

Research, NC, to take listed shortnose sturgeon as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222). The applicants requested a 2-year permit to take shortnose sturgeon in the rivers of NC, to determine their distribution and habitat use. Adult shortnose sturgeon will be collected by gillnetting, weighed, measured, photographed, tagged, have tissue samples taken, and be released. Up to 10 of these adult shortnose sturgeon will be tagged with an ultrasonic transmitter, and tracked. Eggs and larvae will be collected to gather information on spawning sites. On February 14, 1996, as authorized by the ESA, NMFS issued Permit 984 authorizing this research.

Notice was published on September 28, 1995 (60 FR 50189) that an application had been filed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The applicant requested authorization for a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon in the Southeast US. The purpose of the research is to develop strategies that can be applied by fisheries managers to aid in the recovery of shortnose sturgeon populations. Research will be conducted mainly on non-releasable captive shortnose sturgeon and their progeny, with a maximum take in the wild of 50 adult fish annually for population assessment and biological comparison with hatchery fish. Wild fish will be released following measurement, tagging, and the collection of tissue samples. On February 23, 1996, as authorized by the ESA, NMFS issued Permit 986 for this research.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that is the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office
of Protected Resources, National Marine
Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 987 (P598).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Jim Darling, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, British Columbia, Canada VOR 2Z0., has been issued a permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/955-8831).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 25, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 2232) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to take up to 200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) over a 2-year period, by harassment in the course of behavioral and photo-identification studies and biopsy sampling in waters of the Hawaiian Islands. 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), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (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).

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.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following commodities and services have been proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Commodities

Sweatsuit, USAF
8415-01-407-2708 (pants)
8415-01-407-2709
8415-01-407-2745
8415-01-407-2784
8415-01-407-2788
8415-01-407-2176 (shirts)
8415-01-407-2181
8415-01-407-2192
8415-01-407-2240
8415-01-407-2241
NPA: Mississippi Industries for the Blind
Jackson, Mississippi

Services

Laundry Service, Fort Lewis & Madigan
Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis,
Washington
NPA: Northwest Center for the Retarded
Seattle, Washington
Mailroom Operation for the following
locations:
Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence
Avenue, SW., Washington, DC
Germantown Building, 19901 Germantown
Road, Germantown, MD
NPA: Sheltered Occupational Center of
Northern Virginia Arlington, Virginia

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 19, 1995 and January 19, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely

Disabled published notices (60 F.R. 67351 and 61 F.R. 1362) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Document Image Conversion, Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Patuxent River, Maryland

Janitorial/Custodial, Social Security Administration, Metro West Complex, 300 North Greene Street, Baltimore, Maryland

Laundry Service, Fort Richardson, Alaska

(which includes all the military activities within the State of Alaska as follows: Fort Wainwright, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Fort Greely, Eielson Air Force Base; and the Native Health Service Installations in Anchorage)

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance 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 the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed extension of 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 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: Considerations will be given to all comments received May 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (OCHAMPUS), Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Program Development Branch, ATTN: Mr. Graham Kolb, Aurora, CO 80045-6900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call, OCHAMPUS, Program Requirements Branch at (303) 361-1180.

TITLE, ASSOCIATED FORM, AND OMB NUMBER: CHAMPUS Claim—Patient's Request for Medical Payment; DD Form 2642; OMB Number: 0720-0006.

NEEDS AND USES: This form is used by beneficiaries claiming reimbursement for medical expenses under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (TRICARE/CHAMPUS). The information collected will be used by TRICARE/CHAMPUS to determine beneficiary eligibility, other health insurance liability and certification that the beneficiary received the care.

Affected Public: Individuals or households