

also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. 18523 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

**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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to receive and maintain tissue and other specimen materials for opportunistic research on the physiology, morphology, evolutionary relationships, and other biological aspects of marine mammals. Unlimited samples from up to 1,500 individuals of each species of cetacean, and from up to 1,500 individuals of each species of pinniped (excluding walrus) are requested to be received, imported, or exported annually on an opportunistic basis. Marine mammal samples may be obtained from the following sources: (1) Animals killed during legal subsistence harvests in the U.S. and abroad; (2) Animals that died incidental to legal commercial fishing operations in the U.S. and in foreign countries; (3) Animals stranded alive or dead in foreign countries; (4) Samples collected from captive animals, including live animals and those that die in captivity, where such samples were taken as a result of routine husbandry procedures or under separate permit or authorization in the U.S. and abroad; and (5) Samples from other authorized researchers and collections in academic, federal, state or other institutions involved in marine mammal research in the U.S. and abroad. Samples collected from stranded animals in the U.S. and received under separate authorization may be exported and re-imported. The applicant has requested a 5-year permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 26, 2014.

**Jolie Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Business Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Business Board. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The public meeting of the Defense Business Board (hereafter referred to as "the Board") will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 10:45 a.m. (Escort required; see guidance in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, "Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.")

**ADDRESSES:** Room 3E863 in the Pentagon, Washington, DC (Escort required; see guidance in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, "Public's Accessibility to the Meeting.")

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *Committee's Designated Federal Officer:* The Board's Designated Federal Officer is Phyllis Ferguson, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [phyllis.l.ferguson2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:phyllis.l.ferguson2.civ@mail.mil), 703-695-7563. For meeting information please contact Ms. Debora Duffy, Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301-1155, [debora.k.duffy.civ@mail.mil](mailto:debora.k.duffy.civ@mail.mil), (703) 697-2168.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C.,

Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** At this meeting, the Board will deliberate the findings and draft recommendations from the "Innovation: Incentives to Encourage Greater Private Sector Involvement" Task Group. The mission of the Board is to examine and advise the Secretary of Defense on overall DoD management and governance. The Board provides independent advice which reflects an outside private sector perspective on proven and effective best business practices that can be applied to DoD.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** A copy of the agenda and the terms of reference for the Task Group study may be obtained from the Board's Web site at <http://dbb.defense.gov/meetings.aspx>. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

**Meeting Agenda:** 9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m. Task Group Outbrief and Board Deliberations on "Innovation: Incentives to Encourage Greater Private Sector Involvement"

**Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to attend the public meeting must contact Ms. Debora Duffy at the number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16 to register and make arrangements for a Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees requiring escort should arrive at the Pentagon Metro Entrance with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 8:45 a.m. on July 24. To complete security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification and one must be a pictured identification card.

Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Duffy at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

#### Procedures for Providing Public Comments

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to the Board about its

mission and topics pertaining to this public meeting.

Written comments should be received by the DFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the Board for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments should be submitted via email to the address for the DFO given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section in either Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word format.

The public will be offered an opportunity for oral comments during the public session as time permits.

Please note that since the Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all submitted comments and public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including, but not limited to, being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: June 26, 2014.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2014-ICCD-0101]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2016) Field Test and Recruitment for Main Study

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics (IES-NCES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a reinstatement without change of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 2, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2014-ICCD-0101 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept

comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted; ED will only accept comments during the comment period in this mailbox when the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Mailstop L-OM-2-2E319, Room 2E105, Washington, DC 20202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Kashka Kubdzela, 202-502-7411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), 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, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. 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. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS 2016) Field Test and Recruitment for Main Study.

**OMB Control Number:** 1850-0645.

**Type of Review:** A reinstatement without change of an existing information collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 1,919.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 5,142.

**Abstract:** The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2016 is coordinated by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA) and in the U.S. administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Since its inception in 2001, PIRLS has continued to assess students every five years (2001, 2006, 2011, 2016). It is administered in more than 40 countries and provides data for internationally benchmarking U.S. performance in fourth-grade reading. PIRLS also collects background information on students, teachers, schools, curricula, and official education policies. Each successive participation in PIRLS provides trend information about U.S. 4th-grade students' knowledge and abilities in reading relative to other countries, and about the cultural environments, teaching practices, curriculum goals, and institutional arrangements that are associated with student achievement, and how these change over time in different countries. This submission describes the overarching plan for all phases of the data collection, including the field test and the main study. The field test will take place in March-April, 2015, and the main study will take place in March-April, 2016. The purpose of the PIRLS field test is to evaluate new assessment items and background questions to ensure practices that promote low exclusion rates, and to ensure that classroom and student sampling procedures proposed for the main study are successful. This submission requests approval for recruiting for the 2015 field test and 2016 main study; conducting the 2015 field test data collection; and a description of the overarching plan for all of the phases of the data collection, including the 2016 main study.

Dated: June 26, 2014.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

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

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