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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 modification 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 modification to permit no. 927, issued on June 17, 1994 (59 FR 32419) is requested 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).

Permit no. 927, as amended on July 12, 1995, authorizes the permit holder to take northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in the following manner: Capture, flipper tag, sample, weigh, measure, mark and release up to 440 adult females and pups; an additional 400 male/female pups for body composition and metabolic and energetic use studies; accidentally kill up to 6 annually; and inadvertently harass up to 69,080 during the conduct of these activities.

The permit holder requests authorization to: Subsample an additional 30 pups used in the oxygen consumption and metabolic rate study; expand the capture dates from 1 September to 1 July; obtain 100 muscle samples and 8 pelts from sub-adult animals killed in the subsistence harvest or from other animals that die of natural causes; subsample an additional 30 pups in the milk intake, metabolism, growth, condition and thermoregulation study of body composition; subsample 30 pups in the total blood volume study; and measure total blood volume in 50 adult females. No additional live animals are requested.

Dated: May 14, 1996.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Notice

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 the following proposed extension of a currently 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 by July 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) OASD (Force Management Policy) (Military Personnel Policy/Accession Policy) ATTN: Randolph Lougee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

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 above address or call at (703) 696-0651.

TITLE AND APPLICABLE OMB CONTROL NUMBER: DoD Survey of Recruit Socioeconomic Status (SES), OMB Control Number 0704-0293.

NEEDS AND USES: This survey collects socioeconomic background information from a representative sample of new recruits to the active-duty military. It provides annual data that are descriptive of the military composition as a whole. The data are included in an annual report to Congress on population representation in the U.S. military. The data will be used by members of Congress and DoD policy makers in the debate over the relative merits of voluntary accession and alternative means of recruitment.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,340.

Number of Respondents: 20,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: Other: during sample days each year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

In response to Congressional interest in the background of Service members, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) collects data on the socioeconomic background of new recruits. Since 1989, data have been collected on the occupational and educational background of recruits' parents in order to provide an index of socioeconomic status. The socioeconomic status questionnaire is administered routinely at recruit training centers.

Key questions pertaining to socioeconomic status are matched to questions in the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. Each year, data from new recruits are compared to data on comparable civilians, and findings are incorporated into an annual report to Congress on population representation in the military. Results are used by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) in an annual report to Congress on the sociodemographic representation of new recruits. The report also is used to respond to inquiries from Congress, the media, and members of the public on social representation in the U.S. Armed Services.

Dated: May 23, 1996.

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Department of Defense Education Benefits Board of Actuaries; Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: A meeting of the board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 101, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 2006 *et seq.*). The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of the G.I. Bill. Persons desiring to (1) attend the DoD Education Benefits Board of Actuaries meeting or (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written statement for consideration at the meeting must notify