

Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Richard Roberts, OFA1x1, Station 8118, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-3525, ext. 115).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

NOAA intends to conduct a number of voluntary surveys of users of selected NOAA products, services, or programs in order to determine customer satisfaction and to solicit suggestions for improving those NOAA products, services, and programs. The information obtained will be used in NOAA's program planning efforts.

**II. Method of Collection**

Individual NOAA offices will develop questionnaires based upon the generic forms to be approved by OMB. The generic questions will be edited by those offices to solicit information specific to the program involved. These adaptations will be submitted to OMB for informal review prior to their use to ensure that they conform with objectives and nature of the generic questions that have been approved. Distribution of the questionnaires may be by mailings to customers, as attachments to products sent to customers, and on the World Wide Web (usually associated with order forms).

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; and State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 13,739.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Varies from 1-20 minutes (depending upon the questionnaire used).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 705 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**IV. Request for Comments**

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 122397C]

**Marine Mammals; Permit No. 974, File No. P368F**

**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. James T. Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 974.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

William Hogarth, Regional Director, Southwest Region (SW), National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213

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 email or other electronic media.

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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to permit no. 974, issued on September 7, 1995 (60 FR 46577), 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit no. 974 authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on low frequency sound and its effect on the physiology and diving behavior of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), provide local and regional movement data, hematological variability of the stock, and harbor seal feeding habits. The permit holder requests authorization to: determine body fat; handle 20 harbor seal pups up to eight times annually to track changes in health, physiological condition, and diving behavior; handle 20 adults and 20 juveniles annually to determine seasonal shifts in health, physiological condition, and diving behavior; and harass 200 additional harbor seals as a result of the above activities.

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.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration**

[I.D. 121897A]

**Marine Mammals; Scientific Research  
Permit No. 875-1401**

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit  
amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a  
request for amendment of scientific  
research permit no. 875-1401 submitted  
by Dr. Christopher W. Clark, Cornell  
University, Ithaca, New York 14850, has  
been granted.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related  
documents 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

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS,  
501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA  
90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On  
November 14, 1997, notice was  
published in the **Federal Register** (62  
FR 61093) that an amendment of permit  
no. 875-1401, issued September 8, 1997  
(62 FR 48611) had been requested by the  
above-name individual. The requested  
amended 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 (ESA) 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 part 222); and  
the Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C.  
1151-1175). 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. The requested  
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. 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 has been 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) during the proposed  
experiments.

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

Dated: December 30, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0134]

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request Entitled  
Environmentally Sound Products**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an  
extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR)  
Secretariat has submitted to the Office  
of Management and Budget (OMB) a  
request to review and approve an  
extension of a currently approved  
information collection requirement  
concerning Environmentally Sound  
Products. A request for public  
comments was published at 62 FR  
55788, October 28, 1997. No comments  
were received.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted on  
or before February 5, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Ralph DeStefano, Federal Acquisition  
Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-1758.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding this  
burden estimate or any other aspect of  
this collection of information, including  
suggestions for reducing this burden,  
should be submitted to: FAR Desk  
Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB,  
Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to  
the General Services Administration,  
FAR Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW,  
Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405.  
Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0134,  
Environmentally Sound Products, in all  
correspondence.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Purpose**

This information collection complies  
with Section 6002 of the Resource  
Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)  
(42 U.S.C. 6962). RCRA requires the  
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
to designate items which are or can be  
produced with recovered materials.  
RCRA further requires agencies to  
develop affirmative procurement  
programs to ensure that items composed  
of recovered materials will be purchased  
to the maximum extent practicable.  
Affirmative procurement programs  
required under RCRA must contain, as  
a minimum (1) a recovered materials  
preference program and an agency  
promotion program for the preference  
program; (2) a program for requiring  
estimates of the total percentage of  
recovered materials used in the  
performance of a contract, certification  
of minimum recovered material content  
actually used, where appropriate, and  
reasonable verification procedures for  
estimates and certifications; and (3)  
annual review and monitoring of the  
effectiveness of an agency's affirmative  
procurement program.