

*Number of Respondents:* 150.  
*Average Hours Per Response:* 1.  
*Needs and Uses:* Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a) allows the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more advisory councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. Councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of that sanctuary. Once a council has been chartered, the Sanctuary Manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing notice to the public and asking interested parties to apply for the available seats. An application form and answers to guidelines for a narrative submission must be submitted to the Sanctuary Manager.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 012903D]

**Marine Mammals; File No. 859-1680**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the United States Air Force,

Environmental Management Office, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA 93437 has been issued a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 10, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 63079) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the above listed species had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The permit is valid for 5 years and authorizes annual takes of up to 1200 California sea lions, 750 northern elephant seals, 300 northern fur seals, and 700 harbor seals inhabiting Vandenberg Air Force Base and the northern Channel Islands annually by harassment during various activities including capture, sedation, blood sampling, skin biopsy, physiological measurements, hearing sensitivity tests, attachment of scientific instruments, temporary captive maintenance, recapture for retrieval of instruments, surveys of abundance and distribution, incidental harassment, and accidental mortality. The movements and foraging behavior of seals exposed to launch noise and/or sonic booms will be compared with non-exposed control animals using remote VHF radio-telemetry, satellite transmitters, and electronic data loggers.

Dated: February 3, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 10, 2003.

*Title and OMB Number:* Defense Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 243, Contract Modification and related clause at DFARS 252.243-7002; OMB Number 0704-0397.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection  
*Number of Respondents:* 440  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1  
*Annual Responses:* 440  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 4.8 hours (average)

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,120

*Needs and Uses:* This request concerns information collection requirements related to certification of contractor requests for equitable adjustment.

*Affected Public:* Business or Other Not-For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Institutions

*Frequency:* On Occasion  
*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits  
*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jacqueline Zeiher

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Zeiher at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Robert Cushing

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: February 3, 2003.  
**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Renewal of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Board of Advisors**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Board of Advisors is being renewed in consonance with the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," Title 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2.

The DFAS Board of Advisors advises and assists the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and the Director, DFAS, with respect to providing world class finance and accounting services to the Department of Defense (DoD).

The DFAS Board of Advisors will continue to consist of a balanced membership of approximately ten senior executives and flag rank military officers, as well as several representatives from the private sector appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Ms. Beverly Lemon, DFAS, 703-607-3839.

Dated: February 3, 2003.  
**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Notice of Availability of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Extended Test Range Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Missile Defense Agency/ Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense (GMD) Extended Test Range Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), that analyzes the potential for environmental impacts associated with the proposed action of the establishment of an extended test range capability providing more realistic operational flight testing. The current capability includes missile launch sites and array of sensors and other test equipment located at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Test Site (RTS) at Kwajalein Atoll, the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) in Hawaii, and Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) in California.

The proposed action and alternatives examined in the DEIS include

development of the capability for single and dual launches of interceptor and target missiles at the Kodiak Launch Complex (KLC) Alaska, RTS, and/or Vandenberg AFB, with intercepts over the Pacific Ocean. Development of these capabilities would entail construction of two interceptor launchers, one additional target launch pad and construction/alteration of launch support facilities at KLC; target pad modifications at RTS; modification of support facilities at Vandenberg AFB; construction of In-Flight Interceptor Communication System (IFICS) Data Terminals and military and commercial satellite communications in the mid-Pacific and at KLC or Vandenberg AFB; additional range instrumentation (tracking and range safety radars) in the vicinity of sites; and use of either existing Battle Management Command and Control (BMC2) facilities at Reagan Test Site, or new BMC2 facilities that may be developed at Forth Greely, Alaska and/or Shriever AFB, or Cheyenne Mountain Complex, Colorado, in the validation of the GMD operational concept effort.

Additionally, the proposed action and alternatives include the construction and operation of a Sea-Based Test X-Band Radar (SBX) that would operate in the Pacific broad ocean area and would be home-based in either Alaska, California, Washington, or Hawaii.

*Public Hearings:* In order to facilitate public review and comment on the DEIS, public hearings have been scheduled at the following cities:

City	Date	Location
Oxnard, CA .....	February 24, 2003 .....	Oxnard Public Library.
Kodiak, AK .....	February 24, 2003 .....	Kodiak High School.
Lompoc, CA .....	February 25, 2003 .....	Lompoc City Council Chambers.
Anchorage, AK .....	February 25, 2003 .....	Egan Convention Center.
Valdez, AK .....	February 26, 2003 .....	Valdez Convention Center.
Everett, WA .....	February 27, 2003 .....	Everett Holiday Inn.
Honolulu, HI .....	March 6, 2003 .....	Disabled American Veterans Hall, Keehi Lagoon Park.

Detailed information on location and times for each of the public hearing will be published in local and regional newspapers two weeks in advance, and public service announcements will be provided to radio and television stations. MDA, GMD, and U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command personnel will attend all sessions to present information on the DEIS, to receive comments, and to answer questions.

Copies of the document will be made available at the following public libraries:

- Anchorage Municipal Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage, AK 99503
- Everett Library, 2702 Hoyt Ave, Everett, WA 98201
- Kodiak City Library, 319 Lower Mill Bay Rd, Kodiak, AK 99615
- Lompoc Public Library, 501 E North Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436
- Mountain View Branch Library, 150 S Bragaw St, Anchorage, AK 99508
- Oxnard Public Library, 251 S A St., Oxnard, CA 93030
- Valdez City Library, 212 Fairbanks, Valdez, AK 99686

- Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Documents Center, 478 South King St., Honolulu, HI 96813
  - University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hamilton Library, 2550 The Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822
- DATES:** Public comments are invited and must be postmarked by March 24, 2003.  
**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the document or to provide comments on the DEIS should be addressed to: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, ATTN: SMDC-EN-V (Mrs. Julia Hudson-Elliott), 106 Wynn Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805, by e-mail at