

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Marine Mammals; File No. 1121-1900

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology (Principal Investigator: Dr. Brandon Southall), Silver Spring, MD, has requested an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 1121-1900.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 2, 2008.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

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

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1121-1900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Jolie Harrison, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 1121-

1900 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 and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 1121-1900, issued on August 13, 2007 (72 FR 46312), authorizes the permit holder to attach scientific instruments (digital archival recording tags) temporarily via suction cup to, photograph for identification, and expose to controlled levels of natural and anthropogenic underwater sounds, including signals simulating mid-frequency sonar, a variety of cetaceans in the Tongue of the Ocean (east of Andros Island, Bahamas). Whales are monitored visually and through passive acoustic monitoring (via an underwater hydrophone array), as well as through data from the tags, for responses to the sounds. Sloughed skin samples collected from the detached suction cup may be imported into the U.S. for analysis. The objective of the research is to collect underpinning data to evaluate the risk of mid-frequency sonars to beaked whales and other toothed whales by making direct measurements of behavioral responses to sound exposure. The permit is due to expire on January 1, 2009.

The permit holder requests authorization to extend the duration of the permit for three years beyond the original expiration date to allow for three additional field seasons, permit an increase in the number of marine mammals that may be harassed annually, and allow playbacks directed at small cetacean species not targeted previously (though previously permitted for indirect exposure to the playbacks). The amendment would not change the location of the research, the species of marine mammals that may be affected, or the level of take (level B harassment) permitted. The primary purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow additional field work and validation studies following the preliminary study conducted under the permit issued in 2007. Please refer to Table 1 of the supplemental environmental assessment (EA) for a list of species and comparison of take numbers currently authorized versus proposed for the amendment.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a draft supplemental EA has been prepared to examine whether significant

environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed amendment to the scientific research permit. The draft supplemental EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit amendment application.

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: March 27, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee, Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, April 24, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most-up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone 301-713-3100 x136, Fax: 301-713-3110); e-mail: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of

Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, and from 8:05 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008. In general, each individual group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by April 18, 2008.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will be receiving a new charge from the Department of Commerce and organized members into Subcommittees to begin addressing this charge. The Committee also will be discussing the revised draft MPA Framework, and developing and finalizing recommendations related to enforcement and compliance. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: March 20, 2008.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Annual Grantee Progress Report to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ms. Amy Borgstrom at (202) 606-6930. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call (202) 565-2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich,

OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**:

- (1) By fax to: (202) 395-6974, Attention: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; and
- (2) Electronically by e-mail to: Katherine_T_Astrich@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

A 60-day public comment Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. This comment period ended March 10, 2008. No public comments were received from this Notice.

Description: The Corporation is seeking approval of the attached Annual Grantee Progress Report which will be used by grantees of the Corporation's AmeriCorps State and National in their annual reporting. The Annual Grantee Progress Report will provide information for Corporation staff to monitor grantee progress, and to respond to requests from Congress and other stakeholders.

Type of Review: New Information Collection.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Annual Grantee Progress Report.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Grantees of AmeriCorps State and National programs.

Total Respondents: 154.

Frequency: Annually.

Average Time per Response: 8 hours.
Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1232 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: March 26, 2008.

Kristin McSwain,

Director, AmeriCorps State and National.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning application instructions designed to be used for Learn and Serve America grant competitions and continuation funding requests. The application is completed electronically using eGrants, the Corporation's web-based grants management system.

Applicants will respond to the questions included in these instructions in order to apply for funding in these Learn and Serve America competitions.

Copies of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by June 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection activity, by any of the following methods: