

New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion on the committee agenda are: Review of Amendment 18 action plan and discussion of results of the Compass Lexecon Peer Review on excessive shares in the groundfish fishery. They will review the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) analysis to develop inshore/offshore areas and management measures to limit commercial and recreational concentrations of fishing effort on Gulf of Maine cod and other depleted stocks. Also, on the agenda will be the review of draft alternatives under development in Amendment 18 regarding inshore/offshore areas, accumulation limits, and data confidentiality. They will also review Framework Adjustment 53 action plan and receive an update from the PDT on progress. The committee will discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 11, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC100**

### Marine Mammals; File No. 17115

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that James Lloyd-Smith, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Los Angeles, 610 Charles E. Young Dr. South, Box 723905, Los Angeles, CA 90095-7239, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 17115-02.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before August 15, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17115 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 17115 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, (301)427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 17115-02 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 17115-00 was issued on September 24, 2012 (77 FR 63296). A major amendment, Permit No. 17115-01, was issued on August 28, 2013 (76 FR 56219). The permit was amended via a minor amendment (Permit No. 17115-02) on March 14, 2014, to clarify anesthetic procedures. Permit No. 17115-02 authorizes the permit holder to study the prevalence of leptospirosis in wild California sea lions (*Zalophus*

*californianus*) in California. California sea lions may be taken annually (80 animals at Año Nuevo Island, 160 animals at San Nicolas Island, and 80 animals in Monterey Bay) by capture (including restraint and anesthesia); marking and measuring; and sampling (blood, urine, vibrissae). A limited number of non-target sea lions may be captured and released without sampling. Incidental disturbance is authorized annually as follows: 5,000 sea lions, 3,000 northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), and 60 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) at Año Nuevo; 6,000 sea lions, 2,000 northern elephant seals, and 100 harbor seals on San Nicolas Island; and 3,000 sea lions, 100 elephant seals, and 50 harbor seals in Monterey Bay. The permit holder is authorized to disentangle and mark/sample a limited number of California sea lions encountered during the research activities. Eight unintentional mortalities of California sea lions are authorized over the duration of the permit. The permit expires September 30, 2017.

The permit holder requests the permit be amended to: (1) Expand the current sampling season (March to May and August to November) to any time of year excluding peak pupping season on rookeries; (2) change the project location from Año Nuevo Island and Monterey Bay as separate locations to a combined coastal California area including offshore islands; (3) increase the number of sea lions sampled annually in coastal California from 120 to 160 annually (this includes Año Nuevo Island, Monterey Bay, and other coastal areas combined); (4) add captures of pups approximately 8-9 months old (20 annually at all locations); (5) add water captures for new locations and use of injectable drugs; (6) increase incidental disturbance of California sea lions on San Nicolas Island from 6,000 to 10,000 annually; (7) increase incidental disturbance from 8,000 California sea lions combined at Año Nuevo and Monterey Bay to 10,000 total in coastal California annually; (8) add incidental disturbance of eastern Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) (10 annually at all locations) and incidental disturbance of northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) (150 annually in coastal California); and (9) take additional samples in the event of an unusual mortality event or disease outbreak.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 10, 2014.

**Julia 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

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS)

**AGENCY:** Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) announces its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA. As required by the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, the MDA has selected possible additional locations in the United States that would be best suited for future deployment of an interceptor capable of protecting the homeland against threats from nations, such as North Korea and Iran. The MDA is preparing this EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that could result from the future deployment of the Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS). The existing Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) provides protection of the United States from a limited ballistic missile attack, and the Department of Defense has not made a decision to deploy or construct the CIS.

**DATES:** The MDA invites public comments on the scope of the CIS EIS during a 60-day public scoping period beginning with publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments will be accepted on or before September 15, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments, statements, and/or concerns regarding the scope of the EIS or requests to be added to the EIS distribution list should

be addressed to MDA CIS EIS and sent by email to [MDA.CIS.EIS@BV.COM](mailto:MDA.CIS.EIS@BV.COM), by facsimile 913-458-1091, or by U.S. Postal Service to: Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp Attn: MDACIS EIS, 6601 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211-1504. Electronic or facsimile comments are preferred. If sending comments by U.S. Postal Service, please do not submit duplicate electronic or facsimile comments. All comments, including names and addresses, will be submitted to the administrative record.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rick Lehner, MDA Public Affairs, at 571-231-8210, or by email: [mda.info@mda.mil](mailto:mda.info@mda.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6, an invitation for cooperating agency status has been extended to the U.S. Department of the Army and Navy and National Guard for consultation, review, and comment on the EIS. Other cooperating agencies may be identified during the scoping process.

If deployed, the CIS would be an extension of the existing Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) element of the BMDS. Under the current proposed action, the deployment of the CIS would be as a contiguous Missile Defense Complex, similar to that found at Fort Greely, Alaska and would consist of an initial deployment of 20 Ground-based Interceptors (GBIs) with the ability to expand upward to 60 GBIs. The GBIs would not be fired from their deployment site except in the Nation's defense and no test firing would be conducted at the CIS. The overall system architecture and baseline requirements for a notional CIS include, but are not limited to, the GBI fields, Command Launch Equipment, In-Flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminals, GMD Communication Network, supporting facilities, such as lodging and dining, recreation, warehouse and bulk storage, vehicle storage and maintenance, fire station, hazardous materials/waste storage, and roads and parking where necessary.

Alternatives to be analyzed include the No-Action Alternative and sites at the Combined Training Center Fort Custer—Michigan Army National Guard, Augusta, MI; Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center—Ohio Army National Guard, Portage and Trumbull Counties, OH; Fort Drum Army Base, Fort Drum, NY; and the Center for Security Forces Detachment Kittery Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Facility (SERE East), Redington Township, ME. At each site,

impacts will be assessed for the following resource categories—air quality, air space, biological, cultural, geology and soils, hazardous materials and hazardous waste management, health and safety, land use, noise, socioeconomics, transportation, utilities, water quality, wetlands, visual and aesthetic, environmental justice, and subsistence.

The MDA encourages all interested members of the public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. The scoping process assists in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and helps identify significant environmental issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS.

Scoping meetings will be held in the local communities of Ravenna, OH; Galesburg and Battle Creek, MI; Carthage, NY; and Rangeley and Farmington, ME, during July through September 2014. Notification of the meeting locations, dates, and times will be published and announced in local news media prior to public scoping meetings.

Dated: July 10, 2014.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

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#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Material Inspection and Receiving Report

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD,