two 1–year Letters of Authorization (LOAs) to take marine mammals by harassment incidental to the U.S. Navy’s operation of Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System Low Frequency Active (SURTASS LFA) sonar operations to the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC, and persons operating under his authority.


ADDRESSES: Copies of the Navy’s April 9, 2008, LOA application letter, the LOAs, the Navy’s 2007 annual report and the Navy’s 2007 5–Year Comprehensive Report are available by writing to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225, by telephoning the contact listed here (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT), or online at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications.

Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS (301–713–2289, ext 128).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a military readiness activity if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

Authorization may be granted for periods of 5 years or less if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for certain subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations also must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Required reports on SURTASS LFA sonar were published on August 21, 2007 (72 FR 46846), and remain in effect through August 15, 2012. These regulations include mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements for the incidental taking of marine mammals by the SURTASS LFA sonar system. For detailed information on this action, please refer to the August 21, 2007 Federal Register Notice and 50 CFR part 216 subpart Q.

Summary of LOA Request

NMFS received an application from the U.S. Navy for two LOAs, one covering the USNS ABLE (T-AGOS 20) and one covering the USNS IMPECCABLE (T-AGOS 23), under the regulations issued on August 21, 2007 (72 FR 46846). (The R/V Cory Chouest has been retired and has been replaced by the USNS ABLE.) The Navy requested that these LOAs become effective on August 16, 2008. The application requested authorization, for a period not to exceed 1 year, to take, by harassment, marine mammals incidental to employment of the SURTASS LFA sonar system for training, testing and routine military operations on the aforementioned ships in areas of the North Pacific Ocean.

Monitoring and Reporting

In compliance with NMFS’ SURTASS LFA sonar regulations for the 2002–2007 period, the Navy submitted an annual report for SURTASS LFA sonar operations during 2006–2007. The Navy also submitted a comprehensive report on SURTASS LFA sonar operations and the mitigation and monitoring activities conducted under the LOAs issued under its previous rule. A copy of these reports can be viewed and/or downloaded at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm#applications. In accordance with the current SURTASS LFA sonar regulations (50 CFR 216.186), the Navy’s has submitted classified quarterly mission reports, and its annual report for the 2007–2008 LOA is due on September 30, 2008. Upon receipt, NMFS will post this annual report on the same Internet address.

Authorization

NMFS has issued two LOAs to the U.S. Navy, authorizing the incidental harassment of marine mammals incidental to operating the two SURTASS LFA sonar systems for training, testing and routine military operations. Issuance of these two LOAs is based on findings, described in the preamble to the final rule (August 21, 2007, 72 FR 46846) and supported by information contained in the Navy’s required reports on SURTASS LFA sonar, that the activities described under these two LOAs will have no more than a negligible impact on marine mammal stocks and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected marine mammal stocks for subsistence uses.

These LOAs remain valid through August 15, 2009, provided the Navy remains in conformance with the conditions of the regulations and the LOAs, and the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described in 50 CFR 216.184–216.186 (August 21, 2007, 72 FR 46846) and in the LOAs are undertaken.


James H. Lecky,
Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions

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 October 20, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0043 comment” in the subject line of the message.

• Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

• Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Tamara McClure, Office of Finance, United States Patent
and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–6345; or by e-mail to Tamara.McClure@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract


This information collection includes the Credit Card Payment Form (PTO–2038), which provides the public with a convenient way to submit a credit card payment for fees related to a patent, trademark, or information product. Customers may also submit credit card payments via the Electronic Credit Card Payment Form (PTO–2231) when using online systems through the USPTO Web site for paying fees related to patents, trademarks, or information products. The USPTO will not include credit card information submitted using the credit card payment forms among the patent or trademark records open to public inspection.

Customers may establish a deposit account for making fee payments by completing a Deposit Account Application Form (PTO–2232) and sending the required information, initial deposit, and service fee to the USPTO. Deposit accounts eliminate the need to submit a check, credit card information, or other form of payment for each transaction with the USPTO. Additionally, in the event that a fee amount due is miscalculated, customers may authorize the USPTO to charge any remaining balance to the deposit account and therefore avoid the potential consequences of underpayment. As customers use their deposit accounts to make payments, they may deposit funds to replenish their accounts by mailing a check to the USPTO or making a deposit online via EFT using the Electronic Deposit Account Replenishment Form (PTO–2233) available at the USPTO Web site. Replenishments may not be made by credit card. Customers may also close their deposit accounts by submitting a written request or by using the Deposit Account Closure Request Form (PTO–2234).

In addition to credit cards and deposit accounts, customers may also use EFT to make online fee payments to the USPTO. Customers must first establish a user profile with their banking information by submitting the EFT User Profile Form (PTO–2236) through the USPTO Web site. Once their profile is created, customers may use their User ID and password to perform EFT transactions. Under 37 CFR 1.26 and 2.209, the USPTO may refund fees paid by mistake or in excess of the required amount. For refund amounts of $25 or less, customers must submit a written request to the Refund Branch of the USPTO Office of Finance.

In order to access and manage their financial activity records online, customers may create a Financial Profile through the USPTO’s Web site. Customers create a profile by registering a username and password, providing contact information, and specifying the types of notifications and alerts they would like to receive. After establishing a Financial Profile, customers may then add the relevant account information to the profile in order to track their credit card, deposit account, and EFT transactions with the USPTO.

II. Method of Collection

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

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0043.

Form Number(s): PTO–2038, PTO–2231, PTO–2232, PTO–2233, PTO–2234, PTO–2236.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,929,205 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two to six minutes (0.03 to 0.10 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare, and submit the items in this collection.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 58,166 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: $2,617,470 per year.

The USPTO expects that 75% of the submissions for this information collection will be prepared by fee administrators/coordinators and that 25% of the submissions will be prepared by paraprofessionals. Using those proportions and the estimated rates of $30 per hour for fee administrators/coordinators and $90 per hour for paraprofessionals, the USPTO estimates that the average hourly rate for all respondents will be approximately $45 per hour. Using this estimated rate of $45 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the information in this collection will be approximately $2,617,470 per year.

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Total                                                      |                                       | 1,929,205                   | 58,166                        |

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Respondent Cost Burden: $248,603.

There are no capital start-up costs or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have associated service fees for deposit accounts and returned payments, postage costs for mailing submissions to the USPTO, and
submissions per year will use the Electronic Credit Card Payment Form or the Electronic Deposit Account Replenishment Form, for a total recordkeeping burden of 1,035 hours per year. Using the paraprofessional rate of $90 per hour, the USPTO estimates that the recordkeeping cost associated with this collection will be approximately $93,150 per year. The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of service fees, postage costs, and recordkeeping costs is estimated to be $248,603 per year.

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: August 14, 2008.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 08–C0018]

Cobmix, Inc., Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

Correction

In notice document Z8–18395 beginning on page 46877 in the issue of Tuesday, August 12, 2008, make the following correction:

On page 46877, in the third column, under the DATES heading, in the fifth line, “(insert date that is 15 calendar days from publication date)” should read “August 27, 2008”.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Membership of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of membership—2008 DLA PRB.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of members to the Defense Logistics Agency Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB). The publication of PRB composition is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations to the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), with respect to pay level adjustments and performance awards and other actions related to management of the SES cadre.

DATES: Effective Date: September 26, 2008.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of DLA career executives appointed to serve as members of the SES PRB. Members will serve a 12-month term, which begins on September 26, 2008.