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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.

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

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

[OMB Control No. 9000-0142]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Past Performance Information

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.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Past Performance Information. The clearance currently expires on July 31, 1999.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before May 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0142, Past Performance Information, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA, (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Past performance information is relevant information, for future source selection purposes, regarding a contractor's actions under previously awarded contracts. When past performance is to be evaluated, the rule states that the solicitation shall afford offerors the opportunity to identify Federal, state and local government, and private contracts performed by offerors that were similar in nature to the contract being evaluated.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents 150,000; responses per respondent, 4; total annual responses, 600,000; preparation hours per response, 2; and total response burden hours, 1,200,000.

OBTAINING COPIES OF JUSTIFICATIONS: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services

Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0142, Past Performance Information, in all correspondence.

Dated: March 24, 1999.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Senior Advisory Board on National Security

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Senior Advisory Board on National Security will meet in open and closed sessions on April 5-6, 1999. The Board was chartered by the Secretary of Defense to conduct a comprehensive review of the early twenty-first century global security environment; develop appropriate national security objectives and a strategy to attain these objectives; and recommend concomitant changes to the national security apparatus as necessary.

The Senior Advisory Board will meet in open session on the afternoon of 5 April with American business executives to discuss corporation forecasting methods and variables that corporations use in strategic planning. The closed session will occur on 6 April. At this session the Senior Advisory Board will review and discuss inputs for the Phase 1 report that the Study Group has prepared and that are based on classified material concerning global regional trends and possible conflict situations.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C., Appendix II], it is anticipated that matters affecting national security, as covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1)(1988), will be presented throughout the meeting on 6 April, and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Monday, 5 April 1:30-5:00 p.m. (open); Tuesday, 6 April 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed).

ADDRESSES: Collins Hall, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Keith A. Dunn, National Security Study Group, Suite 532, Crystal Mall, 3, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22203-3805. Telephone 703-602-4175.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP) will meet to discuss National Oceanographic Partnership Program (NOPP) activities. All sessions of the meeting will remain open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The White House Conference Center, Truman Room, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Steven E. Ramberg, Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, Telephone Number: (703) 696-4358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss NOPP activities. The meeting will include discussions on ocean observations, current and future NOPP activities, and other current issues in the ocean sciences community. In order to maintain the meeting time schedule, members of the public will be limited in their time to speak to the Panel. Members of the public should submit their comments one week in advance of the meeting to the meeting Point of Contact.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Pamela A. Holden,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, United States Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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