

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

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

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

The applicant seeks authorization to conduct photo-identification and skin biopsy sampling activities on up to: 250 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*); 150 Pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*); 150 melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*); and 30 individuals of each of the following species: Bryde's whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), Fraser's dolphins (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*), dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia simus*), pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia breviceps*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Blainville's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Gervais' beaked whales

(*Mesoplodon europaeus*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), Clymene dolphins (*Stenella clymene*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), and Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*). Samples collected via the above biopsy dart sampling as well as extant samples of stored material obtained from National Marine Fisheries Services' Southeast Region would be exported to England for genetic analyses. The focus of the proposed study is to compare genotypic and phenotypic variability within and between cetacean populations in the Gulf of Mexico, and would be conducted over a 5-year period.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, July 29, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Options for Multi-Purpose (Utility) Lighters

The staff will brief the Commission on a draft notice of proposed rulemaking for multi-purpose lighters (also known as utility lighters) to address the hazard of fires started by young children who operate such lighters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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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: Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Training Leading to Commission in the United States Air Force; AF Form 56; P<B Number 0701-0001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 2,900.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 2,900.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 967.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for training leading to a commission. Air Force selection boards use the information to determine suitability for officer training. Information contained on AF Form 56 supports the Air Force as it applies to officer training (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It is imperative that only persons fully qualified for receipt of Air Force commissions are selected for the training leading to commissioning. Data supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2013, "Officer Training School (OTS) and Airman Commissioning Programs."

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents 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 Officer 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: July 16, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, D.C.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: An air distribution connector valve and a fin leading edge protector.

Under the authority of 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, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in an non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Butterfly Actuated Quick Coupling Connector Valve.

Inventor: Jim A. Faughn.

Patent Number: 5,738,143.

Issued Date: April 14, 1998.

Title: Kinetic Energy Projectile with Fin Leading Edge Protection Mechanisms.

Inventor: Ameer G. Mikhail.

Patent Number: 5,744,748.

Issued Date: April 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Mike Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5055, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax (410) 278-5820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent No. 5,618,011 for the Load Securing and Releasing System

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), announcement is made of a prospective exclusive license of a load securing and releasing system described in U.S. Patent No. 5,618,011, issued on April 8, 1997.

DATES: Written objections must be filed on or before 21 September 1998.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command, Office of Chief Counsel, Attn: Patent Counsel, Kansas Street, Natick, Massachusetts 01760-5035.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Vincent J. Ranucci, Patent Counsel at 508-233-4510 or Ms. Jessica M. Niro, Paralegal Specialist at 508-233-4513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Load Securing and Releasing System was invented by Messrs. James Sadeck, Gary F. Vincens and Donald Billoni. Rights to this invention are vested in the U.S. Government as represented by the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Command (SSCOM). Under the authority of section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 92-502) and section 207 of Title 35, U.S. Code, the Department of the Army as represented by SSCOM intends to grant an exclusive license on the load securing and releasing system to New England Ropes, Inc., 848 Airport Road, Fall River, Massachusetts 02720.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1), any interested party may file written objections to this prospective license

arrangement. Written objections should be directed to the above address.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Withdrawal From Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Environmental Restoration, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Walla Walla District, is withdrawing its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Environmental Restoration in the Snake River at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Corps environmental analyses have not identified any significant impacts associated with the proposed action, therefore, intent to prepare a DEIS is hereby terminated. The Corps is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed environmental restoration. The EA will evaluate environmental effects of restoring riverine, wetland, and riparian habitat for four sites within the active Snake River channel between Grand Teton National Park and the South Park Elk Feed Grounds in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Teton County and the Teton County Natural Resources District are cost sharing sponsors and participating in the project and in developing the EA. The objective of this project is to provide site specific restoration measures for impacts of construction, operation, and maintenance of levees constructed under the Jackson Hole Flood Protection Project. Formulation of the restoration measures focuses on examining existing conditions and determining the feasibility of restoring portions of degraded ecosystem structure, function, and dynamic processes to a less degraded condition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please Contact Mr. Bill MacDonald, Project Manager, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-PM., 201 North Third Avenue, Walla Walla, WA. 99362, phone 509-527-7253 or Mr. James S. Smith, NEPA Coordinator, Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, CENWW-PD-EC, 201 North