

granted 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).

The amendments extend the expiration date of the permits from January 31, 2007, to January 31, 2008; Permit No. 1022–1659 for takes of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) found near bait receivers located in various southern California harbors; and Permit No. 482–1653 for takes of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in New England waters.

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 activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 22, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting via web conference call of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The web conference call is open to the public, and participants can dial in to the call. Participants who choose to use the web conferencing feature in addition to the audio will be able to view the presentation as it is being given. Members of the public wishing to listen should contact Lauren Wenzel at the email or telephone number below for the call-in number and passcode.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, February 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. (Eastern time). Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland,

20910. (Phone: 301–713–3100 x136, Fax: 301–713–3110); e-mail: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce to provide advice to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158.

Matters To Be Considered: The Committee will discuss and vote on its comments on the *Draft Framework for Developing a National System of Marine Protected Areas*, a document produced by the National Marine Protected Areas Center that is currently out for public review until February 14, 2007. The document and any related Committee materials for the conference call will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DOD–2007–HA–0002]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a new proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and or RIN number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–1160.

Instructions: all submissions received must include the agency name and docket number or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public view on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (OASD), TRICARE—Health Program Analysis and Evaluation, ATTN: LtCol Dawn Erckenbrack, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 801A, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206, or call (703) 681–0039.

Title and OMB Number: TRICARE Network Provider Survey; OMB Control Number 0720–TBD.

Needs and Uses: The goals of this survey effort are to stress TRICARE Network Provider satisfaction, attitudes and perceptions regarding the services provided by civilian Health Care Support and Service Contractors (HCSS) and TRICARE.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households; Federal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,790.

Number of Respondents: 9,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: .31.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The goals of this survey effort are to assess TRICARE Network Provider satisfaction, attitudes and perceptions regarding the services provided by civilian Health Care Support and Service Contractors (HCSS) and TRICARE. The survey focuses on basic business functions provided by the HCSS Contractors such as inquiries,

provider communications, claims processing, appeals, provider enrollment, medical review and provider audit and reimbursement. The survey will be conducted yearly and annual reports of the results will be available via an online reporting system for use by TMA (HPA&E). The survey will be based on the Medicare Contractor Provider Satisfaction Survey (MCPSS) core instrument that may include additional DoD specific questions. The MCPSS provides a standardized instrument for measuring providers' perspectives on satisfaction with their Medicare Contractors as well as providing the capability to make statistically valid comparisons of results to national and system-wide statistical findings.

Dated: January 18, 2007.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[No. DOD-2007-OS-0003]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces a proposed extension of a previously approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 27, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), ODUSD (PI)/Defense Human Resources Activity, ATTN: Ms. Heidi Boyd, 4040 Fairfax Boulevard, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201, or call (703) 696-1074.

Title and OMB Control Number: Application for Department of Defense Common Access Card—DEERS Enrollment, DD Form 1172-2, OMB Number 0704-0415.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is needed to obtain the necessary data to establish a record in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for individuals not pre-enrolled in the DEERS, and to maintain a centralized database of individuals eligible for a DoD identification card. This information is used to establish eligibility for the DoD Common Access Card (CAC) for individuals that are either employed by or associated with the Department of Defense. The information also provides a source of data for demographic reports.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 300,000.

Number of Respondents: 500,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collected: The DD Form 1172-2, Application for Department of Defense Common Access Card—DEERS Enrollment, the form associated with this information collection, is used to collect relevant

data (e.g., name, identifying information, employment status, citizenship) from the respondent. The data collected establish eligibility for the appropriate DoD Common Access Card for those individuals not pre-enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

The Homeland Security Presidential Directive—12 (HSPD-12), dated August 27, 2004, directed the promulgation of a Federal standard for secure and reliable forms of identification for Federal Employees and contractors that will be interoperable among the Federal departments and agencies. The Department of Defense is in the process of adjusting the Common Access Card (CAC) program so that it meets the requirements of HSPD-12.

HSPD-12 mandates smart card technology and supports the use of Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) to make access control decisions for both logical access to computer systems and physical access to federal facilities. PKI is a key and certificate management infrastructure designed to support confidentiality, integrity, availability, authorization, and access control for both computer networks and physical access. Public Law 106-65, Section 373, codified at 10 United States Code annotated, "other provisions," directs the Department to develop and implement a Smart Card program. The Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum, dated November 10, 1999, "Smart Card Adoption and Implementation," directs the implementation of smart card technology as a Department-wide Common Access Card (CAC) that shall be: The standard ID card for active duty military personnel (to include the Selected Reserve); DoD civilian employees, eligible contractor personnel and other eligible personnel; the principal card used to enable physical access to buildings and controlled spaces; and will be used to gain access to the Department's computer networks and systems. The Deputy Secretary directs the CAC shall be issued and maintained using the infrastructure provided by the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS).

Individuals included in this information collection are eligible contractor employees, eligible, foreign national personnel and other eligible individuals outside of the DoD. Personnel included in this information collection are considered to be eligible for a CAC if they require logical access to DoD computer systems, are eligible for DoD benefits and entitlements,