(1) The PSOs will not be part of the Navy's formal reporting chain of command during their data collection efforts. Exceptions can be made if a marine mammal is observed by the PSO within the SSTC specific mitigation zones the Navy has formally proposed to the NMFS. The PSO shall inform any Navy operator of the sighting so that appropriate action may be taken by the Navy trainees.

(i) ELCAS Visual Monitoring: The Navy shall place monitoring personnel to note any observations during the entire pile driving sequence, including "soft start" period, for later analysis. Information regarding species observed during pile driving and removal events (including soft start period) shall include:

- location of sighting;
- species;
- number of individuals;
- number of calves present;
- duration of sighting;
- behavior of marine animals sighted;
- direction of travel;
- environmental information associated with sighting event including Beaufort sea state, wave height, swell direction, wind direction, wind speed, glare, percentage of glare, percentage of cloud cover; and
- when in relation to Navy training did the sighting occur (before, during or after pile driving or removal).

(ii) ELCAS Acoustic Monitoring: The Navy shall conduct underwater acoustic propagation monitoring during the first available ELCAS deployment at the SSTC. These acoustic monitoring results shall be used to either confirm or refine the Navy’s zones of safety and influence for pile driving and removal listed in 4(b)(1).

1. Reporting Measures

(i) The Navy shall report results obtained annually from the Southern California Range Complex Monitoring Plan for areas pertinent to the SSTC, if applicable.

(ii) The Navy shall submit a report to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, no later than 90 days after the expiration of the IHA. The report shall, at a minimum, includes the following marine mammal sighting information:

- location of sighting;
- species;
- number of individuals;
- number of calves present;
- duration of sighting;
- behavior of marine animals sighted;
- direction of travel;
- environmental information associated with sighting event including Beaufort sea state, wave height, swell direction, wind direction, wind speed, glare, percentage of glare, percentage of cloud cover; and
- when in relation to Navy training did the sighting occur (before, during or after the detonation(s)).

(ii) In addition, the Navy shall provide the information for all of its underwater detonation events and ELCAS events under the IHA. The information shall include:

- Total number of each type of underwater detonation events conducted at the SSTC, and total number of piles driven and extracted during the ELCAS exercise.
- The Navy shall submit to NMFS a draft report as described above and shall respond to NMFS comments within 3 months of receipt. The report will be considered final after the Navy has addressed NMFS’ comments, or 3 months after the submittal of the draft if NMFS does not comment by then.
- This Authorization may be modified, suspended or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein, or if the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals.

Dated: April 18, 2013.

Helen M. Golde,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).


Title: Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Form Number(s): PCT/RO/101, PCT/RO/134, PCT/IB/372, PCT/IPEA/401, PTO–1382, PTO–1390, PTO/463/1PCT, PTO/463/6/PCT.

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Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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Number of Respondents: 353,669

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Dated: April 19, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.