

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011000E]

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that 1-year letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on July 2, 1999, to Burlington Resources, and Seneca Resources, both from Houston, TX, and Ocean Energy from Lafayette, Louisiana; on October 4, 1999, to PennzEnergy from Houston, TX; on December 16, 1999, to Forest Oil Corp. from Denver, CO; and on December 23, 1999, to Range Resources Corp. from Houston, TX.

ADDRESSES: The application and letters are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or David Bernhart, Southeast Region (727) 570-5517.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or

stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139), and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

Issuance of these letters of authorization are based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

Art Jeffers,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension of Collection, OMB Control Number 3038-0024, Regulations and Forms Pertaining to the Financial Integrity of the Marketplace

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to financial and related reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Lawrence B. Patent, Division of Trading and Markets, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence B. Patent, (202) 418-5439; FAX: (202) 418-5536; email: lpatent@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology; e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Regulations and Forms Pertaining to the Financial Integrity of the Marketplace Extension, OMB Control Number 3038-0024.

Commission Rules 1.10(a) and (b), 1.12, 1.14, 1.15(a)(1) and (2), 1.16(e) and (f), 1.17(h)(3)(vi), 1.18(b), 1.20(a) and (b), 1.23, 1.25, 1.27, 1.43, 1.36(a) and (b), 1.37 and 1.65 relate to the financial reporting and recordkeeping

requirements for futures commission merchants and independent introducing brokers.

The Commission estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN

17 CFR Section	Annual number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
17 CFR 1.10(a) and (b), 1.12, 1.14, 1.15(a)(1) and (2), 1.16(e) and (f), 1.17(h)(3)(vi), 1.18(b), 1.20(a) and (b), 1.23, 1.25, 1.27, 1.43, 1.36(a) and (b), 1.37 and 1.65.	3,028	Monthly, Annually, Quarterly, Semi-Annually, On Occasion.	4,468	5.0	20,859

There are not capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

Dated: January 21, 2000.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Information Warfare—Defense will meet in closed session on January 18–19, 2000; February 22–23, 2000; March 28–29, 2000; April 19–20, 2000; May 25–26, 2000; and June 13–14, 2000, at Booze-Allen Hamilton McLean Campus, 8282 Greensboro Drive, McLean, VA 22182.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Task Force will review the progress made since the 1996 Defense Science Board report on Information Warfare—Defense and determine the adequacy of the Department's process in providing information assurance to carry out Joint Vision 2010 in the face of information warfare attacks.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II (1994)), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public. However, due to

critical mission requirements, the Task Force is unable to provide timely notice of its first meeting on January 18–19, 2000.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Actions To Sustain Operability of Air Force Space Command PAVE PAWS Radar Sites at Cape Cod Air Station (AS), Massachusetts (MA); Beale Air Force Base (AFB), California (CA); and Clear Air Station (AS), Alaska (AK)

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and Air Force policy and procedures (32 CFR Part 989), Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) intends to prepare an EIS for the Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) actions to modernize the facilities at the PAVE PAWS (Phased Array Warning System) radar sites located at Cape Cod AS, MA; Beale AFB, CA; and Clear AS, AK.

The current proposal includes replacements of electronic equipment and computer software in the PAVE PAWS Early-Warning Radar facilities. The EIS will assess all impacts as they relate to these replacements, including emission of radio-frequency energy. AFSPC will be the lead agency for the EIS. The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization has been invited to be a cooperating agency. AFSPC is planning

to conduct public scoping meetings to determine the issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS. Notice of time and location of the scoping meetings will be made to public officials, agencies and announced in the news media in areas where the meetings will be held. For further information concerning the proposed replacements of electronic equipment and computer software in the PAVE PAWS Early-Warning Radar facilities at Cape Cod AS, MA; Beale AFB, CA; and Clear AS, AK, contact Mr. George Gauger, HQ AFCEE/ECA, 3207 North Road, Brooks AFB, TX 78235-5363.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Availability of Federally-Owned Inventions

Pursuant to the provisions of Part 404 of Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, which implements Pub. L. 96-517, the Department of the Air Force announces the availability of certain Air Force-owned inventions. The following patent applications Apparatus and Method to Detect Corrosion in Metal Joints (Patent Application No. 09/450,959) and Apparatus and Method for Detecting Conduit Chafing (Patent Application No. 09/334,122) are available for Nonexclusive or Exclusive Licensing from the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL/IF) at Rome, New York. Additional information concerning the inventions is available upon request.

All communications concerning this Notice should be sent to Dr. Harold L. Burstyn, Patent Attorney, 26 Electronic Parkway, Rome, NY 13441-4514, (315) 330-2087, e-mail: