

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

[I.D. 071197C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 875-1401)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Christopher W. Clark, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14850, has applied in due form for a permit to take blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents, including a draft environmental assessment (EA) that examines the environmental consequences of issuing the requested permit, are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit 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 fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222.23).

The purpose of the proposed research is to study the effects of low-frequency

sound produced by the Navy's Surface Towed Array Surveillance System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) system on the behavior of blue and fin whales feeding in the Southern California Bight during September/October of 1997 and/or 1998.

Individuals of several other species of cetaceans and pinnipeds may be taken (i.e., by harassment or auditory temporary threshold shift) incidentally during the proposed experiments.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a draft EA examining the environmental consequences of issuing the requested permit has been prepared. Based upon this draft EA, NMFS has preliminarily concluded that issuance of the requested permit will not have a significant effect on the human environment.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation 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).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for correction of Military Records Under the Provisions of Title 10 U.S.C., Section 1552; DD Form 149; OMB Number 0704-0003.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 31,425.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 31,425.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 15,713.

Needs and Uses: Under 10 U.S.C. 1552, the Secretary of a Military Department may correct any military record within their Department when the Secretary considers it necessary to correct an error or remove an injustice. The DD Form 149, "Application for Correction of Military Records Under the Provisions of Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 1552," allows an applicant to

request correction of a military record. The form provides an avenue for active duty Service members and former Service personnel who believe an error is contained in their military records and/or they have suffered an injustice to request relief.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

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

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

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

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: 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).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 293; OMB Number 0704-0004.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 13,100.

Responses Per Respondent: 1

Annual Responses: 13,100.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,825.

Needs and Uses: Former members of the Armed Forces who received an administrative discharge have the right to appeal the characterization or reason for separation. Title 10 U.S.C., Section 1553 and Department of Defense Directive 1332.28, established a Board