

granted 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).

The amendments extend the expiration date of the permits from January 31, 2007, to January 31, 2008; Permit No. 1022–1659 for takes of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) found near bait receivers located in various southern California harbors; and Permit No. 482–1653 for takes of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in New England waters.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 22, 2007.

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 (NOAA)

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting via web conference call of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The web conference call is open to the public, and participants can dial in to the call. Participants who choose to use the web conferencing feature in addition to the audio will be able to view the presentation as it is being given. Members of the public wishing to listen should contact Lauren Wenzel at the email or telephone number below for the call-in number and passcode.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, February 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. (Eastern time). Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

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 to provide advice to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158.

Matters To Be Considered: The Committee will discuss and vote on its comments on the *Draft Framework for Developing a National System of Marine Protected Areas*, a document produced by the National Marine Protected Areas Center that is currently out for public review until February 14, 2007. The document and any related Committee materials for the conference call will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DOD–2007–HA–0002]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a new proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1160.

Instructions: all submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public view on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD), TRICARE—Health Program Analysis and Evaluation, ATTN: LtCol Dawn Erckenbrack, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 801A, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206, or call (703) 681–0039.

Title and OMB Number: TRICARE Network Provider Survey; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

Needs and Uses: The goals of this survey effort are to stress TRICARE Network Provider satisfaction, attitudes and perceptions regarding the services provided by civilian Health Care Support and Service Contractors (HCSS) and TRICARE.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Federal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,790.

Number of Respondents: 9,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: .31.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The goals of this survey effort are to assess TRICARE Network Provider satisfaction, attitudes and perceptions regarding the services provided by civilian Health Care Support and Service Contractors (HCSS) and TRICARE. The survey focuses on basic business functions provided by the HCSS Contractors such as inquiries,