

Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to permit no. 976, issued on August 29, 1995 (60 FR 46576) is requested 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).

Permit no. 976 authorizes the permit holder to: Capture and tag (with plastic cattle ear tags) annually up to 900 Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), (550 pups, 200 adult and subadult females (20% may be pregnant), and 150 adult and subadult males), 20 each of crabeater seal (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), leopard seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Ross seal (*Ommatophoca rossii*), southern elephant seal, (*Mirounga leonina*), and Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*); inadvertently harass up to 2000 seals up to 10 times during approach to tag, read tags, and retag animals; and blood sample up to 50 adult and 50 pup *Leptonychotes*. Two seals may be accidentally killed during the conduct of the research authorized herein. Blood samples and tooth and tissue samples collected from seals found dead may be imported.

The permit holder requests authorization to conduct the following additional activities on *Leptonychotes*: Increase the number of blood samples that can be taken from 100 to 200 [125 from adults and 75 from pups]; retain the core sample from flipper tagging; and lavage up to 50. No additional animals are requested.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

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 (Health Affairs) announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof. Health Affairs

invites comments 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 24, 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), Program Requirements Branch, Aurora, CO 80045-6900.

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 the above address or call the OCHAMPUS, Program Requirements Branch at (303) 361-1180.

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Health Insurance Claim Form, UB92, OMB Number 0938-0279.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary for a medical institution to claim benefits under the CHAMPUS. The information collected will be used by TRICARE/CHAMPUS to determine beneficiary eligibility, other health insurance liability, certification that the beneficiary received the care and that the provider is authorized to receive TRICARE/CHAMPUS payments. The form will be used by TRICARE/CHAMPUS and its contractors to determine the amount of benefits to be paid to TRICARE/CHAMPUS institutional providers.

Affected Public: Individuals, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospices and other medical institutional providers.

Annual Burden Hours: 525,000 Hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,100,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 Minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This collection instrument is for use by medical institutions filing for

reimbursement with CHAMPUS, TRICARE/CHAMPUS is a health benefits entitlement program for the dependents of active duty members of the Uniformed Services, and deceased sponsors, retirees and their dependents, dependents of Department of Transportation (Coast Guard) sponsors, and certain North Atlantic Treaty Organization, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service eligible beneficiaries. Use of the UB-92 (also known as HCFA 1450) continues TRICARE/CHAMPUS commitments to use the national standard claim form for reimbursement of medical services/supplies provided by institutional providers.

Dated: July 22, 1996.

Patricia Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 24, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Health Services Operations and Readiness, (ATTN: LCDR Patrick Kelly), Five Skyline Place,