

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

Citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 697.21(c) and § 697.21(d).	Gear specification requirements	To allow for the use a modified trap with no escape vents or ghost panels.
§ 697.19	Trap limit requirements	To allow for one additional trap.
§ 697.19(j)	Trap tag requirements	To allow for the use of an untagged trap.
§§ 697.20(a)(7), 697.20(a)(8), 697.20(b)(5), 697.20(b)(6), 697.20(d), and 697.20(g).	Possession restrictions	To allow for onboard biological sampling of undersized, oversized, v-notched, and egg-bearing lobsters.
§ 697.21(a)	Gear identification and marking requirements.	To allow for the use of an unmarked trap.

This project would use one federally permitted lobster vessel to pilot test the use of an EBP lobster trap in Lobster Management Area 3 (Statistical Areas 561, 562, and 522) between May 1, 2022, and November 1, 2022. The EBP trap is an 80-centimeter square trap based on a modified crawfish trap. It has four square openings, measuring less than two inches, which lead to ramps that drop the lobsters into a baited kitchen. Inside the trap, there are additional ramps that lead the lobsters to four cylindrical parlors with vertical openings. The trap is attached to cement runners that provide weight and maintain proper orientation.

The participants would place the EBP trap on one of their existing trawls and haul it every 7–14 days during the course of the vessel’s normal fishing activity. At each haul, the participants would record and immediately release all bycatch and measure, sex, and release all lobsters from the EBP trap. The project would include no more than 26 experimental hauls. In addition to the EBP trap, the vessel would fish with its full allotted number of standard traps, but the total number of traps would remain less than the Area 3 trap cap. Participants would land and sell the legal catch from the standard traps.

The goal of this project is to test the selectivity of the EBP trap (versus ventless traps that often catch eel and crab) and the scalability of its use. If

successful, EBP traps could be used in lobster surveys to provide information about larval settlement patterns and juvenile nursery grounds.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the 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: March 7, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XB874]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin (Permit No. 25870) and Amy Hapeman (Permit No. 26024); at (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
25870	0648–XB500	Harold Brundage, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., 325 Market Street, Lewes, DE 19958.	86 FR 56692; October 12, 2021.	2/8/2022
26024	0648–XB623	Ocean Futures Society, 513 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (Responsible Party: Jean-Michel Cousteau).	86 FR 69632; December 8, 2021.	2/28/2022

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically

excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on

a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and

policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: March 7, 2022.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes product(s) from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: *Date added to and deleted from the Procurement List:* April 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202–4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785–6404, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On 7/9/2021 and 12/17/2021, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the product(s) and service(s) and impact of the additions on the current or most

recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the product(s) and service(s) listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501–8506 and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in connection with the product(s) and service(s) proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service(s) are added to the Procurement List:

Service(s)

Service Type: Logistics Support Service
Mandatory for: U.S. Coast Guard, Surface Forces Logistics Center, Baltimore, MD
Designated Source of Supply: Chimes District of Columbia, Baltimore, MD
Contracting Activity: U.S. COAST GUARD, SFLC PROCUREMENT BRANCH 3(00040)

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. 553(d). This addition to the Committee's Procurement List is effectuated because of the expiration of the U.S. Coast Guard Surface Forces Logistics Center Integrated Logistics Support Services contract. The Federal customer contacted and has worked diligently with the AbilityOne Program to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid performance disruption, and the possibility that the U.S. Coast Guard Surface Forces Logistics Center will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on March 27, 2022, ensuring timely execution for a March 28, 2022, start date while still allowing 16 days for comment. Pursuant to its own regulation 41 CFR 51–2.4, the Committee has been in contact with one of the affected parties, the incumbent of

the expiring contract, since June 2021 and determined that no severe adverse impact exists. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2021 and did not receive any comments from any interested persons, including from the incumbent contractor. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but, rather, will create new jobs for other affected parties—people with significant disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges locating employment. Moreover, this addition will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

Service Type: Storage, Management and Fulfillment of PPE
Mandatory for: Department of Homeland Security, Departmental Operations Acquisitions Division, Washington, DC
Designated Source of Supply: LC Industries, Inc., Durham, NC
Contracting Activity: OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT OPERATIONS, DEPT OPS ACQ DIV

The Committee finds good cause to dispense with the 30-day delay in the effective date normally required by the Administrative Procedure Act. See 5 U.S.C. 553(d). This addition to the Committee's Procurement List is effectuated because of the need for the Department of Homeland Security to award a contract. The Federal customer contacted and has worked diligently with the AbilityOne Program to fulfill this service need under the AbilityOne Program. To avoid performance disruption, and the possibility that the Department of Homeland Security will refer its business elsewhere, this addition must be effective on March 27, 2022, ensuring timely execution for a March 31, start date while still allowing 16 days for comment. The Committee also published a notice of proposed Procurement List addition in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2021 and did not receive any comments from any interested persons, including from the incumbent contractor. This addition will not create a public hardship and has limited effect on the public at large, but, rather, will create new jobs for other affected parties—people with significant disabilities in the AbilityOne program who otherwise face challenges locating employment. Moreover, this addition will enable Federal customer operations to continue without interruption.

Deletions

On 9/17/2021, 10/1/2021, and 10/8/2021 (83 FR), the Committee for