

followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On October 7, 1997, NMFS received an application from the U.S. Air Force, Vandenberg, requesting continuation of an authorization for the harassment of small numbers of seals and sea lions incidental to launches of Delta II, Titan II, Titan IV, and Taurus launch vehicles at Vandenberg. This application incorporates by reference the information contained in applications provided last year for these rocket launches. These applications (Titan II and IV-January 24, 1996, Delta II-July 17, 1996, Taurus-August 14, 1996) are available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

NMFS has received a petition for regulations and an application for a small take authorization under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA. If implemented, this rulemaking will replace these 1-year authorizations, along with another issued previously for Lockheed launch vehicles (62 FR 40335, July 28, 1997) with a 5-year regulatory program, governing incidental takes of marine mammals by launches of all rocket and missile types from Vandenberg. This petition is published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Description of Marine Mammals and Potential Effects of Launches on Marine Mammals

The marine mammal species anticipated to be incidentally harassed by launches from Vandenberg are harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and possibly Guadalupe fur seals (*Arctocephalus townsendi*) in the vicinity of Vandenberg and on the Northern Channel Islands (NCI). In conjunction with publication of the previous application notices for launch activities, a description of the Southern California Bight population of seals and sea lions and the potential impacts from rocket launches on these species and stocks was provided on August 18, 1995 (60 FR 43120), and August 29, 1996 (61 FR 45404), for Delta II authorizations, September 25, 1996 (61 FR 50276), for Taurus rocket authorization, and March 15, 1996 (61 FR 10727), for Titan II and IV authorizations. Interested reviewers are encouraged to refer to those

documents for the appropriate discussion. These documents are available from NMFS (see ADDRESSES).

As a result of the noise associated with launches and the sonic boom resulting from some launch vehicles at certain trajectories, there is a potential to cause a startle response to those seals and sea lions that haul out on the coastline of Vandenberg and on the NCI. The effect on the above listed seals and sea lions would be anticipated to result in a negligible short-term impact to small numbers of seals and sea lions that are hauled out at the time of a launch. No impacts are anticipated to animals that are in the water at the time of launch. Detailed descriptions of the expected impact from rocket launches on harbor seals and other marine mammals have been provided in the above referenced **Federal Register** notices and are not repeated here.

Conclusions

Based upon information provided by the applicant, and previous reviews of the incidental take of seals and sea lions by this activity, NMFS believes that the short-term impact of the rocket launches at Vandenberg is expected to result at worst, in a temporary reduction in utilization of the haulout as seals and/or sea lions leave the beach for the safety of the water. The launching is not expected to result in any reduction in the number of seals or sea lions, and they are expected to continue to occupy the same area. In addition, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Based upon studies conducted for previous space vehicle launches at Vandenberg, significant long-term impacts on seals and sea lions at Vandenberg are unlikely.

Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue individual incidental harassment authorizations for a period of time not to exceed 1 year for launches of Delta II, Titan II, Titan IV, and Taurus launch vehicles at Vandenberg provided the monitoring and reporting requirements currently in effect are continued. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed launches of these launch vehicles at Vandenberg would result in the harassment taking of only small numbers of seals and sea lions, and will have no more than a negligible impact on the species and stocks of marine mammals.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: November 6, 1997.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110697A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 875-1401)

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. Christopher W. Clark, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14850, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 875-1401.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application for amendment and related documents, including a draft environmental assessment (EA) that examines the environmental consequences of issuing the requested amended permit, 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to permit no. 875-1401 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 part 222.23).

Permit No. 875-1401 currently authorizes the harassment of several species of marine mammals during the conduct of research to study the effects of low-frequency sound produced by the Navy's Surface Towed Array Surveillance System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) system on the behavior of blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) feeding in the Southern California Bight during September/October of 1997 and/or 1998. The permit holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to provide for: 1) the conduct of playback experiments using a SURTASS LFA sound source to study behavioral responses of gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) to SURTASS LFA signals and related stimuli; and 2) radio tagging via suction cup attachment of up to 14 gray whales. Individuals of several other species of cetaceans, pinnipeds, and possibly sea turtles, may be taken (*i.e.*, by harassment or auditory temporary threshold shift) incidentally during the proposed experiments.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a draft EA examining the environmental consequences of issuing the requested amended permit has been prepared. Based upon this draft EA, NMFS has preliminarily concluded that issuance of the requested permit will not have a significant effect on the human environment.

Dated: November 6, 1997.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure

AGENCY: Technology Administration,
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure will hold a meeting on December 17-18, 1997. The Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure was established by the Secretary of Commerce to provide industry advice to the Department on encryption key recovery for use by federal government agencies. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 17-18, 1997 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Hotel Inter-Continental, 444 St. Charles Street, New Orleans LA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Roback, Committee Secretary and Designated Federal Official, Computer Security Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 426, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899; telephone 301-975-3696. Please do not call the conference facility regarding details of this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Agenda

Opening Remarks
Chairperson's Remarks
News Updates (Members, Federal Liaisons, Secretariat)
Working Group (WG) Reports
Intellectual Property Issues (as necessary)
Public Participation
Plans for Next Meeting
Closing Remarks

Note that the items in this agenda are tentative and subject to change due to logistics and speaker availability.

2. Public Participation

The Committee meeting will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the individual identified in the "for further information" section. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Committee at any time. Written comments should be directed to the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure, Building 820, Room 426, National Institute of Standards and Technology,

Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899. It would be appreciated if sixty copies could be submitted for distribution to the Committee and other meeting attendees.

3. Additional information regarding the Committee is available at its world wide web homepage at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/tacdfipsfkm/>.

4. Should this meeting be canceled, a notice to that effect will be published in the **Federal Register** and a similar notice placed on the Committee's electronic homepage.

Dated: November 5, 1997.

Mark Bohannon,

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Administration.*

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review; Cellulose Insulation

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety
Commission (CPSC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) this notice announces that the CPSC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval through November 30, 2000, of current collection of information requirements regarding testing of cellulose insulation. These requirements are set forth in 16 CFR Part 1209, Amended Interim Safety Standard for Cellulose Insulation, which prescribes requirements for flammability and corrosiveness of cellulose insulation produced for sale to or use by consumers. The standard requires manufacturers, private labelers, and importers of cellulose insulation to test insulation for resistance to smoldering and small open-flame ignition, and for corrosiveness, and to maintain records of that testing.

DATES: Any comments must be submitted to OMB on or before December 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: *Send comments to:* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, *Attention:* Desk Officer for CPSC, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT: Robert E. Frye, Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301)504-0416.