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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 938, issued on February 9, 1995 (60 FR 7753) 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. 938 authorizes the Permit Holder to harass species of the suborders Mysticeti, Odontoceti, Pinnipedia, and the southern sea otter during: aerial and vessel surveys; behavioral observations (resulting from acoustical studies); photographic identification; and tagging (VHF and/or TDRs). The Holder may opportunistically tag with a VHF and or TDR: Mysticetes (except Northern right whales); Odontocetes (except killer and pilot whales, northern right whale dolphins, Dall's and harbor porpoise); and California sea lions. The Holder may continuously record and monitor acoustic signals (0.5-20kHz) while conducting shipboard surveys and is authorized to conduct these activities along the California coast.

The Permit Holder now requests authorization to: place VHF tags and TDRs on up to 20 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) annually, off the California coast.

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

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.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

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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).

**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 reinstatement of a 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 April 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), ODUSD (Program Integration), Defense Manpower Data Center, ATTN: Dr. Jerome Lehnus, 1555 Wilson Blvd., Suite 701, Arlington, VA 22209.

**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 at (703) 696-7401.

**Title and OMB Control Number:** Youth Attitude Tracking Study (YATS), OMB Number 0704-0069.

**Needs and Uses:** This information collection requirement is necessary to enable DoD and the Recruiting Services to annually ascertain changes in youth attitudes that affect recruiting budgets, and to support analysis of recruiting incentives and diagnosis of recruiting difficulties. YATS provides an independent measure of youth awareness of DoD and Service recruiting advertising, and an efficient measure of potential incentives, such as increased educational benefits. The information is used to optimize allocation of resources

and evaluate the effect of policy changes. It is used in preparing testimony for Congress on the state of recruiting.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 5,618.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,050.

**Responses Per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden Per Response:** 25.83 minutes.

**Frequency:** Annual/On Occasion.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Summary of Information Collection

Each Fall, computer-assisted telephone interviews (CATI) are conducted with a representative sample of 10,000, 16 to 24 year-old men and women who have never served in the military. Additionally, up to 3,000 interviews are conducted in the Spring or Summer to support special needs. The interviews provide information needed to track propensity for military service, to evaluate recruiting efforts, and to determine youth attitudes and opinions relevant to recruiting policy decisions (e.g., the impact of educational benefits on propensity for military service). CATI technology is used to assure conversational, "user-friendly" interviews, and to focus questions on relevant subpopulations. YATS does not include intrusive questions of a personal nature. Results are disseminated only through reports of aggregate statistics and public-use data files which include no personally identifying information. Thus, the confidential nature of all responses is protected.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Past Performance Information

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