

importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to capture and sample six species of Southern Ocean pinnipeds across their geographic range (*i.e.*, Antarctica, subantarctic islands, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa). Target species include: leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophaga*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), and Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*). Take activities will consist of one or more of the following methods based on location, sex, and age class of the animal: remote tissue sampling, physical capture, chemical immobilization, and aerial surveys. The applicant may collect morphometrics, tissues (*e.g.*, blood, hair, skin, vibrissae, blubber, milk), and opportunistic samples (*e.g.*, scat, carcasses); mark via flipper tag; collect ultrasound measurements; attach instruments; and measure via photogrammetry. For each species, the applicant proposes to capture and sample 30 adults, harass and sample 30 adults, and capture and sample 30 pups annually for 5 years. An additional 100–500 animals depending on the species may be taken annually by unintentional harassment. The applicant requests three leopard seal unintentional mortalities and two unintentional mortalities for all other species, annually. The applicant also requests authorization to import parts from each species of Antarctic pinniped from the Southern Ocean and other countries where these species are found to the U.S. and to export samples from the U.S. to collaborators abroad for analyses. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 5, 2023.

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Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Spring Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

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

ACTION: Notice of the Advisory Committee 2023 spring meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) announces its annual spring meeting, to be held April 27–28, 2023 in Miami, Florida.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee meeting will be held on April 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and April 28, 2023, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on April 27, 2023, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Miami Coconut Grove, 2649 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Keller, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, 202–897–9208 or at bryan.keller@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and discuss information on the outcomes of ICCAT's 2022 annual meeting and the U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions; ICCAT intersessional meetings in 2023; relevant NMFS research and monitoring activities; the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment during the meeting. An agenda is available from the Committee's Executive Secretary upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The Committee will meet in its Species Working Groups in closed session on the afternoon of April 27, 2023. These sessions are not open to the public, but the results of the Species Working Group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee

during the Committee's open session on April 28, 2023.

Special Accommodations

The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Bryan Keller (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 5, 2023.

Alexa Cole,

Director, Office of International Affairs,
Trade, and Commerce, National Marine
Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Amendment of Selection Criteria and Extension of Application Deadline Date

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; amendments.

SUMMARY: On February 10, 2023, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.022A. We are amending selection criterion (b)(3) and the selection criteria point allocations in the NIA and extending the deadline date for transmittal of applications until April 28, 2023. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

DATES:

Applicable Date: These amendments are applicable on April 10, 2023.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 28, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Marrion, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 258–24, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453–5628. Email: DDRA@ed.gov.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability and wish to access telecommunications relay services, please dial 7–1–1.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 10, 2023, we published the NIA for the 2023 DDRA competition in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 8832). This NIA established selection criteria for the

2023 competition in accordance with 34 CFR 662.21. Consistent with 34 CFR 662.21(c)(3), among these was selection criterion (b)(3), *Qualifications of the applicant*. Under selection criterion (b)(3), the Secretary would consider “[t]he applicant’s proficiency in one or more of the languages (other than English and the applicant’s native language) of the country or countries of research, and the specific measures to be taken to overcome any anticipated language barriers” for a total of 1 point.

On March 24, 2023, the Western District Court of Texas in the matter of *Lujan v. Cardona*, No. 3:22–CV–00158–DCG, ECF No. 37, granted in part a preliminary injunction, which “vacates 34 CFR 662.21(c)(3) as to all 2023 Fulbright-Hays Fellowship applicants until the Court reaches a merits decision in this case or the U.S. Department of Education publishes a final rule amending 34 CFR 662.21(c)(3).” Subsequently, on April 3, 2023, the Court amended its order to clarify “that its injunction applies only insofar as the Foreign Language Criterion prohibited considering an applicant’s native language skills” *Lujan*, ECF No. 40. As a result, the Department is amending the selection criteria for the 2023 DDRA competition, such that selection criterion (b)(3) allows native speakers to receive points for conducting research projects in any language in which they have proficiency, other than English. Additionally, the Department is increasing the number of points associated with selection criterion (b)(3) from 1 point to 10 points, and the number of points allocated to selection criterion (b) from 26 points to 35 points.

In order to give all applicants the opportunity to apply under the amended NIA, the Department also extends the deadline date for transmittal of applications until April 28, 2023. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

Amendments

In FR Doc. 2023–02827 appearing on pages 8832–8837 of the **Federal Register** of February 10, 2023, we make the following amendments:

1. On page 8832, under **DATES** in the left column, after the heading “Deadline for Transmittal of Applications,” remove “April 11, 2023” and add, in its place, “April 28, 2023”.

2. On page 8835, in the right column, in paragraph (b) introductory language, after the heading “Qualifications of the Applicant,” remove “26 points” and add, in its place, “35 points”.

3. On page 8835, in the right column, in paragraph (b)(3):

A. Remove “and the applicant’s native language”.

B. Remove “1 point” and add, in its place, “10 points”.

Accessible Format: On request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in an accessible format. The Department will provide the requestor with an accessible format that may include Rich Text Format (RTF) or text format (txt), a thumb drive, an MP3 file, Braille, large print, audiotope, or compact disc, or other accessible format.

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Nasser H. Paydar,

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED–2023–SCC–0061]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; ED–524 Budget Information Non-Construction Programs Form and Instructions

AGENCY: Office of Finance and Operations (OFO), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 9, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED–2023–SCC–0061. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the www.regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, the Department will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Manager of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, LBJ, Room 4C210, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Cleveland Knight, (202) 987–0064.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Department is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in