

species. Authority to import and export samples is requested. Further, TASSC proposes to standardize Steller sea lion biological sampling techniques among Alaska Native subsistence users through a series of workshops with harvest communities. The objectives of this research are to promote Alaska Native participation in Steller sea lion conservation and management; assess the health and condition of Steller sea lions through biological data and tissue collection; educate and inform the public on the traditional and contemporary relationship between the Steller sea lion and Alaska Natives; and work with regulatory agencies toward the common goal of enhancing and protecting healthy Steller sea lion populations. The applicant has requested a five-year permit.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*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

[I.D. 061903B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1045-1713

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Stephen J. Insley, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham St., San Diego, California 92109 has been issued a permit to take northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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)713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On May 12, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 25349) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

This research project is designed to remotely investigate at-sea interactions between northern fur seals and ships, particularly the impact of commercial fishing vessels on the northern fur seals. Annually, ten lactating female northern fur seals from the Pribilof Islands in Alaska will be captured, measured, outfitted with datalogging instrumentation, and released. The individuals will be tracked and recaptured, the datalogger removed and the animals subsequently released. Additionally, Level B Harassment of northern fur seals is authorized for 50 pups, 50 breeding females, 25 mature males, and 50 immature males, annually. These activities will be authorized over five years. The results of this research will provide important information for management decisions regarding northern fur seals.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, 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).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 8, 2003. The Office of Management and Budget has approved this information

collection requirement through September 30, 2003.

*Title; Form; and OMB Number:*

Record of Military Processing, Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 1966; OMB Number 0704-0173.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 510,000.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 510,000.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 20 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 170,000.

*Needs and Uses:* Title 10 U.S.C., sections 504, 505, 506, 12102, and 520a, Title 14 U.S.C., sections 351 and 632, and Title 50 U.S.C., section 451, require applicants to meet standards for enlistment into the Armed Forces. This information collection is the basis for determining eligibility of applicants for enlistment in the Armed Forces and is needed to verify data given by the applicant and to determine his/her qualification of enlistment. The information collected aids in the determination of qualifications, term of service, and grade in which a person, if eligible, will enter active duty or reserve status.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required To Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Davis.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Davis, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following 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 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 November 7, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Department of Defense Education Activity 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, ATTN: Ms. Judith L. Williams.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposal information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 696-4471 ext. 1968.

**Title and OMB Control Number:** "Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) Longitudinal Study" and OMB Control Number [to be determined].

**Needs and Uses:** The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) operates 224 schools, including 56 high schools, in 21 districts located in 14 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. To evaluate the Quality High School Initiative developed at the DoDEA High School Symposium in October 2001, contact with all DoDEA high school students and their sponsors who have left DoDEA high schools is necessary. All students in grades 9-12 who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason (*i.e.*, Permanent Change of Station (PCS), graduation, *etc.*) and their sponsors will be contacted 3-5 months after their departure by a telephone survey. Four telephone surveys will be used; one for students who leave DoDEA high schools for any reason

other than graduation and one for their sponsors; one for DoDEA high school graduates and one for their sponsors. The collected data will be used to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the DoDEA high school is located. There is no existing data that is sufficiently comprehensive in terms of meeting the need for this information requirement.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 3,250 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,000.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Summary of Information Collection**

Beginning in fiscal year 2003, funds from a \$114.5 million High School Program Objective Memorandum (POM) are available to support the Quality High School Initiative developed at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) High School Symposium held in October 2001. This money is made available through the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The High School POM runs from FY 2003-2008. The Quality High School Initiative will be evaluated to determine if quality educational programs are provided to all DoDEA high school students regardless of where the high school is located. The study entails the development of data collection methods and procedures, as well as the analysis of data, to document the use of resources and the impact on student achievement in grades 9-12. The study will use a telephonic interview technique to determine the success of the initiative in helping students prepare for educational experiences after leaving Department of Defense (DoD) schools either through graduation, permanent change of station of the sponsor, or for any other reason. Four surveys have been developed: One for all DoDEA sponsors and one for students who leave DoDEA for any reason other than graduation; one for DoDEA sponsors of graduates and one for students who graduate. These four telephone surveys include questions on transition, curriculum, courses, activities, counselors, teachers, administrators, and summary issues.

Dated: August 29, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0132]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Submission for OMB Review;  
Contractors' Purchasing Systems  
Reviews**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0132).

**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 contractors' purchasing systems reviews. A request for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 37467 on June 24, 2002. No comments were received.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before October 8, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeritta Parnell, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-4082.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**