

critical reproductive time or location, migration, *etc.*), as well as effects on habitat, and the likely effectiveness of the mitigation. We also assess the number, intensity, and context of estimated takes by evaluating this information relative to population status. Consistent with the 1989 preamble for NMFS' implementing regulations (54 FR 40338; September, 29, 1989), the impacts from other past and ongoing anthropogenic activities are incorporated into this analysis via their impacts on the environmental baseline (*e.g.*, as reflected in the regulatory status of the species, population size and growth rate where known, ongoing sources of human-caused mortality, or ambient noise levels).

To avoid repetition, this introductory discussion of our analyses applies to all the species and stocks listed in Table 2, given that the anticipated effects of CALTRANS' SFOBB construction activities involving controlled implosions for Piers E6 through E18 on marine mammals are expected to be relatively similar in nature.

No injuries or mortalities are anticipated to occur as a result of CALTRANS' SFOBB activity associated with the controlled implosions to demolish Piers E6 through E18, and none are authorized. The relatively low marine mammal density and small Level A exclusion zones make injury takes of marine mammals unlikely, based on take calculation described above. In addition, the Level A exclusion zones will be thoroughly monitored before the proposed implosion, and detonation activity will be postponed if any marine mammal is sighted within the exclusion zone.

The takes that are anticipated and authorized are expected to be limited to short-term Level B harassment (behavioral responses and TTS). Due to implementation of mitigation measures and proven success in implementation of these measures as evidenced during previous SFOBB activities, more significant acute stress responses, serious injury or mortality, and more significant behavioral responses are not anticipated as a result of the proposed activities. Marine mammals (Pacific harbor seal, northern elephant seal, California sea lion, northern fur seal, harbor porpoise, and bottlenose dolphin) present in the vicinity of the action area and taken by Level B harassment would most likely show overt brief disturbance (startle reaction) and avoidance of the area from elevated noise level during the implosion noise. A few marine mammals could experience TTS if they occur within the Level B TTS ZOI. However, TTS is a

temporary loss of hearing sensitivity when exposed to loud sound, and the hearing threshold is expected to recover completely within minutes to hours. Therefore, it is not considered an injury. In addition, even if an animal receives a TTS, the TTS would be a one-time event from a brief impulse noise (about 5 seconds), making it unlikely that the TTS would lead to PTS. Finally, there is no critical habitat or other biologically important areas in the vicinity of CALTRANS' proposed controlled implosion areas (Calambokidis *et al.*, 2015).

The project also is not expected to have significant adverse effects on affected marine mammals' habitat, as analyzed in detail in the "Potential Effects of the Specified Activity on Marine Mammals and their Habitat" section of the proposed IHA **Federal Register** notice (82 FR 26063, June 6, 2017; 26067–26070). There is no biologically important area in the vicinity of the SFOBB project area. The project activities would not permanently modify existing marine mammal habitat. The activities may kill some fish and cause other fish to leave the area temporarily, thus impacting marine mammals' foraging opportunities in a limited portion of the foraging range; but, because of the short duration of the activities and the relatively small area of the habitat that may be affected, the impacts to marine mammal habitat are not expected to cause significant or long-term negative consequences.

Based on the best available information, the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the proposed monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS finds that the total marine mammal take from CALTRANS' SFOBB demolition via controlled implosions of Piers E6 through E18 will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks.

Small Numbers

Table 2 presents the numbers of marine mammals that could be taken by Level B harassment incidental to CALTRANS' activities. Our analysis shows that less than 2.8 percent of the affected stocks could be taken by behavioral harassment and TTS (see Table 2 in this document). Therefore, the numbers of marine mammals estimated to be taken are small relative to total populations of the affected species or stocks. In addition, the mitigation and monitoring measures (described previously in this document) prescribed in the IHA are expected to

reduce even further any potential disturbance to marine mammals.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the populations of the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no subsistence uses of marine mammals in the proposed project area; and, thus, no subsistence uses impacted by this action. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act

NMFS has determined that issuance of the IHA will have no effect on listed marine mammals, as none are known to occur in the action area.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to CALTRANS for conducting SFOBB activities involving demolition via controlled implosion of Piers E6 through E18, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: July 24, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-Foreign Overseas per Diem Rates

AGENCY: Defense Travel Management Office, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of revised non-foreign overseas per diem rates.

SUMMARY: The Defense Travel Management Office is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 306. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the

United States when applicable. Actual Expense Allowance changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 306 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

DATES: *The revised per diem rates go into effect August 1, 2017.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sonia Malik, 571-372-1276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Defense Travel Management Office for non-foreign areas outside the contiguous United States. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For

more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. Civilian Bulletin 306 includes updated rates for Hawaii, Midway Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated: July 26, 2017.

