

public, Federal, State, local, interstate and regional agencies, and governments affecting the coastal zone.

Of the 35 coastal States and island territories eligible to participate in the CMP, only Illinois has not joined. A total of 34 coastal States and five island territories and commonwealths have developed CZM programs representing more than 99.9 percent of the nation's 95,331 miles of oceanic and Great lakes coastline. Illinois has 63 miles of shoreline.

On November 4, 2004, Governor Blagojevich announced that Illinois would be seeking application into the National Coastal Zone Management Program. It is a voluntary program under which Illinois will be applying to NOAA for Federal program approval and Federal funding. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been designated as the lead State agency for developing the Lake Michigan Coastal Management Program for Illinois. The purpose of the Illinois Coastal Management Program (ICMP) will be to enhance the State's role in planning for and managing its natural and cultural resources in the coastal region. Many Federal, State, and local agencies manage resources in the coastal region of Illinois. This will not change, as the fundamental roles of the agencies will remain the same. The ICMP will encourage coordination of agency efforts in the coastal region and will provide opportunities for Federal, State, and local stakeholders to cooperatively identify priorities for the coastal region and to implement projects which address those priorities.

Upon ICMP approval, Illinois will be eligible to receive approximately \$2 million/year in Federal CZMA funds, which will fund a grants program to assist in implementing projects and studies designed to protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources within Illinois' coastal zone. The ICMP will create ecological, recreational and economic opportunities for Illinois and may provide assistance in addressing the following issues: Water quality; protection of wetlands and other natural resources; planning for erosion control, utility access and energy development; improving public access for recreational purposes; redevelopment of deteriorating and underutilized urban waterfronts and ports; educational, interpretive, and research measures; documentation, monitoring and analysis of coastal land uses changes; and preservation and/or restoration of areas for their conservation, recreational, ecological, historical and aesthetic values.

The EIS will analyze the environmental impacts of two alternatives that are available to OCRM: (1) Approve the program and (2) do not approve the program, or the No Action alternative. Public participation is invited by providing written comments to NOS, and attending public meetings conducted by the State. OCRM reserves the right to hold additional scoping meetings should they prove necessary, and they will be noticed in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers 30 days in advance of their being held.

Oral and written comments presented at the public scoping meetings, as well as written comments received by OCRM during this scoping period and throughout the EIS process, will be considered in the preparation of the EIS. To ensure that OCRM has sufficient time to consider public input in preparation of the Draft EIS, written comments should be submitted to the address below by 29 June 2007. Letters and other written or oral comments received may be published in the EIS along with the names of the individuals making the comments (personal home addresses and phone numbers will not be published). As required by law, comments will be addressed in the EIS and made available to the public. Private addresses will only be used to develop a mailing list of those individuals requesting copies of the EIS. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please direct any written comments or requests for information to: Diana Olinger, Coastal Programs Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, E-mail: Diana.Olinger@noaa.gov, telephone number: (301) 563-1149.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041107A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1079-1828

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology (Principal Investigator: Dr. Brandon Southall), Silver Spring, MD, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct scientific research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 17, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The application 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)427-2521; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1079-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Jolie Harrison, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 applicant proposes to observe behavioral responses in several deep-diving cetacean species exposed to natural and artificial underwater sounds and quantify exposure conditions associated with various effects. These behavioral response studies (BRS) would focus on beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris* and *Mesoplodon* spp.), but the responses of other odontocete species, including Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), and endangered sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), may also be monitored. Please refer to Table IV.C.2–1 of the application for a complete list of cetacean species that may be indirectly harassed during the BRS. The BRS would be conducted in the Tongue of the Ocean (east of Andros Island, Bahamas). During the BRS, subject whales would have scientific instruments (digital archival recording tags) temporarily attached via suction cup, be photographed for identification, and be exposed to controlled levels of natural and anthropogenic underwater sounds, including signals simulating mid-frequency sonar. Whales would be monitored visually and through passive acoustic monitoring (via an underwater hydrophone array), as well as through data from the tags, for responses to the sounds. Sloughed skin samples collected from the detached suction cup would be imported into the U.S. for analysis. The permit would be valid for a maximum of 5 years from date of issuance.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

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.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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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: Deposit of Biological Materials.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0022.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 3,501 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 3,500 responses per year. The USPTO expects that 3,500 patent applications on inventions dealing with deposits of biological materials will be filed each year. It is estimated by the USPTO that one (1) depository will seek recognition every four years, or 0.25 depositories will seek recognition annually.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take one (1) hour for the average patent applicant respondent to collect and submit the necessary deposit information, and an average of 5 hours for the average depository seeking approval to store biological material to gather and submit the necessary approval information.

Needs and Uses: Information on the deposit of biological materials in depositories is required for (a) the USPTO determination of compliance with 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2) and 112, and 37 CFR 1.801–1.809, where inventions sought to be patented rely on biological material subject to the deposit requirement, including notification to the interested public on where to obtain samples of deposits; and (b) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.803 to demonstrate that the depositories are qualified to store and test the biological material submitted to them under patent applications. This collection is used by the USPTO to determine whether or not the applicant has met the requirements of the patent regulations. In addition, the USPTO uses this information to determine the suitability of a respondent depository based upon administrative and technical competence, and the depository's agreement to comply with the requirements set forth by the USPTO. There are no forms in this collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following:

- E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651–0022 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before May 17, 2007 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: April 10, 2007.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled AmeriCorps Enrollment Form, and AmeriCorps Exit Form, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Bruce Kellogg at 202–606–6954. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call (202) 565–2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the