

Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to permit no. 873, issued on July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), is requested 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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorizes the permit holder to harass (i.e., through vessel approach, photogrammetry, photographic identification, and tissue biopsy) several marine mammal species in the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, over a 5-year period. The expiration date of the permit is December 31, 1997. The permit holder is now requesting that Permit 873 be amended to authorize the attachment of radio tags to up to 20 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) per year in the eastern North Pacific Ocean.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to 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 and OMB Control Number:* Joint Recruiting Advertising Program (JRAP); OMB Control No. 0704-0351.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.

*Number of Respondents:* 33,650.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 33,650.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 minute.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 561 hours.

#### Needs and Uses

This collection of information is necessary to conduct Congressionally directed recruiting campaigns for the Armed Forces. The Joint Recruiting Advertising Program (JRAP) supports Armed Forces recruitment efforts with cost-effective advertising. The JRAP ROTC Scholarship Folder, FUTURES magazine, and FUTURES magazine on-line, provide high school students with information about opportunities available in the Armed Forces. Students are provided with Business Reply Cards (BRCs) that they may voluntarily fill out to request additional information about the Armed Forces. When one branch of the Armed Forces receives a BRC, the information is promptly sent to the BRC respondent. The name of the BRC respondent is then added to mailing lists used by the Services for future mailings of Service-related enlistment and scholarship information brochures.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.

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## Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

### Authorization Under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide General Permit Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Coast Guard Categorical Exclusions for Certain Activities Requiring Department of the Army Authorization

**AGENCY:** Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to provide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL) regarding the U.S. Coast Guard categorical exclusions (CEs), which have been authorized under the Corps nationwide general permit number 23. The U.S. Coast Guard previously developed its CEs pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulation for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR part 1500 *et seq.*).

**DATES:** Effective date, November 5, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Victor Cole, Regulatory Branch, Office of the Chief of Engineers, at (202) 761-0199.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Coast Guard has requested Corps authorization, in accordance with the Corps nationwide general permit number 23, of its CEs originally published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1994 (59 FR 38654), and subsequently modified on September 6, 1995 (60 FR 46327), June 20, 1995 (60 FR 32197), and March 27, 1996, (61 FR 13563). The Corps issued the nationwide general permit to reduce duplicative Federal processes when another Federal agency has determined that certain activities are categorically excluded from a detailed NEPA analysis, and to expedite Department of the Army authorization for projects having no more than minimal adverse environmental effects either individually or cumulatively.

In 1983, the Corps approved the original U.S. Coast Guard CEs (45 FR 32819) under the nationwide permit and has been qualifying U.S. Coast Guard CE activities under the nationwide permit since then. We are publishing the existing U.S. Coast Guard CEs in their entirety, incorporating the subsequent changes made by the U.S. Coast Guard as identified in the Federal Register citations listed above. Several of the categorical exclusions do not require Department of the Army authorization but are listed to provide the complete