

initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 16, 2019.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

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

ACTION: Notice of membership of the NOAA Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: NOAA announces the appointment of members who will serve on the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Level (SL), and Scientific and Professional (ST) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses, and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of two (2) years.

DATES: The ten appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board were applicable October 15, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Triem, Director, Executive Resources Division, Office of Human Capital Services, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 628-1882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and positions of the members for the 2019 NOAA PRB are set forth below:

- *Irene Parker, Chair:* Assistant Chief Information Officer, National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, NOAA
- *Deborah H. Lee, Vice-Chair:* Director, Office of Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA

- *Kevin Kimball:* Chief of Staff, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- *Kevin Wheeler:* Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- *James A. St. Pierre:* Deputy Director, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology
- *Albert B. Spencer:* Chief Engineer, National Weather Service, NOAA
- *Mary S. Wohlgenuth:* Director, National Centers for Environmental Information, National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service, NOAA
- *David Holst:* Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA
- *John S. Luce, Jr.:* General Counsel, NOAA
- *Steve Thur:* Director, National Center for Coastal Ocean Services, National Ocean Service, NOAA
- *David Michaud:* Director, Office of Central Processing, National Weather Service, NOAA
- *Deidre Jones:* Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA

Dated: October 10, 2019.

Neil A. Jacobs,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by WesternGeco

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

ACTION: Notice of appeal.

SUMMARY: This announcement provides notice that the Department of Commerce (Department) has received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by WesternGeco (Appellant) requesting that the Secretary override an objection by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to a consistency certification for a proposed project to conduct a marine Geological and Geophysical seismic survey in the Atlantic Ocean.

ADDRESSES: NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related documents comprising the appeal record on the following website:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-HQ-2019-0118>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this Notice, contact Jonelle Dilley, NOAA Office of General Counsel, Oceans and Coasts Section, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-7383, jonelle.dilley@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Appeal

On September 20, 2019, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) received a “Notice of Appeal” filed by WesternGeco pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. The “Notice of Appeal” is taken from an objection by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to a consistency certification for a proposed project to conduct a marine Geological and Geophysical seismic survey in the Atlantic Ocean. This matter constitutes an appeal of an “energy project” within the meaning of the CZMA regulations, *see* 15 CFR 930.123(c).

Under the CZMA, the Secretary may override South Carolina’s objection on grounds that the project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA, or is necessary in the interest of national security. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA,” the Department must find that: (1) The proposed activity furthers the national interest as articulated in sections 302 or 303 of the CZMA, in a significant or substantial manner; (2) the national interest furthered by the proposed activity outweighs the activity’s adverse coastal effects, when those effects are considered separately or cumulatively; and (3) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the proposed activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the enforceable policies of the applicable coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121. To make the determination that the proposed activity is “necessary in the interest of national security,” the Secretary must find that a national defense or other national security interest would be significantly impaired if the proposed activity is not permitted to go forward as proposed. 15 CFR 930.122.

II. Public Availability of Appeal Documents

NOAA intends to provide access to publicly available materials and related