

improvement project partially funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

Under the CZMA, the Secretary may override the California Coastal Commission's objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA or otherwise necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is "consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA," the Department must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the adverse effects of the proposed activity do not outweigh its contribution to the national interest, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with enforceable policies of the applicable coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121. To make the determination that the proposed activity is "necessary in the interest of national security," the Secretary must find that a national defense or other national security interest would be significantly impaired if the activity is not permitted to go forward as proposed. 15 CFR 930.122.

II. Request for Public and Federal Agency Comments

We encourage the public and interested federal agencies to participate in this appeal by submitting written comments and any relevant materials supporting those comments. All comments received are a part of the public record. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible.

III. Public Hearing Request

You may submit a request for a public hearing using one of the methods specified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. In your request, explain why you believe a public hearing would be beneficial. If we determine that a public hearing would aid the decisionmaker, a notice announcing the date, time, and location of the public hearing will be published in the **Federal Register**. The public and federal agency comment period will also be reopened for a ten-day period following the conclusion of the public hearing to allow for additional input.

IV. Public Availability of Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following Web site: <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/consistency/fcappeldecisions.html>; and during business hours, at the NOAA, Office of General Counsel in the location specified in the **ADDRESSES AND DATES** section of this notice.

[Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.]

Dated: January 30, 2014.

Jeffrey S. Dillen,

Acting Chief, Oceans & Coasts Section,

NOAA Office of General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held on February 25–26, 2014. February 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST; February 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EST.

Location: Grand Hyatt New York, 109 East 42nd Street, Park Avenue at Grand Central Station, New York, New York, 10017, tel: (212) 883-1234. Refer to the HSRP Web site listed below for the most current meeting agenda. Times and agenda topics are subject to change. For interested members of the public who cannot attend in person, the HSRP meeting will provide webinar (WebEX) and teleconference capability for public access to listen and observe the meeting presentations. Members of the public who wish to participate virtually must register in advance by February 19,

2014. WebEX is available for Tuesday, February 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, February 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and from 2:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. To register for virtual access via WebEX/teleconference and/or to submit public comments, please contact Ashley Chappell at email: Ashley.Chappell@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Watson, HSRP Program Coordinator, National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2770 ext. 158; Fax: 301-713-4019; Email: Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public and public comment periods (on-site and via teleconference line) will be scheduled at various times throughout the meeting. These comment periods will be included in the final agenda published before February 21, 2014, on the HSRP Web site listed above. Each individual or group making verbal comments will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Comments will be recorded. Written comments should be submitted to Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov by February 19, 2014. Written comments received after February 19, 2014, will be distributed to the HSRP, but may not be reviewed until the meeting. Public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: HSRP public meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Watson, HSRP Program Coordinator, National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2770 ext. 158, or Email: Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov by February 14, 2014.

Matters To Be Considered: Regional and local stakeholders will present to the HSRP on issues relevant to NOAA's navigation services mission. Broad topic areas to be discussed include: (1) NOAA's navigation services mission to support the U.S. marine transportation system and economy; (2) the use of NOAA's navigation data, products, and services for national and regional preparedness, response, recovery, and resiliency efforts, specifically in relation to Post Tropical Cyclone Sandy and the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013; and (3) the use and need for

improvements to NOAA's data, products, and services for navigation safety, improved Federal emergency response, informed local and regional coastal planning, risk reduction strategies for resilient coastal communities; and (4) the use and application of NOAA's charting, geodetic and tide, current and water level information to support pre-storm preparation and post-storm response and recovery.

The HSRP will also hold focused breakout sessions with regional and local stakeholders to further discuss challenges and issues presented during the stakeholder panel presentations, and other issues not previously presented. The breakout sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, with three general themes: (1) Updated nautical charting and consistency in standards; (2) Integrated Ocean and Coastal Mapping, modeling and resiliency; and (3) integrating Federal emergency response efforts for coastal resiliency.

Members of the public (attending in person) are welcome to participate and register for these sessions by contacting NOAA's Northeast Navigation Manager, LCDR Brent Pounds at email: Brent.Pounds@noaa.gov; or the HSRP Program Coordinator, Kathy Watson at email: Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov by February 19, 2014. Members of the public, who wish to participate in the breakout session virtually (via teleconference capability), should contact Ashley Chappell at email: Ashley.Chappell@noaa.gov by February 19, 2014.

The breakout sessions provide the public with the opportunity to interact with HSRP members on concerns or issues with NOAA's navigation data, products, and services, and to present options or recommendations for improvement. The HSRP will consider input from these breakout sessions, and from the meeting presentations, to develop its recommendations for submission to the NOAA Acting Administrator for improving NOAA's navigation data, products, and services.

Dated: January 28, 2014.

Christopher C. Cartwright,

Associate Assistant Administrator for Management and CFO/CAO, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 15661

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Fish and Wildlife, (Arnold Palacios, Responsible Party) has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 15661.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 944-2200; fax (808) 973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 25, 2013, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 38013) that a modification of Permit No. 15661, issued January 24, 2012 (77 FR13097), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of 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).

Permit No. 15661 authorizes the CNMI to characterize population structure, size class composition, foraging ecology, and migration patterns for green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles in the Northern Mariana Islands. Researchers may count and hand capture sea turtles during vessel surveys. Captured sea turtles may be: Measured, weighed, flipper and passive integrated transponder tagged, temporarily marked, tissue sampled, photographed, and/or satellite tagged and tracked before release. Sea turtle carcasses and parts may be

opportunistically salvaged. The modification (-01) authorizes blood and scute sampling of a subset of captured sea turtles for analysis of environmental pollutants. The permit expires January 31, 2017.

Issuance of this modification, 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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 30, 2014.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities; Confined Blasting Operations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers During the Port of Miami Construction Project in Miami, Florida

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

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

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment, incidental to confined blasting operations in the Port of Miami in Miami, Florida. NMFS has reviewed the application, including all supporting documents, and determined that it is adequate and complete. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on the its proposal to issue an IHA to ACOE to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, marine mammals during the specified activity.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than March 6, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine