Please include File No. 16053 in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed in the supplementary information. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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


The applicant proposes to conduct auditory measurements and recordings of stranded and rehabilitating cetaceans to provide insight into the nature of strandings including those that may be caused by man-made sounds. The research techniques are also useful as a medical diagnostic tool to determine the hearing capabilities of stranded cetaceans that may aid in decisions regarding release to the wild.

Researchers propose to use evoked auditory potential recordings with non-invasive suction cup sensors on up to 15 individuals each of certain species of cetaceans and make passive recordings of the sounds produced by the animals using hydrophones. Research will occur in waters or on beaches in the U.S. and in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S. over a five-year period. No non-target species would be affected.

Proposed target species include: Bryde’s whale (Balaenoptera edeni), minke whale (B. acutorostrata), humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae), sperm whale (Physeter macrocephalus), pygmy sperm whale (Kogia breviceps), dwarf sperm whale (K. sima), beaked whales (Mesoplodon spp.), Cuvier’s beaked whale (Ziphius cavirostris), bottlenose whales (Hyperoodon spp.), giant bottlenose whales (Berardius spp.), Sheperd’s beaked whale (Tasmacetus shepherdi), killer whale (Orcinus orca), pygmy killer whale (Feresa attenuata), pilot whales (Globicephala spp.), false killer whale (Pseudorca crassidentes), rough-toothed dolphin (Steno bredanensis), beluga whale (Delphinapterus leucas), narwhal (Monodon monoceros), Pacific white-sided dolphin (Lagenorhynchus obliquidens), Atlantic white-sided dolphin (L. acutus), white-beaked dolphin (L. albirostris), hourglass dolphin (L. cruciger), dusky dolphin (L. obscurus), Fraser’s dolphin (L. hosei), bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops spp.), Risso’s dolphin (Grampus griseus), common dolphins (Delphinus spp.), harbor porpoise (Phocoena phocoena), melon-headed whale (Peponocephala electra), spotted dolphins (Stenella spp.), spinner dolphin (S. longirostris), striped dolphin (S. coeruleoalba), right whales (Eubalaena spp.), humpback dolphins (Sousa spp.), Commerson’s and related dolphins (Cephalorhynchus spp.), finless porpoise (Neophocaena phocoenoides), and Dall’s porpoise (Phocoenoides dalli).

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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations: Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 1153, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713–2289; fax (301) 713–0376; Alaska Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0700; phone (206) 526–6150; fax (206) 526–6426; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907) 586–7221; fax (907) 586–7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Morse or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 20, 2011, notice was published in the Federal Register (76 FR 3615) that a request for a permit to import, export, receive, possess, analyze, and archive marine mammal parts for scientific research had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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.),
the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.).

The permit authorizes the import, export, receipt, possession, analysis and archival of marine mammal and endangered species parts of all marine mammals under NMFS. Please refer to the following Web site for the list of species: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/mammals/. No live animal takes are authorized and no incidental harassment of animals would occur.

Parts would be archived by the Burke Museum and used to support research studies and incidental education. A five-year permit is requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: 9 May 2011 in Washington, DC.

Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

Notice of Renewal of AbilityOne Nonprofit Agency Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Notice of Recordkeeping Requirements Renewal.

SUMMARY: The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (The Committee) has submitted the collection of information listed below to OMB for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. This notice solicits comments on that collection of information.

DATES: Submit your written comments on the information collection on or before July 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Mail your comments on the requirement to Louis Bartalot, Director of Compliance, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, Arlington, VA 22202–3259; fax (703) 603–0655; or e-mail rulescomment@abilityone.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis Bartalot, Director of Compliance, Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, Arlington, VA 22202–3259; phone (703) 603–2124; fax (703) 603–0655; or e-mail rulescomment@abilityone.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). The Committee plans to submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of information and recordkeeping requirements related to recordkeeping. The Committee is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 3037–0005.

The Javits-Wagner-O’Day (JWOD) Act of 1971 (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) is the authorizing legislation for the AbilityOne Program. The AbilityOne Program creates jobs and training opportunities for people who are blind or who have other severe disabilities. Its primary means of doing so is by requiring Government agencies to purchase selected products and services from nonprofit agencies employing such individuals. The AbilityOne Program is administered by the Committee. Two national, independent organizations, National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and NISH, help state and private nonprofit agencies participate in the AbilityOne Program.

The implementing regulations for the JWOD Act, which are located at 41 CFR Chapter 51, detail the recordkeeping requirements imposed on nonprofit agencies participating in the AbilityOne Program. Section 51–2.4 of the regulations describes the criteria that the Committee must consider when adding a product or service to its Procurement List. One of these criteria is that a proposed addition must demonstrate a potential to generate employment for people who are blind or severely disabled. The Committee decided that evidence that employment will be generated for those individuals consists of recordkeeping that tracks direct labor and revenues for products or services sold through an AbilityOne Program contract. This recordkeeping can be done on each individual AbilityOne project or by product or service family.

In addition, Section 51–4.3 of the regulations requires that nonprofit agencies keep records on direct labor hours performed by each worker and keep an individual record or file for each individual who is blind or severely disabled, documenting that individual’s disability and capabilities for competitive employment. The records that nonprofit agencies must keep in accordance with Section 51–4.3 of the regulations constitute the bulk of the hour burden associated with this OMB control number.

This information collection renewal request seeks approval for the Committee to continue to ensure compliance with recordkeeping...