

Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for the purposes of enhancing the survival and recovery of the species, and for scientific research. The research seeks to assess the efficiency with which monk seals assimilate and metabolize amino acids and fatty acids from common prey types, and elucidate and monitor how reproductive and metabolic activity of male seals are related.

The permit holder requests authorization to train seals to accept a rectal temperature probe and to take daily temperature measurements on the three monk seals held at Waikiki Aquarium.

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 7, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: DOD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/TMA.

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/TMA announces the revision of a currently approved 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: Consideration will be given to all comments received May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, Office of Resource Management, Skyline Drive, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206. ATTN: Major Rose Layman, (703) 681-8910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Major Rose Layman, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-8910.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Third Party Collection Program; DD Form 2569; OMB Control Number 0704-0323.

Needs and Uses: The information contained in the DD Form 2569 will be used to collect reimbursement from private insurers for medical care provided to family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance. Such monetary benefits accruing to the Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) will be used to enhance healthcare delivery in the MTF. Information will also be used by MTS staff and CHAMPUS Fiscal Intermediaries to determine eligibility for care, deductibles, and copayments and by Health Affairs for program planning and management.

Affected Public: Family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance.

Annual Burden Hours: 55,221.
Number of Respondents: 1,262,194.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Frequency: Yearly or on occasion when insurance information changes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DD Form 2569 is used to collect third party insurance information from family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance. This information is collected either during the inpatient stay admission and/or discharge process or during the visit when a patient presents for an outpatient procedure.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00-23 with attached transmittal, policy justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

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