

## Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: November 21, 2018.

**Key Israel Marquez,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**XRIN 0648-XF763**

#### Marine Mammals; Pinniped Removal Authority; Approval of Application

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the approval of an application from the state of Oregon (state) for lethal removal of individually identifiable predatory California sea lions (CSL; *Zalophus californianus*) in the vicinity of Willamette Falls to minimize pinniped predation on Upper Willamette River (UWR) spring-run Chinook salmon (*Onchorhynchus spp.*) and UWR winter steelhead, both listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), in the Willamette River in Oregon. This authorization is pursuant to section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). NMFS also announces availability of decision documents and other information relied upon in making this determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Additional information about our determination may be obtained by visiting the NMFS West Coast Region's website: <http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov>, or by writing to us at: NMFS West Coast Region, Protected Resources Division, 1201 Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Anderson at the above address, by phone at (503) 231-2226, or by email at, [robert.c.anderson@noaa.gov](mailto:robert.c.anderson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## Background

Section 120 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361, *et seq.*) allows the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, and the West Coast Regional Administrator of NMFS, the discretion to authorize the intentional lethal taking of individually identifiable pinnipeds that are having a significant negative impact on salmonid fishery stocks that are either: (1) Listed under the ESA, (2) approaching a threatened or endangered status, or (3) migrate through the Ballard Locks in Seattle. The authorization applies only to pinnipeds that are not: (1) Listed under the ESA, (2) designated as depleted, or (3) designated a strategic stock.

On October 6, 2017, NMFS received an application signed by the director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) on the state's behalf, requesting authorization under section 120 of the MMPA to intentionally take, by lethal methods, individually identifiable predatory CSL in the vicinity of Willamette Falls, which were then having a significant negative impact on the recovery of threatened UWR spring-run Chinook salmon and UWR winter steelhead. As required under the MMPA, NMFS convened a Pinniped-Fishery Interaction Task Force (Task Force). The role of the Task Force is to recommend to NMFS approval or denial of the state's application along with recommendations of the proposed location, time, and method of such taking, criteria for evaluating the success of the action, and the duration of the intentional lethal taking authority. The Task Force must also suggest non-lethal alternatives, if available and practicable, including a recommended course of action.

Pursuant to the MMPA, NMFS determined that the state's application contained sufficient information to warrant convening the Task Force. On November 9, 2017, NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 52083), announcing receipt of the state's application, and soliciting public comments on the application and any additional information that NMFS should consider in making its decision. On August 20-22, 2018, NMFS convened a Task Force that was open to the public. The Task Force reviewed the state's application, public comments on the application, and other information related to CSL predation on UWR spring-run Chinook salmon and UWR winter steelhead at Willamette Falls. The Task Force completed and submitted its report to NMFS on October 15, 2018. The majority of Task

Force members present at the meeting (12 of 16) recommended that NMFS approve the state's application, while 1 Task Force member recommended that NMFS deny the state's application, and 3 Task Force members abstained. All decision documents, including a copy of the authorization, are available on NMFS's West Coast Region web page (see **ADDRESSES**).

## Findings

As required under section 7(a)(2) under the ESA, NMFS completed informal consultation, and in accordance with NEPA, NMFS completed an environmental assessment with a finding of no significant impact. In considering a state's application to lethally remove pinnipeds, NMFS is also required, pursuant to section 120(b)(1) of the MMPA, to determine that individually identifiable pinnipeds are having a significant negative impact on the decline or recovery of at-risk salmonid fishery stocks. Based on these requirements, considerations, and analyses, NMFS has determined that the requirements of section 120 of the MMPA have been met and it is therefore reasonable to issue an authorization to the state for the lethal removal of individually identifiable predatory CSL through 2023.

Dated: November 21, 2018.

**Donna Wieting,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group will take place.

**DATES:** Day 1—Closed to the public Thursday, November 29, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Day 2—Closed to the public Friday, November 30, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Dougherty Conference Center, Building 432, 906 SAC Boulevard, Offutt AFB, Nebraska 68113.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Trefz, (402) 294-4102 (Voice), (402) 294-3128 (Facsimile), [john.l.trefz.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.l.trefz.civ@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address is 901 SAC Boulevard, Suite 1F7, Offutt AFB, NE 68113-6030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Designated Federal Officer, the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning the meeting on November 29, 2018 thru November 30, 2018 of the U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice on scientific, technical, intelligence, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans.

**Agenda:** Topics include: Policy Issues, Space Operations, Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Assessment, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Intelligence Operations, Cyber Operations, Global Strike, Command and Control, Science and Technology, Missile Defense.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Department of Defense has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. Per delegated authority by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John E. Hyten, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, in consultation with his legal advisor, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of this meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

**Written Statements:** N/A.

Dated: November 20, 2018.

**Shelly E. Finke,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

**[Docket ID: DOD-2018-HA-0094]**

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs DoD.

**ACTION:** Information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 28, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

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

*Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24 Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name, docket 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Defense Health Agency, TRICARE Health Plan (J-10),

Attn: Mr. Mark Ellis, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church, VA 22042 or call (703)-681-0039.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Continued Health Care Benefit Program, DD Form 2837; OMB Control Number 0720-XXXX (formerly 0704-0364).

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary for individuals to apply for enrollment in the continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). The CHCBP is a program of temporary health care benefit coverage that is made available to eligible individuals who lose health care coverage under the Military health System (MHS).

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 369.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,475.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,475.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

Respondents are individuals who are or were beneficiaries of the Military Health System (MHS) and who desire to enroll in the CHCBP following their loss of entitlement to health care coverage in the MHS. These beneficiaries include the active duty service member or former service member (who, for purposes of this notice shall be referred to as "service member"), an unmarried former spouse of a service member, an unmarried child of a service member who ceases to meet requirements for being considered a dependent, and a child placed for adoption or legal custody with the service member. In order to be eligible for health care coverage under CHCBP, an individual must first enroll in CHCBP. DD Form is used as the information collection instrument for that enrollment. The CHCBP is a legislatively mandated program and it is anticipated that the program will continue indefinitely.

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**Shelly E. Finke,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.