

Notice was published on March 21, 1997 (62 FR 13601) that a request had been filed by Mary L. Moser and Steve W. Ross (P423B), to modify scientific research permit 984, to take listed shortnose sturgeon, as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Drs. Moser and Ross are authorized under Permit 984 to weigh, measure, photograph, tag and tissue sample adult shortnose sturgeon in North Carolina Rivers. Modification 1, issued by NMFS on May 1, 1997, extends Permit 984 until December 31, 2000, removes authorization to conduct research in the Alligator and Chowan Rivers, and authorizes research in the Pee Dee and Waccamaw Rivers.

On April 29, 1997, Molly Lutcavage of the New England Aquarium submitted an application (P645) for a scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Dr. Lutcavage has requested a one year permit to satellite tag eight (8) listed leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) turtles captured incidental in commercial fisheries to determine vulnerability of leatherbacks to incidental capture by pelagic longline fisheries; to relate specific travel routes of leatherback turtles equipped with satellite transmitters to fishing activities and oceanographic features; to assist pelagic fishermen in the development of fishing techniques that reduce interactions with leatherback turtles; and to develop safe handling procedures and satellite attachment techniques.

Issuance of these permits/modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits/modifications, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs American Forces Information Service.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3505(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, American Forces Information Service, announces a 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 July 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the American Forces Information Service (Richard Oleszewski), 601 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request more information on this proposed collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call the Print Media Directorate at (703) 428-0629.

Title: Stars and Stripes Audience Survey.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirements is necessary to evaluate current Stars and Stripes newspaper policies and practices, and provide information on demographics and consumer habits of Stars and Stripes readers for use in marketing initiatives.

Affected Public: Department of Defense civilian employees and their families living in the European and Pacific theaters served by the Stars and Stripes.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,200.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Responses per Respondents: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 24 minutes.

Frequency: Triennially.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are Department of Defense civilian employees and their families living in areas served by the Stars and Stripes newspapers. As the last similar survey was conducted in 1990, no current information exists on the Stars and Stripes readership. In order to serve effectively its audience the Stars and Stripes needs current information on reader demographics, preferences, opinions and purchasing habits. This information will assist in evaluating current policies and practices, provide guidance on potential changes in current activities, and guide future activities in the areas of circulation and advertising.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Establishment of the Board of Visitors, Marine Corps University

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Visitors, Marine Corps University has been established pursuant to Section 7102, Title 10 U.S.C., and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The Board provides advice and recommendations to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Secretary of the Navy on the broad framework of institutional policies needed to enable the University to meet all requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, to include: Academic and administrative policies; curriculum; the University's Professional Military Education program; and, the sustaining of high academic standards and cost effective operations.

The Board will be composed of approximately 15 members from the field of education, from both the private sector and government. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the

functions to be performed and the interest groups represented.

For further information regarding the Board of Visitors, contact: Dr. Keith Fleming, Office of the President, Marine Corps University, at (703) 784-4037.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Joint Service Committee on Military Justice: Public Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the 1997 annual public meeting of the JSC. This notice also describes the functions of the JSC.

Dates and Times: Thursday, July 10, 1997, at 10:00 a.m.

Address: Conference Room, Suite 404B, U.S. Army Legal Services Agency Litigation Center, 901 North Stuart Street, Arlington, VA 22303-1837.

Function: The JSC was established by the Judge Advocates General in 1972. The JSC currently operates under Department of Defense Directive 5500.17, May 8, 1996. The function of the JSC is to improve military justice through preparation and evaluation of proposed amendments and changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the *Manual for Courts-Martial*.

Agenda: The JSC will receive public comment concerning its 1997 draft review of the *Manual for Courts-Martial* as published on May 6, 1997.

This notice is provided in accordance with DoD Directive 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee (JSC) on Military Justice," May 8, 1996. This notice is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government. It is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LTC Paul P. Holden, Jr., U.S. Army, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Criminal Law Division, 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC, 20310-2200, 703-695-1891; Fax 703-693-5086.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

National Defense Panel Meeting

AGENCY: DoD, National Defense Panel.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the meeting of the National Defense Panel on May 12 and 13, 1997. In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law No. 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App. II, (1982)], it has been determined that this National Defense Panel meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public from 0830-1700, May 12 and 13, 1997 in order for the Panel to discuss classified material.

DATES: May 12 and 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Suite 624, 1931 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Defense Panel was established on January 14, 1997 in accordance with the Military Force Structure Review Act of 1996, Public Law 104-201. The mission of the National Defense Panel is to provide the Secretary of Defense and Congress with an independent, non-partisan assessment of the Secretary's Quadrennial Defense Review and an Alternative Force Structure Analysis. This analysis will explore innovative ways to meet the national security challenges of the twenty-first century.

Proposed Schedule and Agenda

The National Defense Panel will meet in closed session from 0830-1700 on May 12 and 13, 1997. The meeting will be held at Suite 624, 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. During the closed sessions the Panel will discuss the response to the Secretary of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) (to include classified portions of the QDR). The NDP staff will provide presentations that will be used by the panel to formulate recommendations in the areas of the QDR required by the implementing legislation. This notice is late due to the fact that this meeting was scheduled during the 28 and 29 April 1997 meeting. The National Defense Panel decided that this meeting is

required to accomplish the National Defense Panel's assigned mission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact the National Defense Panel at (703) 602-4175/6.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Small Business Innovation Research Program Office.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Small Business Innovation Research announces the proposed revision of a 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 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 July 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: Small Business Innovation Research Program Office, HQ AFMC/STXP, ATTN: R. Jill Dickman, 4375 Chidlaw Rd, Ste 6, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-5006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collections instruments, please write to the above address, or call the Small Business Innovation Research Program Office at 1-800-222-0336.

Title, Associated, Form and OMB Number: Survey of Air Force Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)