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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 10600, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, E-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB website at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

David L. Evans,

Assistant Administrator, OAR.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092601C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1003-1646

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jennifer Burns, Ph.D., University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Biological Sciences, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508, has been issued a permit to import specimens collected from Canadian populations of harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*), harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*), and gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 23, 2001, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (66 FR 44333) that a request for a scientific research permit to import specimens collected from Canadian populations of harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*), harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*), and gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) had been

submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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).

Dated: October 15, 2001.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101001B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 42-1642-00

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355 (Dr. Lisa Mazarro, Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit to take Steller sea lions for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2001, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (66 FR 39493) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and

(3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 570-5301; fax (727) 570-5320.

Dated: October 15, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Recording Assignments

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, Suite 310, Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at (703) 308-7400; or by electronic mail at Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Joyce R. Johnson, Manager of the Assignment Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Gateway 4, Room 300, 1213 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. 22202; by telephone at (703) 308-9706; or by electronic mail at Joyce.Johnson@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

As part of the responsibilities outlined by 35 U.S.C. 261 and 262 for patents, and 15 U.S.C. 1057 and 1060 of the Trademark Act of 1946 for trademarks, the USPTO records a variety of documents submitted to them by the public, corporations, other federal agencies, and Government-owned or Government-controlled corporations. These individuals, federal agencies, and corporations can submit various documents that establish their rights and/or titles for patents and trademarks to the USPTO for recording. This process officially and publicly establishes their rights and titles. These documents typically include items such as transfers of properties (*i.e.* patents and trademarks), liens, licenses, assignments of interest, security interests, mergers, and explanations of transactions or other documents that record the transfer of ownership from one party to another. The USPTO can also record assignments for applications, patents, and trademarks. By submitting these various documents, the individual, federal agency, or

corporation can establish their ownership of a particular patent or trademark property.

Once a document has been recorded, it is available to the public. All recorded documents, except for those under secrecy orders or those in which the federal government has a documented interest, can be viewed by the public. The public uses these documents to conduct ownership and chain-of-title searches. The public can view these records either at the USPTO or the National Archives and Records Administration, depending on when they were recorded.

To make the recording process faster, more efficient, and more accurate, the USPTO developed the Patent and Trademark Assignment System (PTAS). This system helps automate the movement of the various documents to be recorded throughout the USPTO Assignment Division.

In order to accurately record a document and to take advantage of the speed and efficiency of the PTAS, the USPTO developed cover sheets to submit with the document to be recorded. These cover sheets capture all of the necessary data needed to accurately record the various documents.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand delivery to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0027.

Form Number(s): PTO-1594 and PTO-1595.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 275,500 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that 27,550 Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheets (Form PTO-1594) and 247,950 Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheets (Form PTO-1595) will be submitted per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 30 minutes (.5 hours) to complete either the Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1594) or the Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595). These estimates include the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed form.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 137,750 hours per year. The USPTO estimates that the total annual burden hours will be 13,775 hours per year for Form PTO-1594 and 123,975 hours per year for Form PTO-1595.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$34,713,000 per year. Using the professional hourly rate of \$252 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates \$3,471,300 per year for salary costs associated with respondents using Form PTO-1594, and \$31,241,700 per year for salary costs associated with respondents using Form PTO-1595.

| Item | Estimated time for response (minutes) | Estimated annual responses | Estimated annual burden hours |
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| Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet | 30 | 27,550 | 13,775 |
| Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet | 30 | 247,950 | 123,975 |
| Total | | 275,500 | 137,750 |

Estimated Total Annual Nonhour Respondent Cost Burden (includes capital start-up costs and filing fees): \$11,020,000 per year. The filing cost for submitting a Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet is \$40 for the first property, for a minimum total of \$1,102,000 per year, and for submitting a Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet is \$40 per property, for a minimum total of \$9,918,000 per year. However, the total filing cost for a Trademark Recordation Cover Sheet or a Patent Recordation Cover Sheet varies according to the number of properties involved in each submission. When

submitting a Trademark Recordation Form Cover Sheet, the customer must pay the processing fee of \$40 as indicated by 37 CFR 2.6(b)(6) for recording the first property in a document and \$25 for each additional property in the same document. When submitting a Patent Recordation Form Cover Sheet, the customer must pay the processing fee of \$40 as indicated by 37 CFR 1.21(h) for recording each property in a document.

IV. Request for Comments

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 the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or

included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

Susan K. Brown,

Acting Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Federal Advisory Committee for Air Force Academy Academic and Institutional Programs

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of forthcoming meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee for Air Force Academy Academic and Institutional Programs. The purpose of this meeting is to consider morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy. Certain sessions of these meetings will be closed to the public.

DATES: November 16-17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: USAF Academy, 2304 Cadet Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Major Steve Sandridge or Ms. Sue Christensen, Development and Alumni Programs Division, HQ USAFA/XPA, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 303, USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5002, (719) 333-3668.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, which implements Public Law 96-517, as amended, the Department of the Air Force announces its intention to grant Beta LaserMike, Inc., a company having its headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, an exclusive license in any right, title and

interest the Air Force has in U.S. Patent No. 5,895,927, entitled, "Electro-Optic, Noncontact, Interior Cross-Section Profiler."

A license for this patent will be granted unless a written objection is received within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Information concerning this Notice may be obtained from Mr. William H. Anderson, Associate General Counsel (Acquisition), SAF/GCQ, 1500 Wilson Blvd., Suite 304, Arlington, VA 22209-2310. Mr. Anderson can be reached at 703-588-5090/5091 or by fax at 703-588-8037.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comment on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Karen_F_Lee@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing

proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: October 16, 2001.

John Tressler,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Consolidated State Performance Report and State Self-Review.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses: 14, 452; Burden Hours: 134,768.

Abstract: This information collection package contains two related parts: the Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) and the State Self-Review (SSR). The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), in general, and its provision for submission of consolidated plans, in particular (see section 14301 of the ESEA), emphasize the importance of cross-program coordination and integration of federal programs into educational activities carried out with state and local funds. States would use both instruments for reporting on activities that occur during the 2000-2001 school year and, if the ESEA, when reauthorized, does not become effective for the 2001-2002 school year, for that year as well. The proposed CSPR request most of the same information as in 1999-2000, with a few modifications to cover new programs and new emphases. The proposed SSR deletes several questions from the previous version and has no new information requests. When the ESEA is reauthorized the Department intends to work actively with the public to revise the content of these documents and develop an integrated information collection system that responds to the new law, uses new technologies, and better reflects how federal programs help to promote state and local reform efforts.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese,