priorities into the rehabilitation and release, and data collection categories. This reordering, as well as many of the responses to comments in this section, should more explicitly illustrate our interest in receiving proposals for operational costs that support ongoing stranding network efforts. Our guidance to technical reviewers includes weighting factors that favor proposals that are consistent with these listed priorities.

Comment 77: One commenter suggested that reviewers should be made familiar with the specific exemptions under the MMPA for coastal Alaska Natives.

Response: We will ask all technical reviewers to read this document completely prior to reviewing applications. The discussion of the Alaska Native exemptions in the comments and responses will provide them with important background for reviewing Alaskan proposals.

Application

Comment 78: One commenter indicated that the grant application forms are not well designed for this program, and included irrelevant fields and insufficient space to describe the proposed project. A template would be useful.

Response: The Federal grants process requires submission of a number of forms, that are currently generic. Very few specialized forms exist for specific grants programs, however, one can be developed for the Prescott Stranding Grant Program. Once developed, the form must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget to be consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The development, public review, and approval of a specialized form may take up to 2 years. Depending on the administrative demands of implementation of the Prescott Stranding Grant Program, we will look into modifying these forms in the upcoming year.

Section III D. of this document provides an outline for the project description, which can be up to 10 pages long and is an attachment to the application form, not a section of the form.

Some assistance in filling out the required forms and in avoiding common problems can be found at the NOAA Grants homepage, specifically, at: *http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/grants/index.html.* We have also posted an application package, as well as a mock application, and questions and answers related to applications for the Prescott Stranding Grant Program on our Web site at: *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot__ res/PR2/Health__and__Stranding__Response__Program/Prescott.html.*

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts.

Furthermore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, ''Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.''

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF–LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348–0043, 0348–0044, 0348–0040, and 0348–0046.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

William T. Hogarth,

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 123101A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 482–1653

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that James Gilbert, Ph.D., University of Maine, Department of Wildlife Ecology, 210 Nutting Hall, Orono, Maine 04469 has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) 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.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 14, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 57041) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor 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).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Trevor R. Spradlin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Reconnaissance Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Reconnaissance Office, DOD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.

SUMMARY: The National Reconnaissance Office is adding a system of records notice to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 13, 2002 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Freimann at (703) 808–5029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Reconnaissance Office systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 28, 2001, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals', dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

QNRO–4

SYSTEM NAME:

Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Management Services and Operations, Information Access and Release Center, National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

The system encompasses all individuals who submit Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Privacy Act, and Mandatory Declassification Review Requests and administrative appeals to the National Reconnaissance Office; individuals whose requests and/or records have been referred to the NRO by other agencies; and in some instances includes attorneys representing individuals submitting such requests and appeals, individuals who are the subjects of such requests and appeals, and/or the NRO personnel assigned to handle such requests and appeals.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The system consists of records created or compiled in response to FOIA, Privacy Act, and Mandatory Declassification Review requests and administrative appeals and includes: The original requests and administrative appeals; responses to such requests and administrative appeals; all related memoranda, correspondence, notes, and other related or supporting documentation; and, in some instances, copies of requested records and records under administrative appeal; and documents submitted for pre-publication review.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulations to implement the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, The Freedom of Information Act and 5 U.S.C. 552a, as amended, The Privacy Act of 1974; National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*; E.O. 12333; E.O. 12958; E.O. 12968.

PURPOSE(S):

This system is maintained for the purpose of processing access requests and administrative appeals under the FOIA, access and amendment requests and administrative appeals under the Privacy Act, and requests and administrative appeals for Mandatory Declassification Review under the applicable executive order(s) governing classified national security information; for the purpose of participating in litigation regarding agency action on such requests and appeals; and for the purpose of assisting the NRO in carrying out any other responsibilities under the FOIA, the Privacy Act, and applicable executive orders; and to process requests for pre-publication review case processing.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the NRO as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

The DoD 'Blanket Routines Uses' published at the beginning of the NRO compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper files and automated information system maintained in computers and computer output products.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Requester's name, request case number and subject keywords.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are stored in a secure, gated facility, guard, badge, and password access protected. Access to and use of these records are limited to the Information Access and Release Center staff whose official duties require such access. The electronic database files are password protected; hardcopy records are stored in a locked file room with restricted access.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Records are temporary, to be destroyed when two years old or sooner if no longer needed for administrative use. Records pertaining to FOIA and PA appeals are to be destroyed six years after final determination or six years after the time at which a requester could file suit, or three years after final adjudication by courts, whichever is later. Computer files will be deleted; hardcopy files will be shredded.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Management Services and Operations, Chief, Information Access and Release Center, National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

Individuals seeking to determine whether this system of records contains information about themselves should address written inquiries to the National Reconnaissance Office, Information Access and Release Center, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

Request should include the individual's full name and any aliases or nicknames, address, Social Security Number, date and place of birth, and other information identifiable from the record.

In addition, the requester must provide a notarized statement or an unsworn declaration made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 1746, in the following format:

If executed without the United States: 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'.

If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or commonwealths: 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals seeking to access information about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the National Reconnaissance Office, Information Access and Release Center, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

Request should include the individual's full name, and any aliases or nicknames, address, Social Security Number, date and place of birth, and other information identifiable from the record.

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under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'.

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CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The NRO rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in NRO Directive 110–3A and NRO Instruction 110–5A; 32 CFR part 326; or may be obtained from the Privacy Act Coordinator, National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Those individuals who submit initial requests and administrative appeals pursuant to the FOIA, the Privacy Act, or the applicable executive orders governing classified national security information; the agency records searched in the process of responding to such requests and appeals; NRO staff assigned to handle such requests and appeals; other agencies or entities that have referred to the NRO requests concerning NRO records, or that have consulted with the NRO regarding the handling of particular subjects; and submitters or subjects of records or information that have provided assistance to the NRO in making access or amendment determination. Pre-publication materials submitted by the authors or offices sponsoring the information.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

During the processing of a FOIA/Privacy Act request, exempt materials from other systems of records may in turn become part of the case record in this system. To the extent that copies of exempt records from those 'other' systems of records are entered into this system, the National Reconnaissance Office hereby claims the same exemptions for the records from those 'other' systems that are entered into this system, as claimed for the original primary system of which they are a part.

An exemption rule for this exemption has been promulgated in accordance with requirements of 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(1), (2), and (3), (c) and (e) and published in 32 CFR part 326. For additional information contact the system manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Reconnaissance Office Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Reconnaissance Office, DoD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Reconnaissance Office systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 28, 2001, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, 'Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals', dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

QNRO–21

SYSTEM NAME:

Personnel Security Files.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of Security, Personnel Security Division, National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151–1715.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) civilian, military and contractor personnel who have been nominated or investigated for security clearances and program accesses.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Name, Social Security Number, agency identification number, employee's geographic work location, employer, work telephone number, date and place of birth, home address and home telephone number, dependents' names, individual's background investigation and polygraph data, interview and adjudication information, all other information such as that found on standard government forms SF 86 and 1879, appeal and referral data, program access status, classification number, security file location, and administrative and investigatory comments.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

National Security Act of 1947, as amended, 50 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. 301 Departmental Regulations; E.O. 12333; E.O. 12958; E.O. 12968; and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

PURPOSE(S):

The information is used for granting security program accesses to NRO personnel; to maintain, support, and track personnel security administrative processing; to provide data for day-to-day security functions; and to conduct security investigations.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the NRO as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

To contractors and other Federal agencies for purposes of protecting the security of NRO installations, activities, property, and employees; to facilitate and verify an individual's eligibility to access classified information; and to protect the interests of National Security. Disclosure must be approved in writing by the NRO Director of Security or his/her designee.

The DoD 'Blanket Routines Uses' published at the beginning of the NRO compilation of systems of records notices apply to this system.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Paper files and automated information system, maintained in computers and computer output products.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Name, Social Security Number, agency identification number, employer,