

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Belinda L. Rubinstein, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) and ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*) 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, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

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.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 5, 2002, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 50632) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor seals, harp seals, gray seals, hooded seals, and ringed seals 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).

Solitary seals will be captured, tagged, sampled (including tooth extraction, blubber biopsy, blood and milk collection, anal swabs and fecal samples), and released. In addition to taking wild animals, the applicant also requests authority to sample conspecifics held in rehabilitation facilities. Samples may be exported and re-imported for analyses. The purposes of the research are to study habitat utilization using satellite telemetry and flipper tagging, determine stock association, and monitor health of phocids along the east coast of the U.S., from Maine to Virginia.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Strategic Advisory Group Meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command

**AGENCY:** USSTRATCOM, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in a closed session on April 24 and 25, 2003.

The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command during the development of the Nation's war plans. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having the requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact on national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C., section 552b(c), and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed.

**DATES:** April 24 and 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** USSTRATCOM, 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1F7, Offutt Air Force Base, NE 68113-6030.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Druskis, SAG, (402) 294-4102; Jerome Mahar, Joint Staff, (703) 614-6465.

Dated: March 10, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 19, 2003.

**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. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

**John Tressler,**

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

*Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services*

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Report of Children with Disabilities Exiting Special Education During the School Year.

*Frequency:* Annually.