behavioral observations, and passive acoustic recordings of 17 cetacean species and 4 pinniped species in inland and offshore waters of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. The focus species is bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and the primary study area is off Virginia Beach. Objectives for the bottlenose dolphin project are to: (1) Collect and maintain a long-term record of bottlenose dolphins in coastal waters of Virginia and (2) provide data to the Mid-Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphin Catalog to test the hypothesized stock structure for this species. Other objectives include to: (1) Collect distribution, group size, and photo-id data on cetaceans and pinnipeds in the larger study area and (2) identify and monitor pinniped haul out sites in Virginia and North Carolina and to track the abundance and residency of individual seals. The LOC expires on November 30, 2017.

File No. 17418: Issued to James Ha, Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA on February 19, 2013, authorizes close approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, and focal follows of bottlenose dolphins in the Middle Keys, Florida. Specifically, the study area ranges from Lignumvitae Key to the northeast shore of Big Pine Key and includes bay and ocean waters out to two miles. Objectives are to: (1) Begin an in-depth population demographic study of bottlenose dolphins in the area and (2) identify foraging strategies and determine what percentage of resident dolphins is influenced by anthropogenic sources of food. The LOC was originally supposed to expire on February 28, 2018. However, on July 25, 2013, Dr. Ha requested that his LOC be terminated with an immediate effective date, so LOC No. 17418 is no longer valid.

File No. 17988: Issued to Jessica Weiss Taylor of the Outer Banks Center for Dolphin Research, Kill Devil Hills, NC, on April 5, 2013, for research activities including vessel surveys, close approach, photo-identification, and behavioral observations, including focal follows of bottlenose dolphins in waters of North Carolina. Specifically the study area comprises the Roanoke, Croatan, Currituck, Albemarle, and Pamlico Sounds and the adjacent Atlantic Ocean to a maximum distance of 5 miles offshore. Objectives are to: (1) Investigate patterns of seasonal and year-round residency in the northern Outer Banks; (2) estimate local abundances of dolphins in the northern Outer Banks seasonally and year-round; (3) identify and characterize any biological and/or ecological stressors on bottlenose dolphins in the northern Outer Banks; (4) describe the social structure of bottlenose dolphin populations in the northern Outer Banks through examination of social networks and male pair bonds; and (5) promote awareness of bottlenose dolphin conservation throughout the local and visiting community. The LOC expires on April 15, 2018.

File No. 13427: Originally issued to the Pacific Whale Foundation [Responsible Party: Gregory D. Kaufman], Wailuku, HI, on June 4, 2008, authorizes the close vessel approach, photo-identification, focal follows, and acoustic recordings of 16 cetacean species within the waters of Maui County, Hawaii to estimate the abundance and distribution of odontocete species in the area. This study was modified on June 11, 2013, to extend the duration of the LOC until June 15, 2014, add a Co-investigator, and remove authorization to take the endangered Hawaiian insular stock of false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*). This LOC was cancelled on June 20, 2013, when a new LOC (File No. 18101) was issued to the Pacific Whale Foundation.

File No. 18101: Issued to the Pacific Whale Foundation [Responsible Party: Gregory D. Kaufman], Wailuku, HI, on June 20, 2013, authorizes close vessel approaches, photo-identification, focal follows, and acoustic recordings of 15 cetacean species within the waters of Maui County, Hawaii to estimate the abundance and distribution of odontocete species in the area. The LOC replaces No. 13427 and expires on June 21, 2018.

File No. 18152: Issued to Barbara Brunnick, Ph.D., Jupiter, FL, on September 11, 2013, for research activities including vessel surveys, close approach, photo-identification, and

behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins. The research objective is to continue developing a photo-identification catalog and database to address questions regarding the local abundance, population ecology, life history, habitat utilization, social structure, habitat health, and residency patterns of Atlantic spotted (*Stenella frontalis*) and bottlenose dolphins. If other dolphin and whale species are encountered, the applicant may collect information on them. This LOC replaces File No. 13386 and expires on September 10, 2018.

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 activities are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: October 23, 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**

[Docket ID DoD-2013-OS-0207]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition University, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Acquisition University 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 December 30, 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.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information. Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Center Director, Student Information System, Performance and Resource Management, Defense Acquisition University, 9820 Belvoir Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060, or call the Center Director for the Student Information System, Performance and Resource Management, at 703-805-4288.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Defense Acquisition University, Student Information System (SIS); OMB Control Number 0704-TBD.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to permit an individual to register for a DAU training course. The information is used to evaluate the individual's eligibility for a course and to notify the individual of approval or disapproval of the request. It is also used to notify the training facility of assignments to classes, for training schedule analysis and forecasts, cost analysis, budget estimates, and financial planning.

Affected Public: Individuals associated with the Army, Navy, Air Force, other defense-wide agencies, the

federal government, and defense contractors.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,500.

Number of Respondents: 90,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 5 minutes.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondents are university applicants and instructors who willingly provide personal information to take courses administered by the Defense Acquisition University. Failure to provide required information results in the individual being denied access to DAU and its course offerings. The data is used by DoD and college officials to: Provide for the administration of and a record of academic performance of current, former, and nominated students; verify grades; select instructors; make decisions to admit students to programs and classes, and to release students from programs; serve as a basis for studies to determine improved criteria for selecting students into classes; forecast demand for future course offerings, and to develop statistics relating to duty assignments and qualifications based on DoD mandated training needs.

Dated: October 24, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council will take place. The purpose of this meeting is to refine the Council recommendations that will be included in the 2013 Military Family Readiness Council reports to the congressional defense committees and the Secretary of Defense.

DATES: Friday, November 22, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Pentagon Conference Center B6 (escorts will be provided from the Pentagon Metro entrance).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melody McDonald or Ms. Betsy Graham, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary

of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22350-2300, Room 3G15. Telephones (571) 372-0880; (571) 372-0881 and/or email: OSD Pentagon OUSD P-R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act 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.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space. Persons desiring to attend may contact Ms. Melody McDonald at 571-372-0880 or email OSD Pentagon OUSD P-R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, November 15, 2013 to arrange for escort inside the Pentagon to the Conference Room area.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Council. Persons desiring to submit a written statement to the Council must notify the point of contact listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday November 5, 2013.

Friday, November 22, 2013 Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Administrative Remarks
Review and summary of fiscal year 2013 Military Family Readiness Council proceedings
Presentation, deliberation and vote on fiscal year 2013 recommendations
Closing Remarks

Note: Exact order may vary.

Dated: October 24, 2013.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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