

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Marine Geophysical Survey in the Central-Western Bering Sea, August 2011; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed Incidental Harassment Authorization; request for comments; correction.

SUMMARY: On June 8, 2011, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing that NMFS had received a request for authorization to unintentionally take marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey to be conducted in the central-western Bering Sea in August 2011. That document contained a table with incorrect information regarding the occurrence and densities of marine mammals that may occur in or near the proposed seismic survey areas. This document presents a new table with corrections. All other information is unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian D. Hopper, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice announcing that NMFS had received an application for the unintentional take of marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey in the central-western Bering Sea in August 2011 (76 FR 33246; June 8, 2011) contained errors in Table 2 regarding the occurrence and densities of marine mammals that may occur in or near the proposed seismic survey area. Accordingly, Table 2 in **Federal Register** document 76 FR 33246 (pages 33250-33251) has been revised to read as follows:

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Table 2. The habitat, regional abundance, and conservation status of marine mammals that may occur in or near the proposed seismic survey areas in the central-western Bering Sea. [See text and Tables 2 to 4 in USGS's application and EA for further details.]

Species	Summer occurrence, Bering Sea	Habitat	Abundance estimates for stocks	ESA ¹	MMPA ²	Density (#/1,000 km ²)	
						Best ³	Max ⁴
Mysticetes							
North Pacific right whale (<u>Eubalaena japonica</u>)	Rare	Coastal, shelf, offshore	Low hundreds ⁵	EN	D	0	0
Bowhead whale (<u>Balaena mysticetus</u>)	Uncommon	Pack ice, coastal	12,631 ⁶	EN	D	0	0
Gray whale (<u>Eschrichtius robustus</u>)	Common	Coastal, shallow shelf	NW Pacific: 19,126 NE Pacific: ~100 ⁷	DL/E ⁸	NC D (Western population)	0.01	0.12
Humpback whale (<u>Megaptera novaeangliae</u>)	Common	Offshore, nearshore in winter	20,808 ⁹	EN	D	0.40	1.04
Minke whale (<u>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</u>)	Common	Nearshore, offshore, ice	25,000 ¹⁰	NL	NC	1.23	4.10
Sei whale (<u>Balaenoptera borealis</u>)	Uncommon	Offshore, shelf	7,260 – 12,620 ¹¹	EN	D	0.05	0.58
Fin whale (<u>Balaenoptera physalus</u>)	Common	Offshore, deep water	13,620-18,680 ¹²	EN	D	3.94	17.00
Blue whale (<u>Balaenoptera musculus</u>)	Rare	Offshore, shelf, coastal	3,500 ¹³	EN	D	0	0
Odontocetes							
Sperm whale (<u>Physeter macrocephalus</u>)	Uncommon	Offshore	24,000 ¹⁴	EN	D	0.07	0.14
Cuvier's beaked whale (<u>Ziphius cavirostris</u>)	Very rare	Offshore	20,000 ¹⁵	NL	NC	0	0
Baird's beaked whale (<u>Berardius bairdii</u>)	Uncommon	Offshore	7,000 ¹⁶	NL	NC	0.07	0.10

Species	Sumer occurrence, Bering Sea	Habitat	Abundance estimates for stocks	ESA ¹	MMPA ²	Density (#/1,000 km ²)	
						Best ³	Max ⁴
Stejneger's beaked whale (<i>Mesoplodon stejnegeri</i>)	Uncommon	Offshore	N.A.	NL	NC	0.04	0.12
Pacific white-sided dolphin (<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>)	Rare	Pelagic, shelf, coastal	988,000 ¹⁷	NL	NC	0.03	0.04
Killer whale (<i>Orcinus orca</i>)	Common	Pelagic, shelf, coastal	8,500 ¹⁸	NL	NC	2.82	3.96
Dall's porpoise (<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>)	Common	Nearshore, offshore	1,186,000 ¹⁹	NL	NC	8.86	18.25
Pinnipeds							
Northern fur seal (<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>)	Common	Offshore and coastal	1.1 million ²⁰	NL	D	28.5	42.75
Steller sea lion (<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>)	Common	Coastal	58,334 ⁷ 72,223 ²¹ 42,366 ²²	T ²³ EN ²³	D	2.70	4.05
Spotted seal (<i>Phoca largha</i>)	Uncommon	Ice	AK: ~59,214 ²⁴	NL	NC	N.A.	N.A.
Ringed seal (<i>Pusa hispida</i>)	Uncommon	Ice, landfast, pack	AK: 249,000 ²⁴	NL	NC	N.A.	N.A.
Ribbon seal (<i>Histiophoca fasciata</i>)	Common	Ice	Bering Sea: 90,000- 100,000 ²⁴	NL	NC	43.60	65.40

N.A. Not available or not assessed.

¹ U.S. Endangered Species Act: EN = Endangered, T = Threatened, NL = Not listed.

² U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act: D = Depleted, NC = Not Classified.

³ Best density estimate as listed in Table 3 of the application. ⁴ Maximum density estimate as listed in Table 3 of the application.

