

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: ONMS is seeking applications for vacant seats for 8 of its 13 national marine sanctuary advisory councils (advisory councils). Vacant seats, including positions (i.e., primary member and alternate), for each of the advisory councils are listed in this notice under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lake resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as primary members or alternates should expect to serve two- or three-year terms, pursuant to the charter of the specific national marine sanctuary advisory council.

DATES: Applications are due by June 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Application kits are specific to each advisory council. As such, application kits must be obtained from and returned to the council-specific addresses noted below.

- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Hannah Weddington, Florida Keys National

Marine Sanctuary, 33 East Quay Rd., Key West, FL 33040; (305) 809-4700 extension 241; email

Hannah.Weddington@noaa.gov; or download application from <http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/sac/welcome.html?s=sac>.

- Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Becky Shortland, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411; (912) 598-2381; email *Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov*; or download application from <http://graysreef.noaa.gov/management/sac/welcome.html>.

- Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Leslie Abramson, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary, 991 Marine Drive, The Presidio, San Francisco, CA 94129; (415) 561-6622 extension 306; email *Leslie.Abramson@noaa.gov*; or download application from <http://farallones.noaa.gov/manage/sac.html>.

- Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Inouye Regional Center, ATTN: NOS/HIHWNMS/Daniela Kittinger, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; (808) 725-5905; email *Daniela.Kittinger@noaa.gov*; or download application from http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/council/council_application.html.

- Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Shannon Ricles, Monitor National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606; (757) 591-7328; email *Shannon.Ricles@noaa.gov*; or download application from <http://monitor.noaa.gov>.

- National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa Advisory Council: Joseph Paulin, National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa, Tauese P.F. Sunia Ocean Center, Utulei, American Samoa; (684) 633-6500; email *Joseph.Paulin@noaa.gov*; or download application from <http://americansamoa.noaa.gov>.

- Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Karlyn Langjahr, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, 115 East Railroad Ave., Suite 101, Port Angeles, WA 98362; (360) 457-6622 extension 31; email *Karlyn.Langjahr@noaa.gov*; or download application from http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/sac_welcome.html.

- Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Council: Elizabeth Stokes, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, 175 Edward Foster Road, Scituate, MA 02066; (781) 545-8026 extension 201; email *Elizabeth.Stokes@noaa.gov*; or

download application from <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov/management/sac/documents.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on a particular national marine sanctuary advisory council, please contact the individual identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ONMS serves as the trustee for 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of ocean and Great Lakes waters from the Hawaiian Islands to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustains healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. National marine sanctuary advisory councils are community-based advisory groups established to provide advice and recommendations to the superintendents of the national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship; and to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the sanctuary. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>. Information related to the purpose, policies and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council (http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook (<http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/acref.html>).

The following is a list of the vacant seats, including positions (i.e., primary member or alternate), for each of the national marine sanctuary advisory councils currently seeking applications for primary members and alternates:

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Diving—Upper Keys (alternate).

Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Citizen at large (primary member).

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Community-At-Large Marin and

Sonoma (primary member); Community-At-Large Marin and Sonoma (alternate); Conservation (primary member); Conservation (alternate); Maritime Activities/Recreation (primary member); Maritime Activities/Recreation (alternate); Research (primary member); Research (alternate); and Community-At-Large San Francisco/San Mateo (alternate).

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Business Commerce (primary member); Tourism (primary member); Native Hawaiian (alternate); Commercial Shipping (alternate); Honolulu County (alternate); and Hawaii County (alternate).

Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Economic Development (primary member); and Youth (primary member).

National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa Advisory Council: Community-At-Large, Manu'a (primary member); Community-At-Large, Aunu'u (primary member); Fishing (primary member, 2 seats); and Diving (primary member).

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Education (alternate); and Marine Resources Committee (alternate).

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Mobile Gear Commercial Fishing (alternate).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Wharf Recapitalization Project

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

ACTION: Notice; revision of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that we have revised an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) issued to the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass, by Level B harassment only, two species of marine mammals during construction activities associated with a wharf recapitalization project at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. The project has been delayed and the effective dates revised accordingly.

DATES: This authorization is now effective from September 1, 2014, through August 31, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ben Laws, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 4, 2013, we received a request from the Navy for authorization of the taking, by Level B harassment only, of marine mammals incidental to pile driving in association with the Wharf C-2 recapitalization project at Naval Station Mayport, Florida (NSM). That request was modified on May 9 and June 5, 2013, and a final version, which we deemed adequate and complete, was submitted on August 7, 2013. We published notice of a proposed IHA and request for comments on August 22, 2013 (78 FR 52148), and subsequently published final notice of our issuance of the IHA on November 29, 2013 (78 FR 71566). In-water work associated with the project was expected to be completed within the one-year timeframe of the IHA (effective dates originally December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014). Two species of marine mammal are expected to be affected by the specified activities: Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus truncatus*) and Atlantic spotted dolphin (*Stenella frontalis*). These species may occur year-round in the action area.

Summary of the Activity

Wharf C-2 is a single level, general purpose berthing wharf constructed in 1960. The wharf is one of NSM's two primary deep-draft berths and is one of the primary ordnance handling wharfs. The wharf is a diaphragm steel sheet pile cell structure with a concrete apron, partial concrete encasement of the piling and an asphalt paved deck. The wharf is currently in poor condition due to advanced deterioration of the steel sheeting and lack of corrosion protection, and this structural deterioration has resulted in the institution of load restrictions within 60 ft of the wharf face. The purpose of this project is to complete necessary repairs to Wharf C-2.

Effects to marine mammals from the specified activity are expected to result from underwater sound produced by vibratory and impact pile driving. In order to assess project impacts, the Navy used thresholds recommended by NMFS. The Navy assumed practical spreading loss and used empirically-measured source levels from representative pile driving events to estimate potential marine mammal exposures. The calculations predict that only Level B harassment would occur associated with pile driving activities, and required mitigation measures further ensure that no more than Level B harassment would occur.

Findings

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)—As required by the MMPA in order to issue an IHA, we determined that (1) the required mitigation measures are sufficient to reduce the effects of the specified activities to the level of least practicable impact; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers relative to the affected stock abundances; and (4) the Navy's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)—The Navy prepared an Environmental Assessment analyzing the project. We reviewed the EA and the public comments received and determined that it was appropriate to adopt the document in order to assess the impacts to the human environment of issuance of an IHA to the Navy. We signed a Finding of No Significant Impact on November 20, 2013.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)—There are no ESA-listed marine mammals expected to occur in the action area. Therefore, the Navy did not request authorization of the incidental take of ESA-listed species and no such authorization was issued; therefore, no consultation under the ESA was required.

Summary of the Revision

Construction activities have been delayed for the project due to difficulties in obtaining the necessary construction materials. No in-water work has occurred, including all aspects of the specified activity considered in our issuance of the IHA. The IHA, as issued, is a one-year IHA with no consideration of seasonality in timing any component of the specified activity. Therefore, shifting the effective dates of