

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XF530

**Marine Mammals; File No. 21006**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Linnea Pearson, California Polytechnic State University, 1 Grand Ave., San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 21006.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21006 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 this application 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](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. 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:** Sara Young or Amy Sloan, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 21006 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 21006, issued on September 15, 2017 (82 FR 48985;

October 23, 2017), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on Weddell seals in the Antarctic. The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to include authorization for: Increased take of pups to twelve total, sedation of all pups at all time points, collection of blood samples for all pups at all time points, use of a cannulated needle for biopsy instead of a biopsy punch, attachment of flipper mounted VHF to pups at three weeks of age, attachment of accelerometer tags at one week of age, use of antibiotics to treat local or systemic infection, and collection of rectal swabs, vaginal swabs, prepuccial swabs, nasal swabs, lingual swabs, buccal swabs, and superficial lingual epithelial scrapes from all pups at all time points.

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 activity proposed is 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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**Julia Marie 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**

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**Notice of Availability of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Open Ocean Trustee Restoration Plan 2 and Environmental Assessment: Fish, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities; Extension of Public Comment Period**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are extending the public comment period on our *Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Open Ocean Trustee Restoration*

Plan 2/Environmental Assessment: Fish, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities (RP/EA). We opened the comment period via a May 15, 2019, notice of availability. This notice extends that comment period through July 15, 2019.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted electronically or postmarked by July 15, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:* You may download the Draft RP/EA at: <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/open-ocean>. Alternatively, you may request a CD of the Draft RP/EA (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). Also, you may view the document at any of the public facilities listed in Appendix G.

*Submitting Comments:* You may submit comments on the Draft RP/EA by one of the following methods:

- *Via the Web:* <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/open-ocean>; or
- *Via U.S. Mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 29649, Atlanta, GA 30345. Please note that mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the comment deadline of July 15, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Laurie Rounds, [Laurie.Rounds@noaa.gov](mailto:Laurie.Rounds@noaa.gov), (850) 934–9284.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Introduction**

In accordance with OPA NRDA regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 15 CFR part 990, NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Consent Decree, and the Final PDARP/PEIS, the Federal and State natural resource trustee agencies (Trustees) have prepared a Draft Restoration Plan 2/Environmental Assessment: Fish, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities. The Draft RP/EA analyzes 23 alternatives and proposes 18 preferred alternatives for the following restoration types: Fish and Water Column Invertebrates, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities:

**Fish and Water Column Invertebrates**

- Reduction of Post-Release Mortality from Barotrauma in Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Recreational Fisheries—Preferred, \$30,011,000.
- Better Bycatch Reduction Devices for the Gulf of Mexico Commercial

Shrimp Trawl Fishery—Preferred, \$17,171,000.

- Communication Networks and Mapping Tools to Reduce Bycatch—Phase 1—Preferred, \$4,416,000.
- Restoring for Bluefin Tuna via Fishing Depth Optimization—Preferred, \$6,175,000.
- Reduce the Impacts of Ghost Fishing by Removing Derelict Fishing Gear from Marine and Estuarine Habitats—Not Preferred, \$6,128,000.

#### Sea Turtles

- Gulf of Mexico Sea Turtle Atlas—Preferred, \$5,700,000.
- Identifying Methods to Reduce Sea Turtle Bycatch in the Reef Fish Bottom Longline Fishery—Preferred, \$290,000.
- Developing a Gulf-wide Comprehensive Plan for In-Water Sea Turtle Data Collection—Preferred, \$655,000.
- Developing Methods to Observe Sea Turtle Interactions in the Gulf of Mexico Menhaden Purse Seine Fishery—Preferred, \$3,000,000.
- Reducing Juvenile Sea Turtle Bycatch Through Development of Reduced Bar Spacing in Turtle Excluder Devices—Preferred, \$2,153,000.
- Long-term Nesting Beach Habitat Protection for Sea Turtles—Preferred, \$7,000,000.
- Reducing Sea Turtle Entanglement from Recreational Fishing Debris—Not Preferred, \$1,113,600.
- Reducing Sea Turtle Bycatch at Recreational Fishing Sites—Not Preferred, \$1,329,000.

#### Marine Mammals

- Reducing Impacts to Cetaceans During Disasters by Improving Response Activities—Preferred, \$4,287,000.
- Compilation of Environmental, Threats, and Animal data for Cetacean Population Health Analyses—Preferred, \$5,808,500.
- Reduce Impacts of Anthropogenic Noise on Cetaceans—Preferred, \$8,992,200.
- Reduce and Mitigate Vessel Strike Mortality of Cetaceans—Preferred, \$3,834,000.
- Assessment of Northern Gulf of Mexico Shelf Small Cetacean Health, Habitat, Use, and Movement Patterns—Not Preferred, \$4,620,000.

#### Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities

- Mapping, Ground-Truthing, and Predictive Habitat Modeling—Preferred, \$35,909,000.
- Habitat Assessment and Evaluation—Preferred, \$52,639,000.
- Coral Propagation Technique Development—Preferred, \$16,951,000.

- Active Management and Protection—Preferred, \$20,689,000.
- Habitat Characterization at Known High Priority Sites—Not Preferred, \$21,500,000.

The Open Ocean TIG also analyzes a No Action alternative. One or more alternatives may be selected for implementation by the Open Ocean TIG in the Final RP/EA or in future restoration plans.

#### Background

For additional background information, see our original **Federal Register** notice, with which we opened the comment period (May 15, 2019; 84 FR 21753).

#### Invitation To Comment

The Open Ocean TIG seeks public review and comment on the Draft RP/EA (see **ADDRESSES** above). Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will become part of the public record.

#### Authority

The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*) and its implementing Oil Pollution Act Natural Resource Damage Assessment regulations found at 15 CFR part 990 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Dated: June 26, 2019.

#### Carrie Selberg,

*Deputy Director, Office of Habitat Conservation, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, may be submitted directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) in OMB within 30 days of this notice's publication by either of the following methods. Please identify the comments by "OMB Control No. 3038-0078."

- *By email addressed to:* [OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRASubmissions@omb.eop.gov) or
- *By mail addressed to:* The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention Desk Officer for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

A copy of all comments submitted to OIRA should be sent to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) by either of the following methods. The copies should refer to "OMB Control No. 3038-0078."

- *By mail addressed to:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581;
- By Hand Delivery/Courier to the same address; or

- Through the Commission's website at <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Please follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

Please submit your comments to the Commission using only one method. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting <http://RegInfo.gov>.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <http://www.cftc.gov>. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.<sup>1</sup> The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <http://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 145.9.