⁵ Western population (Brownell *et al.*, 2001)

⁶ Based on 2003-2005 surveys (Koski *et al.* 2010).

⁷ Northwest (NW) Pacific (Allen and Angliss, 2010); Northeast (NE) Pacific (Reilly *et al.*, 2008).

⁸ The western (Northeast Pacific) subpopulation is listed as Endangered.

⁹ North Pacific Ocean (Barlow *et al.*, 2009).

¹⁰ Northwest Pacific (Buckland *et al.*, 1992; IWC, 2010).

¹¹ North Pacific (Tillman, 1977).

¹² North Pacific (Ohsumi and Wada, 1974).

¹³ Eastern North Pacific (NMFS, 1998).

¹⁴ Eastern temperate North Pacific (Whitehead, 2002b).

¹⁵ Eastern Tropical Pacific (Wade and Gerrodette, 1993).

¹⁶ Western North Pacific (Reeves and Leatherwood, 1994; Kasuya, 2002).

¹⁷ North Pacific Ocean (Miyashita, 1993b).

¹⁸ Eastern Tropical Pacific (Ford, 2002)

¹⁹ North Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (Houck and Jefferson, 1999)

²⁰ North Pacific (Gelatt and Lowry, 2008).

²¹ Eastern U.S. Stock (Allen and Angliss, 2010).

²² Western U.S. Stock (Allen and Angliss, 2010).

²³ Eastern stock is listed as threatened, and the western stock is listed as endangered.

²⁴ Burns 1981.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletion from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add products and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes a product previously furnished by such agency.

Comments Must Be Received On or Before: 7/25/2011.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the products and service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will

furnish the products and service to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products and service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following products and service are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Paper, Xerographic Copier and Printer Paper, Neon Colors

NSN: 7530-01-398-2680—8½" x 11", Neon Pink.

NSN: 7530-01-398-2681—8½" x 11", Neon Blue.

NSN: 7530-01-398-2682—8½" x 11", Neon Green.

NPA: Louisiana Association for the Blind, Shreveport, LA.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY.

Coverage: A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1004—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8½ x 11", 80 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1005—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8½ x 11", 100 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1007—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 5 x 7½", 80 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1008—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 6 x 9½", 80 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1010—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 6 x 9½", 150 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1011—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8½ x 11", 200 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1018—Notebook, Stenographer's, Biobased Begasse Paper, 6 x 9", 80 sheets, Gregg Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1019—Notebook, Spiral Bound, Biobased Begasse Paper, 8 x 10½", 70 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1021—Notebook, Spiral Bound, Biobased Begasse Paper, 8 x 11", 100 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1022—Notebook, Spiral Bound, Biobased Begasse Paper, 6 x 9½", 150 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1024—Notebook, Stenographer's, 100% PCW, 6 x 9", 60

sheets, Gregg Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1025—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8 x 10½", 70 sheets, Wide Rule, White.

Coverage: A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1003—Notebook, Memorandum Book, 100% PCW, 3 x 5", 60 sheets, Narrow Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1006—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8½ x 11", 100 sheets, Wide Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1009—Notebook, Spiral Bound, 100% PCW, 8½ x 11", 120 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1020—Notebook, Spiral Bound, Biobased Begasse Paper, 5 x 7½", 80 sheets, College Rule, White.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1023—Notebook, Spiral Bound, Biobased Begasse Paper, 8½ x 11", 200 sheets, College Rule, White.

Coverage: B-List for the Broad Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NPA: The Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind, Little Rock, AR.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY.

NSN: 7920-00-NIB-0520—Duster Material, Easy Trap, Roll, Large.

NSN: 7920-00-NIB-0521—Duster Material, Easy Trap, Dispenser Box, Large.

NSN: 7920-00-NIB-0503—Duster Material, Easy Trap, Dispenser Box, Standard Size.

NSN: 7920-00-NIB-0502—Duster Material, Easy Trap, Roll, Standard Size.

NPA: New York City Industries for the Blind, Inc., Brooklyn, NY.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Fort Worth, TX.

Coverage: B-List for the Broad Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-0982—Monthly Desk Planner, Wire Bound, Non-refillable, Black cover.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1026—Weekly Planner Book, Dated, 5" x 8", Digital Camouflage.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-0986—Weekly Desk Planner, Wire Bound, Non-refillable, Black cover.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-0987—Daily Desk Planner, Wire bound, Non-refillable, Black Cover.

NSN: 7530-00-NIB-1027—Monthly Wall Calendar, Dated, Jan-Dec, 8½" x 11".

NSN: 7510-00-NIB-1803—Wall Calendar, Dated, Wire Bound w/Hanger, 12" x 17".

NSN: 7510-00-NIB-1804—Wall Calendar, Dated, Wire Bound w/hanger, 15.5" x 22".

NPA: The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, IL.

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, New York, NY.

Coverage: A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 8465-01-580-1303—Entrenching Tool Carrier, MOLLE Components, OCP.

NPA: Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind, Inc., Dallas, TX.

Contracting Activity: Department of the Army