

Navy training and testing areas. The extended LOC expires on May 31, 2021.

File No. 22291: Issued to Barbara Brunnick, Ph.D., Palm Beach Dolphin Project, Taras Oceanographic Foundation, 5905 Stonewood Court, Jupiter, Florida 33468, on June 30, 2020, to conduct vessel surveys for photo-identification, behavioral observations, photography, and videography of cetaceans in the near shore coastal waters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties, Florida. The objectives of the research are to document the abundance, distribution, population dynamics, health, and habitat utilization of bottlenose dolphins and Atlantic spotted dolphins within the study area. Other cetacean species that may be studied if encountered are: Clymene dolphin (*Stenella clymene*), dwarf and pygmy sperm whales, melon-headed whale (*Peponocephala electra*), pantropical spotted dolphin, rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*), short-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis delphis*), short-finned pilot whale, spinner dolphin, and striped dolphin. The LOC expires on June 30, 2025.

File No. 23782: Issued to Janet Mann, Ph.D., Georgetown University, Reiss Science Room 406, 3700 O St. NW, Washington, DC 20057, on June 30, 2020 to conduct vessel-based surveys for behavioral observations, photo-identification, passive acoustics, UAS operations, and photography/videography of bottlenose dolphins in the Potomac River off the Northern Neck of Virginia. The objectives are to estimate seasonal abundance, habitat use, ranging patterns, seasonal site fidelity, dolphin-human interactions, behavioral ecology, and social structure of bottlenose dolphins. The LOC expires on June 30, 2025.

File No. 23970: Issued to Jonathan Scordino, Makah Tribe, Makah Fisheries Management, on September 30, 2020, to conduct (1) vessel surveys of 20 cetacean species for close approach; photography/video; photo-identification; behavioral observations; sloughed skin and feces collection; and focal follows in waters from California to Washington and Alaska; and (2) vessel and ground surveys of 6 pinniped species for counts, close approach, photography/video, behavioral observations, and scat collection in Washington waters. The objective is to document marine mammal abundance, seasonal distribution patterns, vital rates, diet, mixing ratios, genetics, and interactions with humans. The LOC replaces No. 19430 and expires on September 30, 2025.

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

Dated: November 4, 2020.

Julia Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Solicitation of Applications for the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB)

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Solicitation of applications.

SUMMARY: NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to four membership vacancies on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB).

DATES: Application materials must be received no later than December 9, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Submit application materials to Christa Rabenold via email: christa.rabenold@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David McKinnie, OEAB Designated Federal Officer: 206-526-6950; david.mckinnie@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA is soliciting applications to fill up to four vacancies on the OEAB with individuals demonstrating expertise in areas of scientific research relevant to ocean exploration, including marine archaeology, or ocean-science education and communication. Representatives of other federal agencies involved in ocean exploration are encouraged to apply. The new OEAB members will serve initial three-year terms, renewable once.

The purpose of the OEAB is to advise the NOAA Administrator on matters pertaining to ocean exploration. The OEAB functions as an advisory body in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., with the exception of section 14. It reports to the NOAA Administrator, as directed by 33 U.S.C. 3405.

The OEAB consists of approximately ten members, including a chair and co-chair(s), designated by the NOAA Administrator in accordance with FACA requirements and the terms of the approved OEAB Charter.

The OEAB was established:

- (1) To advise the Administrator on priority areas for survey and discovery;
- (2) To assist the program in the development of a five-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery;
- (3) To annually review the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process established under section 12003(a)(4); and
- (4) To provide other assistance and advice as requested by the Administrator.

OEAB members are appointed as special government employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs. Members are reimbursed for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in performing such duties but will not be reimbursed for their time. All OEAB members serve at the discretion of the NOAA Administrator.

The OEAB meets three to four times each year, exclusive of subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings.

As a Federal Advisory Committee, the OEAB's membership is required to be balanced in terms of viewpoints represented and the functions to be performed as well as including the interests of geographic regions of the country and the diverse sectors of our society.

For more information about the OEAB, visit <https://oeab.noaa.gov>.

Although the OEAB reports directly to the NOAA Administrator, OER, which is part of the NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, provides staffing and other support for the OEAB. OER's mission is to explore the ocean for national benefit.

OER:

- Explores the ocean to make discoveries of scientific, economic, and cultural value, with priority given to the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and Extended Continental Shelf.
- Promotes technological innovation to advance ocean exploration.
- Provides public access to data and information.
- Encourages the next generation of ocean explorers, scientists, and engineers.
- Expands the national ocean exploration program through partnerships.

For more information about OER, please visit <https://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov>.

Applications: An application is required to be considered for OEAB membership. To apply, please submit (1) your full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers) with a short description of your qualifications relative to the statutory purpose of the OEAB and the ocean exploration act established under 33 U.S.C. 3401 *et seq.*; (2) a resume or curriculum vitae (maximum length four pages); and (3) a cover letter stating your interest in serving on the OEAB and highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the OEAB.

Dated: October 8, 2020.

David Holst,

Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS-2020-0041; OMB Control Number 0704-0525]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Prohibition of Foreign Commercial Satellite Services From Certain Foreign Entities-Representations

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension and revision of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension and revision of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or

other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through March 31, 2021. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by January 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0525, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0525 in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Kimberly Bass, OUSD(A&S)DPC/DARS, Room 3B938, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Bass, 571-372-6174.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Prohibition on Acquisition of Commercial Satellite Services from Certain Foreign Entities-Representations; OMB Control Number 0704-0525.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of a currently approved collection.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 235.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 235.

Average Burden per Response: .25 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 58.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Needs and Uses: DFARS provision 252.225-7049, Prohibition on Acquisition of Commercial Satellite Services from Certain Foreign Entities-Representations, is used by contracting officers to determine whether the offeror is subject to the statutory prohibition on award of contracts for commercial satellite services to certain foreign entities. The provision is included in solicitations for the acquisition of foreign commercial satellite services and requires the offeror to represent whether it is or is not a foreign entity subject to the prohibitions of the statute,

or is or is not offering foreign commercial satellite services provided by such a foreign entity. If the offeror responds affirmatively to any of the representations, then the offeror must provide further information.

Jennifer D. Johnson,

Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

List of Approved "Ability-to-Benefit" (ATB) Tests and Passing Scores

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update to the list of ATB tests approved by the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aaron Washington, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 294-12, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453-7241. Email: Aaron.Washington@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order for a student who does not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent to be eligible for title IV, program assistance and who first enrolled in any title IV eligible postsecondary program on or after July 1, 2012, the student must successfully complete one of the ATB alternatives, including passing an ATB test as approved by the Secretary, and be enrolled in an eligible career pathway program pursuant to section 484(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

Students who first enrolled in any title IV eligible postsecondary program prior to July 1, 2012 may establish eligibility for title IV, program assistance using any of the following ATB alternatives—

- Passing an independently administered ATB test approved by the Secretary;
- Completing at least six credit hours, or the equivalent coursework (225 clock hours), that are applicable toward a degree or certificate offered by the postsecondary institution; or
- Completing a State process approved by the Secretary.