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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Discontinuation; NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Progress Reports

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, discontinuation of OMB Control Number.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that NOAA intends to request discontinuation of OMB Control Number 0648-0472. The information collections under this control number are being merged into NOAA information collection 0648-0718 to improve efficiency and consolidate like collections.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to this discontinuation should be directed to Adrienne Thomas, *Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov*, 240-477-2372.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 8, 2021, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (86 FR 30444) seeking public comments on NOAA's request to extend information collection 0648-0472, NOAA Community-based Restoration Program Progress Reports, which currently expires December 31, 2021.

In the interest of efficiency and consolidating similar collections, NOAA determined it was appropriate to merge the reporting requirements of 0648-0472 to OMB Control Number 0648-0718, NOAA Financial Assistance Performance Progress Reports. NOAA will publish a 30-day notice of submission for information collection 0648-0718 that identifies this merge

request. Once approved by OMB, control number 0648-0472 will be discontinued.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Transit Protection Program Pier and Support Facilities Project at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice; proposed modification of two incidental harassment authorizations; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is proposing to modify the incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) that were issued to the United States Navy (Navy) on September 25, 2020 for the Transit Protection Program (TPP) construction, due to an elevated harbor seal take rate at the nearby Naval Base Kitsap Bangor Service Pier Project that was unanticipated during the initial analysis for these TPP IHAs. NMFS is proposing to modify the TPP project IHAs to increase authorized take by Level A harassment of harbor seal in the Year 1 IHA, and add Level A harassment take of harbor seal to the Year 2 IHA. NMFS is also proposing to revise the shutdown mitigation provisions for harbor seals in the modified IHAs, and adjust the effective dates of both IHAs to accommodate the Navy's plans to delay the project. The monitoring and reporting measures remain the same as prescribed in the initial IHAs, and no additional take was requested for other species. NMFS will consider public comments on the requested modifications prior to making any final decision and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than October 7, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief,

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Written comments should be submitted via email to *ITP.Davis@noaa.gov*.

**Instructions:** NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leah Davis, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. Electronic copies of the original application and supporting documents (including NMFS **Federal Register** notices of the original proposed and final authorizations, and the previous IHAs), as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The MMPA prohibits the "take" of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have