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Locality	Maximum lodging amount		Meals and incidentals rate		Maximum per diem rate (C)	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B)	=		
ALASKA:						
[OTHER]:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
ADAK:						
10/01-04/30	150		60		210	03/01/2017
05/01-09/30	192		60		252	03/01/2017
ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]:						
05/16-09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01-05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
BARROW:						
05/01-09/30	238		89		327	03/01/2017
10/01-04/30	205		89		294	03/01/2017
BARTER ISLAND LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
BETHEL:						
01/01-12/31	219		108		327	03/01/2017
BETTLES:						
01/01-12/31	175		70		245	03/01/2017
CAPE LISBURNE LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
CAPE NEWENHAM LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
CAPE ROMANZOF LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
CLEAR AB:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
COLD BAY LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
COLDFOOT:						
01/01-12/31	165		70		235	10/01/2006
COPPER CENTER:						
05/15-09/15	169		84		253	03/01/2017
09/16-05/14	97		84		181	03/01/2017
CORDOVA:						
01/01-12/31	140		111		251	03/01/2017
CRAIG:						
04/01-09/30	254		78		332	03/01/2017
10/01-03/31	90		78		168	03/01/2017
DEADHORSE:						
01/01-12/31	170		51		221	03/01/2016
DELTA JUNCTION:						
05/01-09/30	169		78		247	03/01/2017
10/01-04/30	139		78		217	03/01/2017
DENALI NATIONAL PARK:						
06/01-08/31	185		86		271	03/01/2017
09/01-05/31	139		86		225	03/01/2017
DILLINGHAM:						
10/02-05/14	220		85		305	03/01/2017
05/15-10/01	350		85		435	03/01/2017
DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA:						
01/01-12/31	142		101		243	03/01/2017
EARECKSON AIR STATION:						
01/01-12/31	146		74		220	07/01/2016

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Locality	Maximum lodging amount		Meals and incidentals rate		Maximum per diem rate	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B)	=	(C)	
EIELSON AFB:						
05/15–09/15	154		90		244	03/01/2017
09/16–05/14	75		90		165	03/01/2017
ELFIN COVE:						
01/01–12/31	275		86		361	03/01/2017
ELMENDORF AFB:						
05/16–09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01–05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
FAIRBANKS:						
05/15–09/15	154		90		244	03/01/2017
09/16–05/14	75		90		165	03/01/2017
FOOTLOOSE:						
01/01–12/31	175		18		193	10/01/2002
FORT YUKON LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
FT. GREELY:						
10/01–04/30	139		78		217	03/01/2017
05/01–09/30	169		78		247	03/01/2017
FT. RICHARDSON:						
05/16–09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01–05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
FT. WAINWRIGHT:						
05/15–09/15	154		90		244	03/01/2017
09/16–05/14	75		90		165	03/01/2017
GAMBELL:						
01/01–12/31	133		51		184	03/01/2016
GLENNALLEN:						
05/15–09/15	169		84		253	03/01/2017
09/16–05/14	97		84		181	03/01/2017
HAINES:						
01/01–12/31	107		101		208	01/01/2011
HEALY:						
09/01–05/31	139		86		225	03/01/2017
06/01–08/31	185		86		271	03/01/2017
HOMER:						
05/01–09/30	200		70		270	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	160		70		230	03/01/2017
JB ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON:						
05/16–09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01–05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
JUNEAU:						
05/01–09/15	189		106		295	03/01/2017
09/16–04/30	169		106		275	03/01/2017
KAKTOVIK:						
01/01–12/31	165		86		251	10/01/2002
KAVIK CAMP:						
01/01–12/31	250		51		301	03/01/2016
KENAI-SOLDOTNA:						
05/01–09/30	179		103		282	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	99		103		202	03/01/2017
KENNICOTT:						
01/01–12/31	295		89		384	03/01/2017
KETCHIKAN:						
05/01–09/01	243		96		339	03/01/2017
09/02–04/30	220		96		316	03/01/2017
KING SALMON:						
05/01–10/01	225		91		316	10/01/2002
10/02–04/30	125		81		206	10/01/2002
KING SALMON LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
KLAWOCK:						
04/01–09/30	254		78		332	03/01/2017
10/01–03/31	90		78		168	03/01/2017
KODIAK:						
05/01–09/30	180		90		270	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	152		90		242	03/01/2017

