

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,193.

*Estimated Time Per Response:*

*Invention Records:* 1.25 hours.

*Patent Records:* .75 hours.

*Utilization Records:* 25 minutes.

*Domestic Manufacturing Waiver Requests:* 13 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:*

*Invention Records:* 15,098 hours.

*Patent Records:* 15,142 hours.

*Utilization Records:* 40,591 hours.

*Domestic Manufacturing Waiver Requests:* 282 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain benefits.

*Legal Authority:* The Bayh-Dole Act (35 U.S.C. 18) and its implementing regulations (37 CFR 401).

#### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Membership on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA seeks nominations to fill vacancies on the Ocean Exploration Advisory Board (OEAB), which was established (per 33 U.S. Code § 3405) to advise NOAA leadership on priority areas for survey, discovery, and opportunities for extramural collaboration and partnerships; development of a 5-year strategic plan for the fields of ocean, marine, and Great Lakes science, exploration, and discovery; the quality and effectiveness of the proposal review process; market barriers to development or commercialization of novel ocean mapping, exploration, and characterization products, processes, and tools; best practices to improve data management, processing, storage, and archiving standards; and other matters as requested by the NOAA

Administrator. Members of the OEAB are appointed by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator (hereinafter, Under Secretary), to assure balanced representation among preeminent scientists, engineers, educators, and science policy experts reflecting the breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility. Membership will be open to individuals from academia; local, state or tribal government; industry; non-governmental not-for-profit organizations; and other ocean-related institutions. Race or sex shall not be considered in selection of OEAB members. The Under Secretary shall appoint OEAB members generally for three-year terms, renewable once for an additional term of up to three years. Members serve at the discretion of the Under Secretary.

**DATES:** Nominations should be sent to the email address specified below and must be received no more than 45 days after publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be directed to the Designated Federal Officer via email: [oceanexplorer@noaa.gov](mailto:oceanexplorer@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Tirpak, OEAB Designated Federal Officer via email: [oceanexplorer@noaa.gov](mailto:oceanexplorer@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested persons may nominate themselves or others for OEAB membership. An application package is required for all candidates, including those nominated by third parties. The application package must include the following: (1) The nominee's full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) The nominee's area of industry perspective (academia, commercial service provider, or end-user); (3) A short description of qualifications relative to the advice solicited in this Notice; and (4) A current resume (maximum of four pages). The application package must be provided in a single email sent to the OEAB DFO at the electronic address provided above with the subject line "Application for OEAB Membership 2026".

**Nikola Garber,**

*Deputy Director, National Sea Grant College Program, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF817]

#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notification; availability of an evaluation and recommended determination.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS received a Hatchery and Genetics Management Plan (HGMP) for a hatchery program rearing and releasing summer-run chum salmon in the Dungeness River basin, operated by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in collaboration with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe as co-managers. Following the public comment period this document serves to notify the public of the availability of an Evaluation and Recommended Determination Document (ERD) on implementing the proposed hatchery program the associated HGMP, which

concludes that it will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery nor modify or destroy critical habitat of Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon, Puget Sound Chinook salmon, or Puget Sound steelhead.

**DATES:** June 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** The document is available on the internet at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/dungeness-hatcheries-plans>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Morgan Robinson, (253) 307-2670, [morgan.robinson@noaa.gov](mailto:morgan.robinson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Endangered Species Act (ESA)-Listed Species Covered in This Notice**

- Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

**Background**

The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The operators, WDFW collaborating with Tribal co-manager Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, have submitted an HGMP to NMFS pursuant to NMFS’ limit 6 of the 4(d) rule of the ESA for hatchery activities in the Dungeness River basin, Washington. The ERD is NMFS’ determination for how the HGMP addresses the criteria in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(5).

The hatchery program under review is designed to contribute to the reintroduction and recovery of Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon in the Dungeness River basin. This hatchery program is intended to contribute to fulfilling Federal trust responsibilities toward Tribes with rights guaranteed through treaties, as affirmed in *United States v. Washington* (1974), by contributing to the recovery of ESA-listed salmon. Included in the HGMP is research and monitoring activities to study the effect of the program on the

recovery of Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon, Puget Sound Chinook salmon, and Puget Sound steelhead.

As required in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(6), of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), exemption 6 of the section 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead, the Secretary of Commerce published notice of NMFS’ proposed evaluation and pending determination (PEPD) together with a discussion of the biological analysis underlying that determination. NMFS received no public comments on that PEPD.

**Classification**

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce may issue regulations for the conservation of listed threatened species. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (50 CFR 223.203(b)) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to actions undertaken in compliance with a plan developed jointly by a State and a Tribe and determined by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*

Dated: May 29, 2026.

**Jennifer Leigh Quan,**  
Regional Administrator, West Coast Region,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Sparrows Point Container Terminal Project in Baltimore County, Maryland**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorizations.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued two consecutive incidental harassment authorizations

(IHAs) to Tradepoint TiL Terminals, LLC (TTT) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Sparrows Point Container Terminal Project in Baltimore County, Maryland.

**DATES:** These authorizations are effective from June 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027; and June 1, 2027, through May 31, 2028.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-trade-point-til-terminal-llcs-sparrows-point-container-terminal>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cara Hotchkin, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**MMPA Background and Determinations**

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment 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 the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the