

TABLE 2—POPULATION ABUNDANCE ESTIMATES, TOTAL AUTHORIZED LEVEL B TAKE, AND PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION THAT MAY BE TAKEN FOR THE POTENTIALLY AFFECTED SPECIES DURING THE PROPOSED ROCKY INTERTIDAL MONITORING PROGRAM

Species	Abundance*	Total authorized level B take	Percentage of stock or population
Harbor Seal	30,196	175	0.6
California Sea Lion	296,750	6,850	2.3
Northern Elephant Seal	124,000	225	0.2
Steller Sea Lion	58,334–72,223	95	0.1–0.2
Northern Fur Seal	9,968	20	0.2

* Abundance estimates are taken from the 2011 U.S. Pacific Marine Mammal Stock Assessments (Carretta *et al.*, 2012).

Impact on Availability of Affected Species or Stock for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

There is one marine mammal species listed as threatened under the ESA with confirmed or possible occurrence in the project area: the eastern U.S. stock of Steller sea lion. NMFS' Permits and Conservation Division conducted consultation with NMFS' Endangered Species Division, Southwest Regional Office, under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to GFNMS under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. In October 2012, NMFS finished conducting its section 7 consultation and issued a Biological Opinion, and concluded that the issuance of the IHA associated with GFNMS' rocky intertidal monitoring program is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the threatened eastern U.S. stock of Steller sea lion or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat for the species. The mitigation measures included in the final IHA have also been included in the Incidental Take Statement provided with the Biological Opinion.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS has prepared an EA that includes an analysis of potential environmental effects associated with NMFS' issuance of an IHA to GFNMS to take marine mammals incidental to conducting rocky intertidal monitoring surveys on the South Farallon Islands, California. NMFS has finalized the EA and prepared a FONSI for this action. Therefore, preparation of an

Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has authorized the take of marine mammals incidental to GFNMS' rocky intertidal and black abalone monitoring research activities, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 15 November 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW., Washington DC, 20001–2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks, and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing CFAStaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202–504–2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: October 31, 2012, in Washington DC.

Thomas Luebke, AIA,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the 2008 Environmental Impact Statement for Introduction of the P–8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft Into the U.S. Navy Fleet

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare a Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Introduction of the P–8A Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA) to the U.S. Navy Fleet. The Supplemental EIS will address the potential environmental impacts of new homebasing alternatives and updated P–8A MMA program information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 2008, the DoN completed the Final EIS for the Introduction of the P–8A MMA into the U.S. Navy Fleet, which evaluated the environmental impacts of homebasing 12 P–8A MMA fleet squadrons (72 aircraft) and one Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) (12 aircraft) at established maritime patrol homebases. The Final EIS analyzed transitioning personnel, new construction or renovation of structures, and all airfield operations necessary to accommodate the P–8A MMA as the DoN phases the P–3C Orion out of service.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Environment reviewed the Final EIS, and after carefully weighing the operational, social, and environmental impacts of the proposed action, determined the DoN would homebase five fleet squadrons and the FRS at Naval Air