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Locality	Maximum lodging amount		Meals and incidentals rate		Maximum per diem rate	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B)	=	(C)	
KOTZEBUE:						
01/01–12/31	299		98		397	03/01/2017
KULIS AGS:						
05/16–09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01–05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
MCCARTHY:						
01/01–12/31	295		89		384	03/01/2017
MCGRATH:						
01/01–12/31	160		75		235	03/01/2017
MURPHY DOME:						
05/15–09/15	154		90		244	03/01/2017
09/16–05/14	75		90		165	03/01/2017
NOME:						
05/01–09/30	185		96		281	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	165		96		261	03/01/2017
NOSC ANCHORAGE:						
05/16–09/30	229		94		323	03/01/2017
10/01–05/15	199		94		293	03/01/2017
NUIQSUT:						
01/01–12/31	234		51		285	03/01/2016
OLIKTOK LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
PETERSBURG:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
POINT BARROW LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
POINT HOPE:						
01/01–12/31	175		81		256	03/01/2017
POINT LAY:						
01/01–12/31	295		51		346	03/01/2017
POINT LAY LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	295		51		346	03/01/2017
POINT LONELY LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
PORT ALEXANDER:						
01/01–09/30	165		51		206	03/01/2017
10/01–12/31	155		51		206	03/01/2017
PORT ALSWORTH:						
01/01–12/31	135		88		233	10/01/2002
PRUDHOE BAY:						
01/01–12/31	170		51		221	03/01/2016
SELDOVIA:						
05/01–09/30	200		70		270	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	160		70		230	03/01/2017
SEWARD:						
10/01–04/30	159		85		244	03/01/2017
05/01–09/30	279		85		364	03/01/2017
SITKA-MT. EDGE CUMBE:						
01/01–12/31	200		98		298	03/01/2016
SKAGWAY:						
05/01–09/01	243		96		339	03/01/2017
09/02–04/30	220		96		316	03/01/2017
SLANA:						
05/01–09/30	139		≤55		194	02/01/2005
10/01–04/30	99		55		154	02/01/2005
SPARREVOHN LRRS:						
01/01–12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
SPRUCE CAPE:						
05/01–09/30	180		90		270	03/01/2017
10/01–04/30	152		90		242	03/01/2017
ST. GEORGE:						
01/01–12/31	220		51		271	03/01/2016
TALKEETNA:						
01/01–12/31	100		89		189	10/01/2002
TANANA:						
05/01–09/30	185		96		281	03/01/2017

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Locality	Maximum lodging amount		Meals and incidentals rate		Maximum per diem rate	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B)	=	(C)	
10/01-04/30	165		96		261	03/01/2017
TATALINA LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
TIN CITY LRRS:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
TOK:						
01/01-12/31	99		97		196	03/01/2017
VALDEZ:						
05/01-09/09	185		110		295	03/01/2017
09/10-04/30	127		110		237	03/01/2017
WAINWRIGHT:						
01/01-12/31	175		83		258	01/01/2011
WAKE ISLAND DIVERT AIRFIELD:						
01/01-12/31	120		88		208	03/01/2017
WASILLA:						
05/01-09/30	170		89		259	03/01/2017
10/01-04/30	90		89		179	03/01/2017
WRANGELL:						
09/02-04/30	220		96		316	03/01/2017
05/01-09/01	243		96		339	03/01/2017
YAKUTAT:						
01/01-12/31	105		94		199	01/01/2011
AMERICAN SAMOA:						
AMERICAN SAMOA:						
01/01-12/31	139		69		208	06/01/2015
PAGO PAGO:						
01/01-12/31	139		69		208	12/01/2015
GUAM:						
GUAM (INCL ALL MIL INSTAL):						
01/01-12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
JOINT REGION MARIANAS (ANDERSEN):						
01/01-12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
JOINT REGION MARIANAS (NAVAL BASE):						
01/01-12/31	159		87		246	07/01/2015
TAMUNING:						
01/01-12/31	159		87		246	12/01/2015
HAWAII:						
[OTHER]:						
01/01-12/31	199		117		316	08/01/2017
CAMP H M SMITH:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
EASTPAC NAVAL COMP TELE AREA:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
FT. DERUSSEY:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
FT. SHAFTER:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
HICKAM AFB:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
HILO:						
01/01-12/31	199		177		316	08/01/2017
HONOLULU:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
ISLE OF HAWAII: HILO						
01/01-12/31	199		117		316	08/01/2017
ISLE OF HAWAII: OTHER:						
03/24-12/17	189		161		350	08/01/2017
12/18-03/25	239		161		400	08/01/2017
ISLE OF KAUAI:						
01/01-12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
ISLE OF MAUI:						
01/01-12/31	269		160		429	08/01/2017
ISLE OF OAHU:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
JB PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM:						
01/01-12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017

