

takes of green (*Chelonia mydas*) and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles.

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

Dated: March 19, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031604A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 715-1475

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Andrew W. Trites, North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium, University of British Columbia, 6248 Biological Sciences Rd., Hut B3, Rm 18, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1Z4 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 715-1475-00.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted 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 222-226).

The permit, which was to expire on March 31, 2004, has been extended through March 31, 2005. This amendment does not authorize any additional takes of marine mammals.

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

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031604C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 545-1488

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the North Gulf Oceanic Society, 60920 Mary Allen Avenue, Homer, AK 99603 (Craig Matkin, Principal Investigator), has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 545-1488-02 to extend the expiration date through March 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, phone (907)586-7221.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski at (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the

provisions of § 216.39 of 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.*), the provisions of § 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Practitioner Records Maintenance, Disclosure, and Discipline Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0017.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden: 8,334 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 582 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that practitioners spend 26 hours per year keeping and maintaining records concerning their client's cases. The USPTO estimates that practitioners seeking reinstatement to practice before the agency will spend 60 hours per year keeping and maintaining records showing their compliance with the suspension or exclusion orders. It is

estimated that it takes 2 hours to report a complaint/violation and that it takes 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 4 hours, depending upon the nature of the complaint/violation, to respond and provide other information, as necessary. The estimated times will vary, depending upon the request. These estimates include the time to gather the necessary information; to prepare the complaint/violation, response or request; to maintain records; and to submit the requests or responses to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: This information is required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 2(b)(2)(D) and 32, and administered by the USPTO through the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility (37 CFR 10.20 to 10.112) and the Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings rules (37 CFR 10.130 to 10.170). This information is used by the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute for violations of the USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility. Registered practitioners are mandated to maintain proper documentation so that they can fully cooperate with an investigation in the event of a report of an alleged violation. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN 0651-AB55), which expands existing record keeping requirements. Under this proposed rulemaking, practitioners must keep copies of recordings of advertisements or communications disseminated in print or electronic media for two years after the last use of the advertisement, along with a record of when and where the advertisement was used. Additionally, practitioners who have been excluded or suspended from practice before the USPTO must keep and maintain records of their steps to comply with the suspension or exclusion order. These records serve as the practitioner's proof of compliance with the order.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; the Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office,

P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 23, 2004 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 18, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Manual for Courts-Martial; Proposed Amendments

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

ACTION: Notice of Summary of Public Comment Received Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Manual for Court-Martial, United States (2002 ed.).

SUMMARY: The JSC is forwarding final proposed amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2002 ed.) (MCM) to the Department of Defense. The proposed changes, resulting from the JSC's 2003 annual review of the MCM, concern the rules of procedure applicable in trials by courts-martial. The proposed changes have not been coordinated within the Department of Defense under DoD Directive 5500.1, "Preparation and Processing of Legislation, Executive Orders, Proclamations, and Reports and Comments Thereon," May 21, 1964, and do not constitute the official position of the Department of Defense, the Military Departments, or any other government agency.

This notice is provided in accordance with DoD Directive 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee (JSC) on Military Justice," May 3, 2003. 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.

In accordance with paragraph III.B.4 of the Internal Organization and Operating Procedures of the JSC, the committee also invites members of the public to suggest changes to the Manual

for Courts-Martial in accordance with the described format.

ADDRESSES: Comments and materials received from the public are available for inspection or copying at the Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 20), 716 Sicard St. SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5047, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander James Carsten, Executive Secretary, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, Office of the Judge Advocate General, 716 Sicard St., SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5047, (202) 685-7298, (202) 685-7714 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On 15 August 2003, the JSC published a Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial and a Notice of Public Meeting to receive comment on its 2003 draft annual review of the Manual for Courts-Martial. On 1 October 2003, the public meeting was held. Eight individuals attended the public meeting. Five individuals provided oral comment. The JSC received two letters commenting on the proposed amendments.

Purpose

The proposed changes concern the rules of procedure applicable to trials by courts-martial. More specifically, the proposed changes: Amend Rules of Court-Martial and other provisions of the Manual to allow for military justice to be administered in a joint command environment, while maintaining the applicability of specific service regulations/limitations according to the specific regulations of the accused's service; amend the rule that allows for an accused to challenge on appeal the denial of a challenge for cause, when the member was peremptorily challenged off the panel and never took part in the deliberations of the case; clarify the death penalty factors for violations of the law of war; updating analysis sections in the M.R.E. to harmonize current case law; and replacing "Department of Transportation" with "Department of Homeland Security."

Discussion of Comments and Changes

In response to the request for public comment the JSC received oral and written comments. The JSC considered the public comments and is satisfied that the proposed amendments are appropriate to implement without additional modification. The JSC will