

**Instructions:** NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/node/23111> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaclyn Daly, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. An electronic copy of the Hilcorp's application may be obtained online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/node/23111>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

#### **Summary of Request**

On April 26, 2018, NMFS received an adequate and complete application from Hilcorp requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to construction, drilling, and production activities related to the construction and operation of the LDPI in Foggy Island Bay, Alaska. The requested regulations and LOA would be valid for five years from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2024. Hilcorp plans to conduct necessary work, including impact and vibratory pile driving, ice road construction, drilling, and production to construct, install, and operate the LDPI. The proposed action may incidentally expose marine mammals occurring in the vicinity to elevated levels of underwater sound and human presence, thereby resulting in incidental take, by Level A and Level B harassment of cetaceans and pinnipeds, and potentially mortality of pinnipeds (from ice road construction) in Foggy Island Bay. Therefore, Hilcorp requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

#### **Specified Activities**

Hilcorp is proposing to develop the Liberty Oil Field reservoir, located on the Outer Continental Shelf in Foggy Island Bay, Beaufort Sea, Alaska. Total recovery over an estimated field life of 15 to 20 years is predicted to be in the range of 80 to 150 million stock tank barrels of oil. To extract the oil, Hilcorp is proposing to construct a 9.3 acre artificial island (the LDPI) in 19 feet (5.8 meters) of water in Foggy Island Bay, approximately 5 miles (8 kilometers) north of the Kadleroshilik River and install supporting infrastructure (e.g., ice roads, pipeline). Ice roads would be constructed annually and begin November 2019 (execute year 1). Island construction, which requires impact and vibratory pile driving, is proposed to take place in 2020 (or execute year 2 of the project). Pile driving would primarily occur during ice-covered season; however, up to two weeks of pile driving may occur during the open-

water season. Pipeline installation is anticipated to occur in 2021 (or execute year three of the project). Drilling is proposed to occur from 2021 through 2024 (or execute years three through five). These activities have the potential to harass bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*), and spotted seals (*Phoca largha*). Ice road construction may also result in the mortality of ringed seals.

#### **Information Solicited**

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning Hilcorp's request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by Hilcorp, if appropriate.

Dated: May 4, 2018.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Washington Steelhead Anglers Survey.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-xxxx.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (request for a new information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 1,652.

*Average Hours per Response:*

Screening survey, 5 minutes; non-angler survey, 10 minutes; angler survey, 25 minutes.

*Burden Hours:* 444.

*Needs and Uses:* The Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Southwest Fisheries Science Center are undertaking an economics research project to assess the preferences of

recreational steelhead anglers for trip attributes including opportunities for catching wild and hatchery steelhead. The Economic Survey of Recreational Steelhead Fishermen (ESRSF) will yield information on angling preferences that will inform management of recreational steelhead resources and steelhead hatchery operations in The Pacific Northwest. More specifically, the ESRSF will collect data needed to (1) assess the socioeconomic characteristics of recreational anglers; (2) assess the economic value of steelhead recreational fishing trips through statistical estimation of models; and (3) assess the change in these values associated with possible changes in recreational steelhead angling opportunities, including catch rates of wild and hatchery fish, site attributes, and travel costs.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Once every five years.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: May 3, 2018.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Renewal of the Market Risk Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC). The Commission has determined that the renewal of the MRAC is necessary and in the public's interest, and the Commission has consulted with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat regarding the MRAC's renewal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alicia L. Lewis, MRAC Designated

Federal Officer and Special Counsel to Commissioner Rostin Behnam, at 202-418-5862 or [alewis@cftc.gov](mailto:alewis@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In support of the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the derivatives markets as well as the monitoring and management of systemic risk, the MRAC's objectives and scope of activities are to conduct public meetings, advise, and submit reports and recommendations to the Commission on: (1) Systemic issues that impact the stability of the derivatives markets and other related financial markets; and (2) the impact and implications of the evolving market structure of the derivatives markets and other related financial markets. The MRAC will operate for two years from the date of renewal unless the Commission directs that the MRAC terminate on an earlier date. A copy of the renewal charter will be posted on the Commission's website at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov).

Dated: May 4, 2018.

**Christopher Kirkpatrick,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

### Community Bank Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this notice sets forth the announcement of a public meeting of the Community Bank Advisory Council (CBAC or Council) of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau). The notice also describes the functions of the Council.

**DATES:** The meeting date is Thursday, May 24, 2018, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. eastern daylight time. The CBAC Card, Payment, and Deposits Markets Subcommittee, CBAC Consumer Lending Subcommittee, and CBAC Mortgages and Small Business Lending Markets Subcommittee will take place on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting location is the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Crystal Dully, Outreach and Engagement Associate, 202-435-9588, [CFPB\\_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov),

Consumer Advisory Board and Councils Office, External Affairs, 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact [CFPB\\_Accessibility@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Section 2 of the CBAC Charter provides: Pursuant to the executive and administrative powers conferred on the Bureau by section 1012 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act), the Director established the Community Bank Advisory Council under agency authority.

Section 3 of the CBAC Charter states: "The purpose of the Advisory Council is to advise the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the federal consumer financial laws as they pertain to community banks with total assets of \$10 billion or less."

#### II. Agenda

The Community Bank Advisory Council will discuss the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E), debt collection, mortgage origination, and several of the Bureau's Requests for Information (RFI) related to the Call for Evidence initiative by Acting Director Mulvaney.

Persons who need a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact [CFPB\\_504Request@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_504Request@cfpb.gov), 202-435-9EE0, 1-855-233-0362, or 202-435-9742 (TTY) at least ten business days prior to the meeting or event to request assistance. The request must identify the date, time, location, and title of the meeting or event, the nature of the assistance requested, and contact information for the requester. CFPB will strive to provide, but cannot guarantee that accommodation will be provided for late requests.

Written comments will be accepted from interested members of the public and should be sent to [CFPB\\_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_CABandCouncilsEvents@cfpb.gov), a minimum of seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the CBAC members for consideration. Individuals who wish to attend the Community Bank Advisory Council meeting must RSVP to [cfpb\\_cabandcouncilsevents@cfpb.gov](mailto:cfpb_cabandcouncilsevents@cfpb.gov) by noon, Wednesday, May 24, 2018. Members of the public must RSVP by the due date and must include "CBAC" in the subject line of the RSVP.

#### III. Availability

The Council's agenda will be made available to the public on Wednesday