

box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16609 or 20646 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 either of these applications 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. Please include the File No. 16609 and/or 20646 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: Shasta McClenahan or Jennifer Skidmore; phone: (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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).

File No. 16609: The applicant proposes to receive, import, and export biological samples to establish and bank cell lines. Samples may be received from any species of cetacean, pinniped, or sea turtle, including ESA-listed species, from up to 30 individuals of each species. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

File No. 20646: The applicant proposes to receive, import, and export biological samples to establish and bank cetacean stem cells. Samples may be acquired for any species of marine mammal; however, the applicant has identified 38 species of cetaceans, including ESA-listed species, to focus acquisition efforts. Up to 12 individuals of each species would be requested. In addition, eight samples (from four individual animals) currently on loan would be transferred permanently to the

applicant. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

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 activities proposed are 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 the applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 22, 2017.

Julia Harrison,

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

RIN 0648-XF249

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held March 20-22, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor, 101 Harborside Drive, Boston, MA 02128; 617-568-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Lovett, MAFAC Assistant Director; 301-427-8034; email: Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of

Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and updates and to discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: MAFAC's recommendations to the Administration; international fisheries affairs and trade; mitigation policy; meeting of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force; resilience working group projects; aquaculture program, science enterprise, and regional commissions updates; and the budget outlook for FY2017-2018. MAFAC will discuss various administrative and organizational matters, and meetings of standing subcommittees and working groups will be convened.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett; 301-427-8034 by March 10, 2017.

Dated: February 22, 2017.

Jennifer Lukens,

Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project; Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement; Extension of Public Comment Period

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

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 13, 2017 NOAA published a notice in the **Federal Register** to solicit public comment on the joint draft environmental impact report and environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) that analyzes the potential effects on the physical and human environment related to a

proposed reverse osmosis desalination facility project within the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary boundaries. This document extends the public comment period for the draft EIR/EIS until March 29, 2017.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published January 13, 2017 (82 FR 4302) is extended. NOAA will accept public comments on the draft EIR/EIS if they are received on or before March 29, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NOS–2016–0156, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NOS-2016-0156, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to MBNMS Project Lead for CalAm Desalination Project, 99 Pacific Ave., BLDG 455a, Monterey, CA 93940.

- **Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NOAA. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. 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. NOAA will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Grimmer at 99 Pacific Ave., BLDG 455a, Monterey, CA 93940, 831–647–4253, or mbnms.comments@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As discussed in the January 13, 2017 notice (82 FR 4302), a permit application was submitted by California American Water Company (CalAm) to NOAA’s Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) for construction and operation of its proposed Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP or Project) in order to supplement existing water supplies for CalAm’s Monterey District service area. NOAA’s proposed action would be whether to approve the installation of a subsurface seawater intake system, the discharge of brine into MBNMS via an existing outfall pipe, and the continued presence of pipelines in MBNMS to

transport seawater to a desalination facility.

The joint draft environmental impact report and environmental impact statement (EIR/EIS) was prepared in accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the White House Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (CEQ NEPA Regulations). NOAA is seeking public comment on the DEIR/DEIS, which is available at <http://montereybay.noaa.gov> or may be obtained by contacting the individual listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. The original comment period was to end on February 27, 2017.

Due to the length of the document, NOAA and its state partner have received a request to extend the public comment period to allow for additional review time. An extension of the public comment period may also benefit other interested stakeholders. Therefore, NOAA has extended the deadline by 30 days, or until March 29, 2017.

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

Dated: February 16, 2017.

John Armor,

Director for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID USA–2016–HQ–0037]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 30, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571–372–0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Suppliers Self-Services—SUS; OMB Control Number 0702–0126.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 2,167.

Responses per Respondent: 12.

Annual Responses: 26,004.

Average Burden per Response: 6 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,600.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement via SUS is necessary to reduce the amount and complexity of required input by vendors that manually enter invoice data into Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) (not those utilizing Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)). By pre-populating fields with accurate and up-to-date contract information, vendors are required to input significantly less data. Additionally, SUS simultaneously performs a front-end validation of submitted data, thus ensuring less manual intervention and fewer interest penalties incurred by the government.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent’s Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Dated: February 16, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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