Small Numbers

As noted above, only small numbers of incidental take may be authorized under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for specified activities other than military readiness activities. The MMPA does not define small numbers and so, in practice, NMFS compares the number of individuals taken to the most appropriate estimation of abundance of the relevant species or stock in our determination of whether an authorization is limited to small numbers of marine mammals.

The estimated takes are below seven percent of the population for all marine mammals (Table 7).

Based on the analysis contained herein of the proposed activity (including the prescribed mitigation and monitoring measures) and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the population size of the affected species or stocks.

Unmitigable Adverse Impact Subsistence Analysis and Determination

There are no relevant subsistence uses of the affected marine mammal stocks or species 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)

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is authorized or expected to result from this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to the Washington State Department of Transportation for the U.S. 101/Chehalis River Bridge—Scour Repair in Washington State, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: October 26, 2017.

Donna S. Wieting,
Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.
Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Governing Board’s responsibilities include the following:

Selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment frameworks and specifications, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, improving the form and use of NAEP, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

November 16–17, 2017 Committee Meetings

The Governing Board’s standing committees will meet to conduct regularly scheduled work based on agenda items planned for this Quarterly Board Meeting and follow-up items as reported in the Governing Board’s committee meeting minutes available at http://nagb.gov/what-we-do/board-committee-reports-and-agendas.html.

Detailed Meeting Agenda: November 16–18, 2017

November 16: Committee Meetings

Assessment Development Committee (ADC): Open Session: 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on Measures of Postsecondary Preparedness: Open Session: 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Executive Committee: Open Session: 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Closed Session: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

November 17: Full Governing Board and Committee Meetings

Full Governing Board: Open Session: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ADC: Open Session: 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Reporting and Dissemination (R&D): Open Session 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

ADC and R&D Joint Session: Open Session: 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology (COSDAM): Open Session: 12:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Closed Session: 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

November 18: Full Governing Board and Committee Meetings

Nominations Committee: Closed Session: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Full Governing Board: Open Session: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

On Thursday, November 16, 2017, ADC will meet in open session from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thereafter, the Ad Hoc Committee on Measures of Postsecondary Preparedness will meet in open session from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The Executive Committee will convene in open session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and in closed session from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. During the closed session, the Executive Committee will receive and discuss cost estimates for implementing NAEP’s Assessment Schedule for 2014–2024, and the implications of cost and funding estimates for the NAEP Assessment Schedule in relation to the Governing Board’s Strategic Vision and draft policy priorities for the NAEP Assessment Schedule. This meeting must be conducted in closed session because public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial effect on the NAEP program by providing confidential cost details and proprietary contract costs of current contractors to the public. Discussion of this information would be likely to significantly impede implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption 9(B) of section 552b of Title 5 U.S.C.

On Friday, November 17, 2017, the Governing Board will meet in open session and also via webcast from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

From 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., the Governing Board will review and approve the November 17–18, 2017 Governing Board meeting agenda and meeting minutes from the August 2017 Quarterly Board Meeting. Thereafter, the Governing Board Chairman will provide remarks. From 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., the Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, will administer the oath of office to five new members and one reappointed member and provide remarks. See the news release at the following link: https://www.nagb.gov/news-and-events/news-releases/2017-release-20170928-six-leaders-named.html.

On Friday, November 17, 2017, the Governing Board will hear from a panel of experts on international assessments, Thinking Beyond Borders: The Future of Student Assessment, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This session will be available via webcast online at www.nagb.gov on the day of the event. Members of the public may view the session in person on a first come, first serve basis, with an overflow room also available as needed.

At 12:30 p.m., the Governing Board will recess for a 15 minute break and then receive their annual ethics briefing conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of General Counsel Ethics Division staff from 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

The November 17, 2017 session will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

On November 18, 2017, the Nominations Committee will meet in open session from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. The Committee will discuss nominees for Governing Board vacancies for terms beginning October 1, 2018. The Nominations Committee’s discussions pertain solely to internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. As such, the discussions are protected by exemptions 2 and 6 of § 552b(c) of Title 5 of the United States Code.

The Governing Board will meet in open session on November 18, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. From 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the Governing Board will engage in discussion on the international assessment panel that was convened on Friday, November 17, 2017. Then, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Governing Board will discuss the draft resolution on Governing Board priorities for the NAEP Assessment Schedule vis-a-vis the Governing Board’s Strategic Vision #9, which is to develop policy approaches to revise the NAEP assessment subjects and schedule.
Following this session, the Governing Board will take a break from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Governing Board will receive committee reports and take action on the Release Plan for the 2017 NAEP Reading and Mathematics Report Cards for Grades 4 and 8.

From 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Governing Board will engage in discussion on the NAEP Framework Policy Revision pursuant to the Governing Board’s Strategic Vision #5, which is to develop new approaches to update NAEP subject area frameworks.

The November 18, 2017 meeting will adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Access to Records of the Meeting: Pursuant to FACA requirements, the public may also inspect the meeting materials at www.nagb.gov beginning on Thursday, November 16, 2017 by 10:00 a.m. ET. The official verbatim transcripts of the public meeting sessions will be available for public inspection no later than 30 calendar days following the meeting.

Reasonable Accommodations: The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice no later than 21 days prior to the meeting.

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Dated: October 27, 2017.

William J. Bushaw,
Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB), U.S. Department of Education.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
State Educational Agency and Local Educational Agency—School Data Collection and Reporting Under ESEA, Title I, Part A; ED–2017–ICCD–0130; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: On October 26, 2017, the U.S. Department of Education published a 60-day comment period notice in the Federal Register (Page 49602, Column 1; FR DOC #2017–23222) seeking public comment for an information collection entitled, “State Educational Agency and Local Educational Agency—School Data Collection and Reporting Under ESEA, Title I, Part A”. The abstract was incorrect, and is corrected as follows:

Although the U.S. Department of Education (ED) determines Title I, Part A allocations for Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, requires State Educational Agencies (SEAs) to adjust ED-determined Title I, Part A LEA allocations to account for newly created LEAs and LEA boundary changes, to redistribute Title I, Part A funds to small LEAs (under 20,000 total population) using alternative poverty data (if an SEA has ED’s approval to do so), and to reserve funds for school improvement, State administration, and, if applicable, Direct Student Services. This control number covers only the burden associated with the actual procedures an SEA must follow when adjusting ED-determined LEA allocations.

The Acting Director, Information Collection clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management, hereby issues a correction notice as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: October 26, 2017.

Tomakie Washington,
Acting Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Management.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Office of Science, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the DOE/NSF High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP). The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the Federal Register.

DATES: Thursday, November 30, 2017; 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, December 1, 2017; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hilton Washington, DC North/Gaithersburg, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Kogut, Executive Secretary; High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP); U.S. Department of Energy: Office of Science; SC–25/Germantown Building, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585; Telephone: (301) 903–1298; email: john.kogut@science.doe.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and guidance on a continuing basis to the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation on scientific priorities within the field of high energy physics research.

Tentative Agenda: Agenda Will Include Discussions of the Following

November 30–December 1, 2017
• Discussion of Department of Energy High Energy Physics Program
• Discussion of National Science Foundation Elementary Particle Physics Program
• Reports on and Discussions of Topics of General Interest in High Energy Physics
• Public Comment (10-minute rule)

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. A webcast of this meeting will be available. Please check the Web site below for updates and information on how to view the meeting. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral statements regarding any of these items on the agenda, you should contact John Kogut, (301) 903–1298 or by email at: John.Kogut@science.doe.gov. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made to include the scheduled oral