

prepared an EA and analyzed the potential impacts to marine mammals that would result from the project. A FONSI was signed in May 2019. A copy of the EA and FONSI is available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable>.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally, in this case with the Greater Atlantic Regional Field Office (GARFO), whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

The NMFS Office of Protected Resources is authorizing the incidental take fin, sei, sperm, and North Atlantic right whales which are listed under the ESA. Under section 7 of the ESA, BOEM consulted with NMFS GARFO on commercial wind lease issuance and site assessment activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey Wind Energy Areas. NMFS GARFO issued a Biological Opinion concluding that these activities may adversely affect but are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of fin, sei, sperm, and North Atlantic right whales. Upon request from the NMFS Office of Protected Resources, the NMFS GARFO will issue an amended incidental take statement associated with this Biological Opinion to include the takes of the ESA-listed whale species authorized through this IHA.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Ørsted for HRG survey activities effective one year from the date of issuance, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: September 26, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for Department of the Navy Real Estate Actions in Support of the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project, at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman, OR

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States (U.S.) Department of the Navy (DoN), after participating as a cooperating agency in the development and evaluation of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project (B2H Project), and carefully weighing the strategic, operational, and environmental consequences of the proposed action, announces its decision to adopt the Final EIS and implement real estate actions as set out in the selected alternative, identified as the Agency Preferred Alternative in the Final EIS dated November 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DoN real estate actions would grant a 7.1 mile by 90-foot right of way easement to the Idaho Power Company to allow for construction and operation of a portion of the B2H project on Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility (NWSTF) Boardman, Oregon in exchange for the termination of an existing land use agreement and removal of transmission infrastructure held by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) that occupies the same right-of-way.

The Agency Preferred Alternative route exits the proposed Longhorn Substation to the south, crossing the boundary of NWSTF Boardman at the northeastern corner and parallels the eastern boundary of NWSTF Boardman along the west side of Bombing Range Road for approximately 7.1 miles. At that point, the route crosses over Bombing Range Road to the east and exits Federal property. The route will avoid the Resource Natural Area B, a Washington ground squirrel Resource Management Area, and traditional cultural properties on NWSTF Boardman.

The complete text of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the DoN's real estate action is available at: <https://navfac.navy.mil/NWNEPA>, along with the November 2016 Final EIS for the Boardman to Hemmingway Transmission Line Project. Single copies of the ROD are available upon request by

contacting: Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest, Attn: Jackie Queen (Environmental Planner), 3730 Charles Porter Avenue, Oak Harbor, WA 98278-5000.

Approved: September 26, 2019.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI)

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for student nominees for appointment to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI).

SUMMARY: Per the United States Code at least one member of the NACIQI must be a student who, at the time of the appointment by the Secretary of Education, is attending an institution of higher education.

DATES: Nominations must be received no later than Friday, October 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nomination(s), including attachments via email to: cmtmgntoffice@ed.gov (specify in the email subject line "NACIQI Student Nomination"). For questions, please contact the U. S. Department of Education, Committee Management Office at (202) 401-3677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NACIQI's Statutory Authority and Function: The NACIQI is established under Section 114 of the HEA, and is composed of 18 members appointed—

(A) On the basis of the individuals' experience, integrity, impartiality, and good judgment;

(B) From among individuals who are representatives of, or knowledgeable concerning, education and training beyond secondary education, representing all sectors and types of institutions of higher education; and

(C) On the basis of the individuals' technical qualifications, professional standing, and demonstrated knowledge in the fields of accreditation and administration of higher education. Per 20 U.S.C. 1011d at least one member of the NACIQI must be a student who, at the time of the appointment by the Secretary of Education, is attending an institution of higher education. The