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	(A)	+	(B)	=	(C)	
KAPOLEI:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
KEKAHA PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE FAC:						
01/01–12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
KILAUEA MILITARY CAMP:						
01/01–12/31	199		117		316	08/01/2017
LANAI:						
01/01–12/31	254		111		365	08/01/2017
LIHUE:						
01/01–12/31	325		135		460	04/01/2016
LUALUALEI NAVAL MAGAZINE:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
MCB HAWAII:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
MOLOKAI:						
01/01–12/31	176		115		291	08/01/2017
NOSC PEARL HARBOR:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
PEARL HARBOR:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
PMRF BARKING SANDS:						
01/01–12/31	325		135		460	10/01/2016
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
WAHIAWA NCTAMS PAC:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD:						
01/01–12/31	177		138		315	08/01/2017
MIDWAY ISLANDS:						
MIDWAY ISLANDS:						
01/01–12/31	125		81		206	08/01/2017
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS:						
[OTHER]:						
01/01–12/31	69		84		153	08/01/2017
ROTA:						
01/01–12/31	130		107		237	07/01/2015
SAIPAN:						
01/01–12/31	161		101		262	08/01/2017
TINIAN:						
01/01– 12/31	69		84		153	08/01/2017
PUERTO RICO:						
[OTHER]:						
01/01–12/31	109		112		221	06/01/2012
AGUADILLA:						
01/01–12/31	171		84		255	11/01/2015
BAYAMON:						
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
CAROLINA:						
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
CEIBA:						
01/01–12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
CULEBRA:						
01/01–12/31	150		98		248	03/01/2012
FAJARDO [INCL ROOSEVELT RDS NAVSTAT]:						
01/01–12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
FT. BUCHANAN [INCL GSA SVC CTR, GUAYNABO]:						
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
HUMACAO:						
01/01–12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
LUIS MUNOZ MARIN IAP AGS:						
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015

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Locality	Maximum lodging amount		Meals and incidentals rate		Maximum per diem rate	Effective date
	(A)	+	(B)	=	(C)	
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
LUQUILLO:						
01/01–12/31	139		92		231	10/01/2012
MAYAGUEZ:						
01/01–12/31	109		112		221	09/01/2010
PONCE:						
01/01–12/31	149		89		238	09/01/2012
RIO GRANDE:						
01/01–12/31	169		123		292	06/01/2012
SABANA SECA [INCL ALL MILITARY]:						
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
SAN JUAN & NAV RES STA:						
12/01–05/31	195		88		283	12/01/2015
06/01–11/30	167		88		255	12/01/2015
VIEQUES:						
01/01–12/31	175		95		270	03/01/2012
VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.):						
ST. CROIX:						
04/15–12/14	247		110		357	06/01/2015
12/15–04/14	299		116		415	06/01/2015
ST. JOHN:						
05/01–12/03	170		107		277	08/01/2015
12/04–04/30	230		113		343	08/01/2015
ST. THOMAS:						
04/15–12/15	249		110		359	03/01/2017
12/16–04/14	339		110		449	03/01/2017
WAKE ISLAND:						
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01/01–12/31	129		70		199	07/01/2016

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing and Business Meeting August 16 and September 14, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at the Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitor Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania. A business meeting will be held the following month on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the Links Pavilion, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, Pennsylvania. The hearing and meeting are open to the public.

Public Hearing. The public hearing on August 16, 2017 will begin at 1:30 p.m. Hearing items will include draft dockets for withdrawals, discharges, and other water-related projects subject to the Commission’s review.

The list of projects scheduled for hearing, including project descriptions, will be posted on the Commission’s Web site, www.drbc.net, in a long form of this notice at least ten days before the hearing date. Any draft resolutions scheduled for hearing also will be posted at www.drbc.net ten or more days prior to the hearing.

Written comments on matters scheduled for hearing on August 16 will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on August 21. Time permitting, an opportunity for Open Public Comment will be provided upon the conclusion of Commission business at the September 13 Business Meeting; in accordance with recent format changes, this opportunity will not be offered upon completion of the Public Hearing.

The public is advised to check the Commission’s Web site periodically prior to the hearing date, as items scheduled for hearing may be postponed if additional time is deemed necessary 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 project details commonly change in the course of the Commission’s review, which is ongoing.

Public Meeting. The public business meeting on September 13, 2017 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include: Adoption of the Minutes of the Commission’s June 14, 2017 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 are expected to include resolutions: (1) Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the Wildlands Conservancy for project services associated with dam removals to be performed as mitigation for natural resource damages associated with the 2005 ash slurry spill from the PPL Martins Creek Steam Electric Station in Lower Mount Bethel Township, Pa.; (2) authorizing the Executive Director to establish a purchasing card (“P-Card”) system for making electronic payments