

whether modifications in the activities are appropriate.

In the event that the Navy discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the marine mammal observer determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the activities authorized in the IHA (previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), the Navy shall report the incident to the NMFS Office of Protected Resources, and the NMFS Greater Atlantic Coast Region Stranding Coordinator within 24 hours of the discovery. The Navy shall provide photographs or video footage (if available) or other documentation of the stranded animal(s) to NMFS Office of Protected Resources, and the NMFS Greater Atlantic Coast Region Stranding Coordinator. The Navy may continue its operations under such a case.

#### Public Comments

As noted previously, NMFS published a notice of a proposed 2019 IHA (84 FR 13252; April 4, 2019) and solicited public comments on both our proposal to issue the 2019 IHA for the Navy's construction activities and on the potential for an IHA renewal, should certain requirements be met.

All public comments were addressed in the notice announcing the issuance of the initial IHA (84 FR 24476; May 28, 2019). Below, we describe how we have addressed, with updated information where appropriate, any comments received that specifically pertain to the renewal of the initial IHA.

*Comment:* The Commission recommends that NMFS refrain from implementing its proposed renewal process and instead use abbreviated **Federal Register** notices and reference existing documents to streamline the IHA process. If NMFS adopts the proposed renewal process, the Commission recommends that NMFS provide the Commission and the public a legal analysis supporting its conclusion that the process is consistent with section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA.

*Response:* In prior responses to comments about IHA renewals (e.g., 84 FR 52464; October 02, 2019 and 85 FR 53342; August 28, 2020), NMFS has explained how the renewal process, as implemented, is consistent with the statutory requirements contained in section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, provides additional efficiencies beyond the use of abbreviated notices, and, further, promotes NMFS' goals of improving conservation of marine mammals and increasing efficiency in the MMPA compliance process.

Therefore, we intend to continue implementing the renewal process.

#### Preliminary Determinations

The construction activities proposed by the Navy are identical or nearly identical to those analyzed in the initial IHA, as are the method of taking and the effects of the action (though the amount of proposed authorized take is notably lower). The potential effects of the Navy's activities are limited to Level A harassment and Level B harassment in the form of auditory injury and behavioral disturbance. In analyzing the effects of the activities in the 2019 IHA, NMSF determined that the Navy's activities would have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks and that the authorized take numbers of each species or stock were small relative to the relevant stocks (e.g., less than one percent of all stocks). The mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements as described above are identical to the initial IHA.

NMFS has preliminarily concluded that there is no new information suggesting that our analysis or findings should change from those reached for the initial IHA. Based on the information and analysis contained here and in the referenced documents, NMFS has determined the following: (1) The required mitigation measures will affect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; (4) the Navy's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and; (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

#### 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 whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species. No incidental take of ESA-listed marine mammal species is expected to result from this activity, and none would be

authorized. Therefore, NMFS has determined that consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

#### Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a IHA renewal to the Navy for conducting in-water construction activities associated with the modification and expansion of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Dry Dock 1 from the date of issuance through February 27, 2022, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed and final 2019 IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. We request comment on our analyses, the proposed Renewal IHA, and any other aspect of this notice. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

Dated: February 17, 2021.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA877]

#### Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Alaska Groundfish and Halibut Seabird Working Group; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS Alaska Groundfish and Halibut Seabird Working Group will meet to discuss seabird/fisheries interactions (vessel collisions), development of an Alaska coordinated strategic plan for reporting and monitoring fisheries interactions with birds listed under the Endangered Species Act, and an update on whether or not the short-tailed albatross is actually two distinct species.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 10, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 4:30

p.m., and on March 11, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Alaska Daylight Time.  
**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Krieger, 907-586-7650.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Alaska Groundfish and Halibut Seabird Working Group formed as a result of the 2015 biological opinion on effects of the Fishery Management Plans for the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries on short-tailed albatross.<sup>1</sup> The working group is tasked with reviewing information for mitigating effects of the groundfish and halibut fisheries on short-tailed albatross and other seabirds. The workgroup will hold a virtual meeting March 10 and 11, 2021. Meeting topics include seabird/fisheries interactions (vessel collisions), development of an Alaska coordinated strategic plan for reporting and monitoring fisheries interactions with birds listed under the Endangered Species Act, and update on whether or not the short-tailed albatross is actually two distinct species. For participation information and meeting agenda, please contact Joseph Krieger ([joseph.krieger@noaa.gov](mailto:joseph.krieger@noaa.gov)).

NMFS will keep the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (Council) apprised of the working group's activities and any resulting recommendations for methods to reduce seabird bycatch. Any changes to seabird avoidance regulations are expected to follow the standard Council process.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joseph Krieger, 907-586-7650, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 17, 2021.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0005]

#### Manual for Courts-Martial; Proposed Amendments

**AGENCY:** Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC), DoD.

**ACTION:** Annual review of the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice, the JSC is conducting its annual review of the Manual for Courts-Martial (MCM), United States. The JSC invites members of the public to suggest changes to the MCM. Please provide supporting rationale for any proposed changes.

**DATES:** Proposed changes must be received no later than April 23, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

*Instructions:* Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure they are received, documented, and considered by the JSC. All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Major Joy E. Hewitt, USAF, Executive Secretary, JSC, via phone at 240-612-4820 or email at [joy.hewitt.1@us.af.mil](mailto:joy.hewitt.1@us.af.mil). The JSC public website is located at <http://jsc.defense.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Executive Order 12473, "Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 1984," and Department of Defense Instruction 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC) (available at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodi/550017-5C.PDF?ver=2018-02-21-074422-370>)," the JSC is conducting its annual review of the MCM, United States.

The committee invites members of the public to suggest changes to the MCM. Please provide supporting rationale for any proposed changes.

Dated: February 16, 2021.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

[Docket ID: USN-2021-HQ-0002]

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** United States Marine Corps (USMC), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is establishing a new System of Records entitled the Command Individual Risk and Resiliency System (CIRRAS) application. The CIRRAS application will be used by the USMC to enable Commanding Officers and Senior Enlisted Advisors to make informed and timely decisions on Force Preservation Risk Assessments, to optimize individual/unit readiness, and to facilitate enterprise-wide risk management. Individual data will assist commanders by quickly identifying those Marines or Service Members requiring immediate command attention. Trend analysis will assist USMC commanders to implement mitigation strategies to improve overall individual/unit readiness. These records will also be used as a management tool for statistical analysis, tracking, reporting, evaluating program effectiveness, and conducting research.

**DATES:** This new system of records is effective upon publication; however, comments on the Routine Uses will be accepted on or before March 24, 2021. The Routine Uses are effective at the close of the comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these

<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://www.fws.gov/alaska/pages/endangered-species-program/consultation-endangered-species>.