

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

RIN 0648–XD237

Marine Mammals; File No. 18438

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC; Responsible Party, Tara Jones, Ph.D.) 301 Railway Avenue, P.O. Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664, to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*).

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Courtney Smith, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 2014, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (79 FR 21735) that a request for a permit to conduct research on the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 18438–00 authorizes the ASLC to conduct population monitoring and health, nutrition, and foraging studies on Steller sea lions in the western Distinct Population Segment in the Gulf of Alaska and Aleutian Islands. The ASLC is permitted to take Steller sea lions by disturbance associated with observations, sampling, and captures; remote biopsy; and capture, restraint, and sampling. Captured sea lions will undergo morphometric measurements, blood and tissue collection, digital imaging, hot-branding, body condition measurement, whisker, hair, and milk sampling, temporary marking, and ultrasound exams. Up to four unintentional mortalities are authorized

per year. Marine mammals authorized to be incidentally disturbed include harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*). The permit expires on August 31, 2019.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has determined that the activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 28, 2014.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****First Responder Network Authority Board Meetings**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene an open public meeting of the Board on September 17, 2014, preceded by meetings of the Board Committees on September 16, 2014.

DATES: On September 16, 2014 between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time there will be sequential meetings of FirstNet's four Board Committees: (1) Governance and Personnel; (2) Technology; (3) Outreach; and (4) Finance. The full FirstNet Board will hold a meeting on September 17, 2014, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings on September 16 and 17, 2014 will be held at FirstNet's headquarters located in the United States Geological Survey Building—12201 Sunrise Valley Drive,

Reston, VA 20192. The meetings will be held in the Dallas L. Peck Auditorium.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192; telephone (703) 648–4165; email uzoma@firstnet.gov. Please direct media inquiries to Corey Ray at (703) 648–4109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the Board of FirstNet will convene an open public meeting of the Board on September 17, 2014, preceded by meetings of the Board Committees on September 16, 2014.

Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), established FirstNet as an independent authority within NTIA that is headed by a Board. The Act directs FirstNet to ensure the building, deployment, and operation of a nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet's operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

Matters to be Considered: FirstNet will post detailed agendas of each meeting on its Web site, <http://www.firstnet.gov>, prior to the meetings. The agenda topics are subject to change. Please note that the subjects that will be discussed by the Committees and the Board may involve commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, personnel matters, or other legal matters affecting FirstNet. As such, the Committee chairs and Board Chair may call for a vote to close the meetings only for the time necessary to preserve the confidentiality of such information pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

Times and Dates of September 2014 Meetings: On September 16, 2014, between 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time there will be sequential meetings of FirstNet's four committees. The full FirstNet Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2014, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Place: The meetings on September 16 and 17, 2014 will be held at FirstNet's headquarters located in the United States Geological Survey Building—12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192. The meetings will be held in the auditorium.

Other Information: These meetings are open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. In order to get an accurate headcount, all expected attendees are

asked to provide notice of intent to attend by sending an email to BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov. If the number of RSVPs indicates that expected attendance has reached auditorium capacity, FirstNet will respond to all subsequent notices indicating that auditorium capacity has been reached and that in person viewing may no longer be available and that the meeting may still be viewed by webcast as detailed below. For access to the meetings, valid, government issued photo identification may be requested for security reasons.

The meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, at (703) 648-4165 or Uzoma.onyeije@firstnet.gov at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

The meetings will also be webcast. Please refer to FirstNet's Web site at www.firstnet.gov for webcast instructions and other information. If you have technical questions regarding the webcast, please contact Ruben Vasquez at (703) 648-4195 or by email at ruben.vasquez@firstnet.gov.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet>.

Dated: August 29, 2014.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0035 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by email to Raul.Tamayo@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This information collection includes the information necessary to submit a request to grant or revoke power of attorney for an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding, and for a registered practitioner to withdraw as attorney or agent of record. This collection also includes the information necessary to change the correspondence address for an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding, to request a Customer Number and manage the correspondence address and list of practitioners associated with a Customer Number, and to designate or change the correspondence address or fee address for one or more patents or applications by using a Customer Number.

Under 35 U.S.C. 2 and 37 CFR 1.31-1.36, the applicant for patent or the assignee of the entire interest of the applicant (for an application filed before September 16, 2012, or for a patent which issued from an application filed before September 16, 2012), or the applicant for patent or the patent owner (for an application filed on or after September 16, 2012, or for a patent which issued from an application filed on or after September 16, 2012), may grant power of attorney to one or more joint inventors or a person who is registered to practice before the USPTO to act for them in an application or a patent. A power of attorney may also be revoked, and a registered practitioner may also withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR 1.36. The rules of practice (37 CFR 1.33) also provide for a practitioner of record (a practitioner not of record may do so if named in the transmittal papers accompanying the original application and if an oath or declaration by any of

the inventors has yet to be filed), all of the applicants, or an assignee (for an application filed before September 16, 2012), or a practitioner of record (a practitioner not of record who acts in a representative capacity may do so if named in the application transmittal papers and if any power of attorney has yet to be appointed) or the applicant (for an application filed on or after September 16, 2012), to supply a correspondence address and daytime telephone number for receiving notices, official letters, and other communications from the USPTO. The USPTO's Customer Number practice permits applicants, patent owners, assignees, and practitioners of record to change the correspondence address of a patent application or patent, or the representatives of record for a number of patents or applications with one change request instead of filing separate requests for each patent or application. Customers may request a Customer Number from the USPTO and associate this Customer Number with a correspondence address or a list of registered practitioners. Any changes to the address or practitioner information associated with a Customer Number will be applied to all patents and applications associated with said Customer Number.

The Customer Number practice is optional, in that changes of correspondence address or power of attorney may be filed separately for each patent or application without using a Customer Number. However, a Customer Number associated with the correspondence address for a patent application is required in order to access private information about the application using the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, which is available through the USPTO Web site. The PAIR system gives authorized individuals secure online access to application status information, but only for patent applications that are linked to a Customer Number. Customer Numbers may be associated with U.S. patent applications as well as international Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications. The use of a Customer Number is also required in order to grant power of attorney to more than ten practitioners or to establish a separate "fee address" for maintenance fee purposes that is different from the correspondence address for a patent or application.

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