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Dated: March 1, 2012.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA384

Marine Mammals; File No. 16053

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Paul E. Nachtigall, Ph.D., Marine Mammal Research Program Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, P.O. Box 1106, Kailua, Hawaii 96734, to conduct scientific research on cetaceans stranded or in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Kristy Beard, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 16, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 28422) that a request for a permit to conduct research on stranded cetaceans had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The permit authorizes the permit holder to conduct auditory measurements and recordings of stranded and rehabilitating cetaceans to provide insight into the nature of strandings including those that may be caused by man-made sounds. The research techniques may also be used as a medical diagnostic tool to determine the hearing capabilities of stranded cetaceans that may aid in decisions regarding release to the wild.

Researchers are authorized to use evoked auditory potential recordings with non-invasive suction cup sensors on up to 15 individuals each of certain species of cetaceans and make passive recordings of the sounds produced by the animals using hydrophones. Research will occur in waters or on beaches in the U.S. and in rehabilitation facilities in the U.S. The permit is valid for five years from the date of issuance.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376;

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Room 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4700; phone (808) 944–2200; fax (808) 973–2941;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562) 980–4001; fax (562) 980–4018;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0700; phone (206) 526–6150; fax (206) 526–6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907) 586–7221; fax (907) 586–7249;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281–9328; fax (978) 281–9394.

Dated: February 29, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Subcommittee Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the President of the Naval War College Subcommittee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the aforementioned Subcommittee will be held. (Parent Committee is: Board of Advisors (BOA) to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College (NWC)). This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday, April 13, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Time Zone.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Naval War College, 686 Cushing Road, Newport, RI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard R. Menard, Naval War College, Newport, RI 02841–1207, telephone number 401–841–7004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Board is to advise and assist the President, NWC in educational and support areas, providing independent advice and recommendations on items such as, but not limited to, organizational management, curricula, methods of instruction, facilities, and other matters of interest.

The agenda is as follows:

(1) April 12, 2012: Discussion of recently issued defense guidance and its implication for the military and Joint Professional Military Education; the College's role in updating of 'A Cooperative Strategy for the 21st Century.'

(2) April 13, 2012: General deliberations and inquiry into campus facilities and proposed Learning Center concept; mission priorities in an era of constrained resources; and faculty and student diversity.

Individuals without a DoD Government Common Access Card

require an escort at the meeting location. For access, information, or to send written comments regarding the NWC BOA Subcommittee contact Mr. Richard R. Menard, Alternate Designated Federal Official, Naval War College, 686 Cushing Rd, Newport, RI 02841-1207 or by fax 401-841-1297 by April 1, 2012.

Dated: February 28, 2012.

J.M. Beal,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Subcommittee Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the President, Naval Postgraduate School

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the aforementioned subcommittee will be held. (Parent Committee is: Board of Advisors to the Presidents of the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval War College). This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pacific Time Zone.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Naval Postgraduate School, Herrmann Hall, 1 University Circle, Didactic Room #W410, Monterey, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA 93943-5001, telephone number 831-656-2514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the advice of the Board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program and the collaborative exchange and partnership between the Naval Post Graduate School (NPS) and the Air Force Institute of Technology. The board examines the effectiveness with which the NPS is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula; instruction; physical equipment; administration; state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of

the NPS as the board considers pertinent. Individuals without a DoD government Common Access Card card require an escort at the meeting location. For access, information, or to send written comments regarding the NPS Board of Advisors contact Ms. Jaye Panza, Designated Federal Officer, Naval Postgraduate School, 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943-5001 or by fax 831-656-3145 by April 6, 2012.

Dated: February 28, 2012.

J.M. Beal

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) requires that

Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: February 29, 2012.

Tomakie Washington,

Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Extension.

Title of Collection: Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology (PAAT) Program Performance Report, Form Rehabilitative Services Administration (RSA) 661.

OMB Control Number: 1820-0661.

Agency Form Number(s): RSA 661.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 57.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 912.

Abstract: The Annual Protection and Advocacy for Assistive Technology Program Performance Report, Form RSA-661 is used to analyze and evaluate the PAAT Program administered by eligible systems in states. These systems provide services to eligible individuals with disabilities to assist in the acquisition, utilization, or maintenance of assistive technology devices or assistive technology services. The RSA uses the form to meet specific data collection requirements of Section 5 of the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, as amended (AT Act). PAAT programs must report annually using the form, which is due on or before December 30 each year. The Annual PAAT Performance Report has enabled RSA to furnish the President and Congress with data on the provision of protection and advocacy services and has helped to establish a sound basis for