

Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 23273 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests a permit to take Weddell seals to assess the nature and underlying mechanisms that contribute to the significant heterogeneity observed in reproductive rates and animal fitness that exist within wild animal populations. This project will take a two-stage approach to understanding the causes of observed differences in reproductive output by comparing high- and low-quality females' energy dynamics, aerobic capacity and dive behavior, and fertility (genetics). To achieve project goals, a cohort of 26 female-pup pairs (13 high-quality, 13 low-quality) in Erebus Bay, Antarctica will undergo health assessments across the austral summer.

Dive recorders will also be deployed during this time, and instruments will be recovered after the winter (gestational) foraging period. An estimated 52 animals may be taken (although additional animals may be sampled if animals do not return to the expected location for recapture) by capture and restraint for drug administration, biological sampling, blood sampling, instrumentation, marking, measuring, ultrasound, and weighing. Up to 36,100 Weddell seals may also be taken by harassment through counting surveys, collection of molt, scat, spew, urine, and unmanned aircraft systems for photogrammetry. Samples collected during research and salvaged from carcasses may be imported or exported. Up to five mortalities of Weddell seal females and five Weddell seal pups are requested annually, not to exceed 15 mortalities across the duration of the permit. Up to 20 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*) may also be incidentally harassed during research activities.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 21, 2020.

Julia Marie Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA054]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Tilefish Monitoring Committee will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 1 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for the Tilefish Monitoring Committee to recommend annual catch limits, trip limits, discards and other management measures for the blue-line and golden tilefish fisheries to the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: February 21, 2020.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2020-0010; OMB Control Number 0704-0477]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Contractor Qualifications

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed revision of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed revision and extension of

a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through May 31, 2020. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by April 27, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0477, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0477 in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 571-372-6094.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Kimberley Bass,

OUSD(A&S)DPAP(DARS), 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 3B941, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberley Bass, at 571-372-6174.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 209, Contractor Qualifications, and related provision at 252.209; OMB Control Number 0704-0477.

Needs and Uses: The information collection under OMB Control Number 0704-0477 pertains to the requirement for offerors to submit a mitigation plan when there is an organizational conflict of interest that can be resolved through mitigation in order to address organizational conflicts of interest in major defense acquisition programs. DFARS 252.209-7008, Notice of Prohibition Relating to Organizational Conflict of Interest—Major Defense

Acquisition Program requires an offeror to submit a mitigation plan if requesting an exemption from the statutory limitation on future contracting.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Number of Respondents: 20.

Responses per Respondent: Approximately 3.

Annual Responses: 60.

Average Burden per Response: 40 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,400.

Frequency: On occasion.

Summary of Information Collection

This information collection includes requirements relating to DFARS subpart 209.5, Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest, and the related provision at DFARS 252.209-7008, Notice of Prohibition Relating to Organizational Conflict of Interest—Major Defense Acquisition Program. DFARS subpart 209.5 implements section 207 of the Weapons system Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111-23). The provision at DFARS 252.209-7008, paragraph (d), requires an offeror to submit a mitigation plan if requesting an exemption from the statutory limitation on future contracting.

Jennifer Lee Hawes,

Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel (UFBAP) will take place.

DATES: Open to the public Wednesday, April 1, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address of the open meeting is the Naval Heritage Center Theater, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Paul J. Hoerner, U.S. Air Force, 703-681-2890 (Voice), None (Facsimile), dha.ncr.j-6.mbx.baprequests@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, VA 22042-5101. Website: <https://health.mil/bap>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

The UFBAP will review and comment on recommendations made to the Director of the Defense Health Agency, by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, regarding the Uniform Formulary.

Purpose of the Meeting: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the UFBAP will take place.

Agenda: Wednesday, April 1, 2020, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

1. Sign-In
2. Welcome and Opening Remarks
3. Scheduled Therapeutic Class Reviews (Comments will follow each agenda item)
 - a. Pain Agents—Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID)
 - b. Pain Agents—Topical Pain
4. Newly Approved Drugs Review
5. Pertinent Utilization Management Issues
6. UFBAP Discussions and Vote

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, this meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space. Seating is limited and will be provided to the first 220 people. All persons must sign in legibly.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of FACA, interested persons or organizations may submit written statements to the UFBAP about its mission and/or the agenda to be addressed in this public meeting. Written statements should be submitted to the UFBAP's Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO's contact information can be found in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Written comments or statements must be received by the UFBAP's DFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so they may