

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In accordance with section 6.03 of the NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 (Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing NEPA, May 20, 1999), NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed issuance of this IHA to Dr. VanBlaricom by NMFS meets the definition of a "Categorical Exclusion" and is exempted from further environmental review. NMFS will continue to review the action to include consideration of any comments either on this preliminary determination or on the issuance of the IHA.

Preliminary Conclusions

NMFS has preliminarily determined that the short-term impact of abalone research, as described in this document and in the application for an IHA, should result, at worst, in the temporary modification in behavior by California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals and northern elephant seals. The effects of abalone research surveys on SNI are expected to be limited to short term and localized changes in behavior involving relatively small numbers of pinnipeds. While behavioral modifications, including temporarily vacating onshore haulouts, may be made by these species to avoid the presence and nearness of abalone researchers, this action is expected to have a negligible impact on the animals. In addition, no take by injury or death is anticipated, and harassment takes will be at the lowest level practicable due to incorporation of the mitigation measures mentioned previously in this document.

Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to Dr. Glenn R. VanBlaricom for the potential harassment of small numbers of Pacific harbor seals, California sea lions and northern elephant seals incidental to abalone population trend research, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed activity would result in the harassment of small numbers of Pacific harbor seals, California sea lions and northern elephant seals and will have no more than a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: November 29, 2004.

Donna Wieting,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning the proposed document entitled: AmeriCorps*National, State and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories 2005 Application Instructions. Copies of the document can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the ADDRESSES section by February 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written input to the Corporation by any of the following methods:

(1) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system to Kimberly Mansaray at kmansaray@cns.gov.

(2) By fax to 202-565-2791, Attention Ms. Kimberly Mansaray.

(3) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps State and National, 9th Floor, Attn: Ms. Kimberly Mansaray, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20525.

(4) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address given in paragraph (3) above, between 9 a.m. and

4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Mansaray, (202) 606-5000, ext. 249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Corporation is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service, through its national service programs and projects: (1) Provides opportunities for all Americans to serve; (2) affords members with meaningful, valuable, and enriching experiences; and (3) supports a continued ethic of volunteer service. The AmeriCorps*National, State and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories 2005 Application Instructions provide potential applicants with information necessary for completing an application for funds to operate a State, National, Indian Tribe or U.S. Territory AmeriCorps program.

II. Current Action

Type of Review: Renewal with revisions.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps*National, State and Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories 2005 Application Instructions.

OMB Number: 3045-0047.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applicants to the Corporation for grant funds.

Total Respondents: 2,000 responses annually.

Frequency: Once annually.

Average Time Per Response: 10 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 20,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 29, 2004.

Rosie K. Mauk,

Director of AmeriCorps.

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II. Current Action

Type of Review: Renewal with revisions.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: AmeriCorps Education Awards Program 2005 Application.

OMB Number: 3045-0065.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Eligible applicants to the Corporation for grant funds.

Total Respondents: 300 respondents annually.

Frequency: Once annually.

Average Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 2,400 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 29, 2004.

Rosie K. Mauk,

Director of AmeriCorps.

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