DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XG559
Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Boost-Back and Landing of Falcon 9 Rockets

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

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal of an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Space Exploration Technology Corporation (SpaceX) has withdrawn its application for an IHA to take marine mammals incidental to boost-back and landing of Falcon 9 rockets at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) in California, and at contingency landing locations in the Pacific Ocean. Accordingly, NMFS has withdrawn its related proposed IHA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Fowler, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 20, 2018 NMFS received an IHA application from SpaceX for the taking of marine mammals incidental to Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities, including in-air boost-back maneuvers and landings of the First Stage of the Falcon 9 rocket at VAFB in California, and at contingency landing locations offshore. NMFS determined that the application was adequate and complete on October 23, 2018. The requested IHA would have authorized take, by Level B harassment only, of six marine mammal species as a result from the specified activity. NMFS published a notice of the proposed IHA in the Federal Register (83 FR 57432) on November 15, 2018. On April 18, 2019, NMFS accepted notice from SpaceX withdrawing their IHA application for the proposed action after take of marine mammals incidental to their proposed activities was authorized by Letters of Authorization issued in accordance with 50 CFR 217, Subpart G—Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocket and Missile Launches and Aircraft Operations at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB), California. Therefore, NMFS has withdrawn its proposed IHA for the action.

Donna S. Wieting,
Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2019; 1:00 p.m.*

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Compliance Matters: Staff will brief the Commission on the status of a compliance matter.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Alberta E. Mills, Secretary, Division of the Secretariat, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. (301) 504–7479.

* The Commission unanimously determined by recorded vote that Agency business requires calling the meeting without seven calendar days advance public notice.

Alberta E. Mills,
Secretary.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting May 15 and June 12, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Commission’s office building, 25 Cosey Road, West Trenton, New Jersey. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company, 40 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, New Jersey. The hearing and meeting are open to the public.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on May 15, 2019 will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items subject to the Commission’s review will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other projects that could have a substantial effect on the basin’s water resources, as well as resolutions to: (a) Adopt the Commission’s Annual Current Expense and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020); and (b) apportion among the signatory parties the amounts required for the support of the Current Expense and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, and the text of the proposed resolutions will be posted on the Commission’s website, www.drbc.gov, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on May 15 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on May 20.

The public is advised to check the Commission’s website periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is needed to complete the Commission’s review, and items may be added up to ten days prior to the hearing date. In reviewing docket descriptions, the public is also asked to be aware that the details of projects may change during the Commission’s review, which is ongoing.

Public Meeting. The public business meeting on June 12, 2019 will also begin at 1:30 p.m. and will include: Adoption of the Minutes of the Commission’s March 13, 2019 Business Meeting, announcements of upcoming meetings and events, a report on hydrologic conditions, reports by the Executive Director and the Commission’s General Counsel, and consideration of any items for which a hearing has been completed or is not required. The latter may include but are not limited to Resolutions for the Minutes: (a) Authorizing the Executive Director to retain an accounting firm to perform the Commission’s annual independent audits; and (b) providing for election of the Commission Chair, Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair for the year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

After all scheduled business has been completed and as time allows, the Business Meeting will be followed by up to one hour of Open Public Comment, an opportunity to address the Commission on any topic concerning management of the basin’s water resources outside the context of a duly noticed, on-the-record public hearing.

There will be no opportunity for additional public comment for the record at the June 12 Business Meeting on items for which a hearing was completed on May 15 or a previous date. Commission consideration on June 12 of items for which the public hearing...