

to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

The only species listed under the ESA with the potential to be present in the action area is the Mexico DPS of humpback whales. The effects of this Federal action were adequately analyzed in NMFS' Biological Opinion for the Mukilteo Multimodal Project, Snohomish, Washington, dated August 1, 2017, which concluded that issuance of an IHA would not jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or destroy or adversely modify any designated critical habitat. NMFS WCR has confirmed the Incidental Take Statement (ITS) issued in 2017 is applicable for this IHA. That ITS authorizes the take of seven humpback whales from the Mexico DPS.

### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

### Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to the WSDOT to conduct Mukilteo Multimodal Project Year 4 in Washington State, between August 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021, provided the previously prescribed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Public Comment for a Draft NOAA Science and Technology Strategy: Citizen Science

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability for public comment of the NOAA *Citizen Science draft strategy*. This strategy is intended to dramatically expand our application of this emerging science and technology focus area by improving the efficiency, effectiveness and coordination of its development and usage across the agency.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by September 8, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the draft strategy may be downloaded or viewed on the internet at: <https://nrc.noaa.gov/NOAA-Science-Technology-Focus-Areas>. You may submit public comments via email to [oar.rc.execsec@noaa.gov](mailto:oar.rc.execsec@noaa.gov). Please include "Public Comment on Draft NOAA Citizen Science Strategy" in the subject line of the message. All personal identifying information (*e.g.*, name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NOAA will accept anonymous comments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Volunteer observations have played a role in informing our Nation's prediction and management of weather, oceans and coasts for over a century. New and emerging technologies are expanding ways that these volunteers can participate. NOAA is well positioned to leverage and contribute to this growth. Citizen science was recently named a Science and Technology Focus Area for the agency to ensure robust agency-wide coordination and strong institutional support from NOAA senior leadership to guide efforts in this area.

This draft strategy is designed to provide a path for NOAA to fully leverage the power of public participation in support of agency mission areas. It was created to

complement NOAA's other *Science and Technology Focus Areas* (also available at: <https://nrc.noaa.gov/NOAA-Science-Technology-Focus-Areas>)—Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Data, 'Omics, and Unmanned Systems—and help the U.S. continue to lead in developing innovative, cost-effective and collaborative solutions to global environmental and technology issues.

After completion of this strategy, NOAA will develop a corresponding Strategic Implementation Plan (or "Roadmap") that defines detailed action items, deadlines, and responsibilities. In the meantime, citizen science is already working with the other NOAA Science and Technology focus areas to help improve performance in our economically impactful missions and setting the course to strengthen our renowned environmental science and technology leadership for the coming decades.

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Contests, Challenges, and Awards

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval of a generic collection of information for CPSC-sponsored contests, challenges, and awards. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved the collection of information under control number 3041-0151. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on November 30, 2020. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by October 5, 2020.