

novaeangliae), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), and spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written of telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

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

Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221); and

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

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 (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 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).

The applicant proposes to conduct photo-identification and behavioral observations, including sound recordings, of North Pacific humpback whales in Hawaii and Alaska waters over a five-year period. Photo-identification and observations of bottlenose dolphins, spinner dolphins, spotted dolphins, false killer whales,

pilot whales, and killer whales would be conducted on an opportunistic basis. The research is a continuation of a long-term study of association patterns and directed communication behaviors of the North Pacific humpback whale.

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: September 29, 1998.

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. 090198A]

Recreational Fishing; Code of Angling Ethics

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

ACTION: Notice of proposed code of angling ethics.

SUMMARY: NMFS is seeking public comment on a proposed Code of Angling Ethics. The adoption of this Code of Angling Ethics would implement the public education strategy required under the NMFS-specific Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan.

DATES: Comments must be received by November 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed Code of Angling Ethics should be sent to Richard H. Schaefer; Office of Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries; 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 425; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard H. Schaefer, 301-427-2014.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 7, 1995, the President signed Executive Order 12962 (EO) - Recreational Fisheries. The EO recognized the social,

cultural, and economic importance of recreational fishing to the nation and directed Federal agencies to "improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased recreational fishing opportunities." Further, the EO established the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council (NRFCC) consisting of Secretarial designees from the Departments of Commerce, Interior, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, and Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The NRFCC was directed under the EO to produce a Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan (National Plan). The National Plan, completed June 3, 1996, directed each Federal agency to develop an agency-specific implementation plan that identifies actions necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the National Plan. The NMFS-specific Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan, unveiled December 31, 1996, dictates four Implementation Strategies as policy to achieve the goals of the National Plan. Implementation Strategy III, Public Education, states that NMFS will support, develop, and implement programs designed to enhance public awareness and understanding of marine conservation issues relevant to the well-being of marine recreational fishing. One output listed under this Implementation Strategy is "NMFS will develop, promote and distribute a 'Code of Conduct for Recreational Fishing.'"

The following Code of Angling Ethics is proposed for adoption by NMFS:

THE CODE OF ANGLING ETHICS

1. Promotes, through education and practice, ethical behavior in the use of aquatic resources.
2. Values and respects the aquatic environment and all living things in it.
3. Avoids spilling, and never dumps, any pollutants, such as gasoline and oil, into the aquatic environment.
4. Disposes of all trash, including worn-out lines, leaders, and hooks, in appropriate containers, and helps to keep fishing sites litter-free.
5. Takes all precautionary measures necessary to prevent the spread of exotic plants and animals, including live baitfish, into non-native habitats.
6. Learns and obeys angling and boating regulations, and treats other anglers, boaters, and property owners with courtesy and respect.
7. Respects property rights, and never trespasses on private lands or waters.
8. Keeps no more fish than needed for consumption, and never wastefully discards fish that are retained.
9. Practices conservation by carefully handling and releasing alive all fish that

are unwanted or prohibited by regulation, as well as other animals that may become hooked or entangled accidentally.

10. Uses tackle and techniques which minimize harm to fish when engaging in "catch and release" angling.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

Bruce C. Moehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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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 and OMB Number: Corps of Engineers Civil Works Questionnaires—Generic Clearance; OMB Number 0710-0001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 112,400.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 112,400.

Average Burden Per Response: 6 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 10,817.

Needs and Uses: The Army Corps of Engineers uses public surveys for collecting primary data for planning, program evaluation, and basic research to improve formulation and design of resource projects and the management of their operations. Information is needed to formulate and evaluate alternative water resources development plans; to determine the effectiveness and evaluate the impacts of Corps projects; and in the case of flood damage mitigation, to obtain information on flood damages incurred, with or without a flood damage reduction project. Surveys of the public are also essential to the Corps recreation research and management program. Respondents are typically flood victims; other floodplain residents and business managers; shippers of waterborne commodities; waterway operators; local officials who work with the Corps of Engineers on planning and managing water resource projects and services; and, individual users of Corps recreation areas.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Business or Other For-

Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions; Farms; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. James A. Laity.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Laity at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for U.S. Army, COE, Room 10202, 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: September 29, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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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 and OMB Number: Tender of Service—Mobile Homes/Boats; OMB Number 0704-0056.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 23.

Responses per Respondent: 5.4 (average).

Annual Responses: 125.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 444.

Needs and Uses: The Carrier Qualification Program (CQP) is designed to protect the interest of the Government and to ensure that the Department of Defense deals with responsible carriers having the capability to provide quality and dependable service. This program became necessary because deregulation of the motor carrier industry brought an influx of new carriers into DoD's transportation market, many of which are unreliable or do not have the capability to provide consistent dependable transportation service. Since mobile homes/boats move at

Government expense, data is needed to choose the best service at least cost. The information provided serves as a bid for contract to transport mobile homes/boats. The carrier must provide the information in order to become a DoD-approved carrier.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office 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: September 29, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-38]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Pub. L. 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-38, with attached transmittal, policy justification, sensitivity of technology, and Section 620C(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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