

The humpback whale and the killer whale (southern resident distinct population segment (DPS)) are the only marine mammal species listed under the ESA that could occur in the vicinity of WSDOT's proposed construction project. Two DPSs of the humpback whale stock, the Mexico DPS and the Central America DPS, are listed as threatened and endangered under the ESA, respectively. NMFS' Office of Protected Resources has initiated consultation with NMFS' West Coast Regional Office under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to WSDOT under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity.

In July 2017, NMFS finished conducting its section 7 consultation and issued a Biological Opinion concluding that the issuance of the IHA associated with WSDOT's Mukilteo Multimodal Project is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the endangered humpback and the Southern Resident killer whales.

#### Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Mukilteo Multimodal Construction Project in Washington State, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 18, 2017.

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*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369; FRL9968-06-Region 10]

### Public Hearings: Proposal To Withdraw Proposed Determination To Restrict the Use of an Area as a Disposal Site; Pebble Deposit Area, Southwest Alaska

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Announcement of public hearing dates.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold two public hearings to obtain public testimony and comment on its proposal to withdraw the EPA Region 10 July 2014 Proposed Determination that was issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act. The public

hearings will be held on October 11, 2017, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT) in Dillingham, Alaska, and October 12, 2017, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. AKDT in Iliamna, Alaska. The EPA will continue to accept written public comments through the close of the public comment period on October 17, 2017.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 17, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Visit [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay) or contact a Bristol Bay-specific phone line, (206) 553-0040, or email address, [r10bristolbay@epa.gov](mailto:r10bristolbay@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Public Hearings

The EPA will hold two public hearings on its proposal to withdraw the EPA Region 10 July 2014 Proposed Determination. The hearing dates and locations are as follows:

October 11, 2017—6:00–9:00 p.m.

AKDT, Dillingham Middle School Gym, Dillingham, Alaska

October 12, 2017—1:00–4:00 p.m.

AKDT, Iliamna Community Center, Iliamna, Alaska

Additional hearing details and any changes to the schedule are available at [www.epa.gov/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/bristolbay). The purpose of the public hearings is to obtain public testimony and comment on the proposal

to withdraw the EPA Region 10 July 2014 Proposed Determination that was issued pursuant to Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act. Senior leadership from EPA Headquarters and Region 10 will be in attendance, along with staff from both EPA Headquarters and Region 10. Any person may attend the hearings and submit oral and/or written statements or data and may be represented by counsel or other authorized representatives. If you would like to submit written comments, you may do so at the public hearings or by one of the methods described in the section of this public notice entitled: How to Submit Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

The EPA will not respond to questions/comments during the hearing. The EPA will consider the oral and written statements received at the public hearings and other written comments submitted pursuant to the instructions set forth in the section of this public notice entitled: How to Submit Comments to the Docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

##### B. Background

On July 19, 2017, EPA published a public notice and request for comment in the **Federal Register**, entitled "Proposal to Withdraw Proposed Determination to Restrict the Use of an Area as a Disposal Site; Pebble Deposit Area, Southwest Alaska" (82 FR 33123). The EPA Administrator and Region 10 Acting Regional Administrator are requesting public comment on this proposal to withdraw the EPA Region 10 July 2014 Proposed Determination that was issued pursuant to Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act, to restrict the use of certain waters in the South Fork Koktuli River, North Fork Koktuli River, and Upper Talarik Creek watersheds in southwest Alaska as disposal sites for dredged or fill material associated with mining the Pebble deposit, a copper-, gold-, and molybdenum-bearing ore body. The EPA agreed to initiate this proposed withdrawal process pursuant to policy direction from EPA's Administrator and as part of a May 11, 2017 settlement agreement with the Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP), whose subsidiaries own the mineral claims to the Pebble deposit. The Agency is accepting public comment through the aforementioned notice to afford the public an opportunity to comment on:

- Whether to withdraw the July 2014 Proposed Determination at this time for the reasons stated in the aforementioned notice; and
- if a final withdrawal decision is made following this comment period,

whether the Administrator should review and reconsider the withdrawal decision.

*C. How To Submit Comments to the Docket*

In addition to submitting your comments during the hearing, you may also submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369, by one of the following methods:

a. *Federal eRulemaking Portal (recommended method of comment submission):* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>

and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

b. *Email:* Send email to [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov). Include the docket number EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369 in the subject line of the message.

c. *Mail:* Send your comments to: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369.

d. *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Deliver your comments to EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OW-2017-0369. Such deliveries are accepted only during the Docket's normal hours of operation, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays). Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information. The telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

Dated: September 13, 2017.

**Michelle Pirzadeh**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 10.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-R10-OAR-2017-0516; FRL-9967-44-Region 10]

**Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Federal Implementation Plans Under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington; EPA ICR No. 2020.06, OMB Control No. 2060-0558**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR),

“Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Federal Implementation Plans under the Clean Air Act for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington” (EPA ICR No. 2020.06, OMB Control No. 2060-0558) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through March 31, 2018. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-R10-OAR-2017-0516, online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [R10-Public\\_Comments@epa.gov](mailto:R10-Public_Comments@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andra Bosneag, Office of Air and Waste, Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave, Seattle, WA 98101; telephone number: (206) 553-1226; fax number: (206) 553-0110; email address: [bosneag.andra@epa.gov](mailto:bosneag.andra@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

*Abstract:* EPA promulgated Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) under the Clean Air Act for Indian reservations located in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington in 40 CFR part 49 (70 FR 18074, April 8, 2005). The FIPs in the final rule, also referred to as the Federal Air Rules for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington (FARR), include information collection requirements associated with the partial delegation of administrative authority to a Tribe in § 49.122; the rule for limiting visible emissions at § 49.124; fugitive particulate matter rule in § 49.126, the wood waste burner rule in § 49.127; the rule for limiting sulfur in fuels in § 49.130; the rule for open burning in § 49.131; the rules for general open burning permits, agricultural burning permits, and forestry and silvicultural burning permits in §§ 49.132, 49.133, and 49.134; the rule for emissions detrimental to human health and welfare in § 49.135; the registration rule in § 49.138; and the rule for non-Title V operating permits in § 49.139. EPA uses this information to manage the activities and sources of air pollution on the Indian reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. EPA believes these information collection requirements are appropriate because they will enable EPA to develop and maintain accurate records of air pollution sources and their emissions, track emissions trends and changes, identify potential air quality problems, allow EPA to issue permits or approvals, and ensure appropriate records are available to verify compliance with these FIPs. The