

adulthood longitudinally to study the association between maternal alcohol exposure induced fetal hemodynamic changes and the outcome of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) after birth. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 31, 2022.

*Docket Number:* 23–002. Applicant: University of South Florida, Department of Medical Engineering, 4202 E Fowler Avenue, ENG 030, Tampa, FL 33620. Instrument: Annular ring 256 ultrasound transducer array. Manufacturer: Hebei ULSO Tech Company, Ltd., China. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to build up a real-time two-dimensional (2D) Photoacoustic Tomography (PAT) imaging system and a Thermoacoustic Tomography (TAT) imaging system, in which a high-quality transducer probe is the key part. The ultrasound signal generated from the tissue by absorption of pulsed laser in PAT or of microwave source in TAT will be collected by transducer elements from different angles. Using specific imaging reconstruction algorithm, the 2D images of the tissue could be reconstructed. The new PAT and TAT imaging system based on this new transducer probe will be used to study the neural activity and hemodynamic response in the brain of patients with epilepsy. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 31, 2022.

*Docket Number:* 23–003. Applicant: University of South Florida, Department of Medical Engineering, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, ENG 030, Tampa, FL 33620.

*Instrument:* L-band Microwave source. Manufacturer: Hebei ULSO Tech Co., Ltd., China. Intended Use: This instrument will be used to build up a real-time two-dimensional (2D) thermoacoustic tomography imaging (TAT) system. It will work with the annular ring-shaped transducer probe (another order). This novel TAT imaging system will be applied in the research of gene therapy, cancer-diagnosis and so on. This new L-band microwave has different center frequency and much stronger output power, will provide the capability to penetrate deeper in the tissue with better image quality. Justification for Duty-Free Entry: According to the applicant, there are no instruments of the same general category manufactured in the United

States. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 31, 2022.

Dated: November 16, 2022.

**Richard Herring,**  
*Director, Subsidies Enforcement, Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XC570]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public online meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Groundfish Subcommittee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a virtual meeting to update the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Groundfish Stock Assessments document. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's online meeting will be held Monday, December 12, 2022, beginning at 1 p.m. and continuing until 5 p.m., Pacific Time or until business for the day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's meeting will be an online meeting. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements, will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820–2412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marlene A. Bellman, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2414, email: [marlene.bellman@noaa.gov](mailto:marlene.bellman@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee's meeting is to update best practices for conducting groundfish

stock assessments. Recommendations of SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members will inform the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments in 2023 and 2024, which is a compilation of guidelines for groundfish stock assessment scientists. The updated version of the Accepted Practices Guidelines for Stock Assessments will be posted on the Pacific Council's website shortly after the meeting.

No management actions will be decided by the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee. The SSC Groundfish Subcommittee members' role will be development of recommendations for consideration by West Coast groundfish stock assessment scientists.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent of the SSC Groundfish Subcommittee to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820–2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 17, 2022.

**Diane M. DeJames-Daly,**  
*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XC563]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 24334

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802, (Responsible Party: Lori

Quakenbush), has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 24334.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 22, 2022.

**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. 24334 mod 1 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 24334 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Sara Young, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 24334 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act 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 Endangered Species Act 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).

Permit No. 24334, issued on July 13, 2021 (86 FR 43630, August 10, 2021), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on five whale species in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas (U.S. and international waters) adjacent to Alaska. Researchers may conduct vessel surveys for tagging (invasive tags or suction cup tags), biopsy sampling, photo-identification, and unmanned aircraft system (UAS) surveys for all species. Researchers also may conduct manned aerial surveys and captures for tagging with biological sample collection of four beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) stocks and export and import of skin and blubber for the target species. Non-target seals and beluga whales may be unintentionally harassed, and seals may be incidentally captured during research activities. Up to three unintentional

beluga mortalities may occur during captures over the duration of the permit.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to authorize the annual receipt, collection, import, or export of parts from up to 300 beluga whales and up to 50 other unidentified cetaceans (any species). Sources of foreign and domestic samples may include subsistence harvests, captive animals, other authorized researchers or curated collections, bycatch from legal commercial fishing operations, cetaceans killed by killer whales, parts that are sloughed, excreted or discharged naturally by living cetaceans, and foreign stranded animals. No take or harassment of live animals would be authorized. The amendment would be valid for the duration of the permit, which is set to expire on April 30, 2026.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Deposit of Biological Materials

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0022 Deposit of Biological Materials. The

purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or January 23, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0022 comment" in the subject line of the message.

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

- **Mail:** Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Parikha Mehta, Senior Legal Advisor, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-3248; or by email at [parikha.mehta@uspto.gov](mailto:parikha.mehta@uspto.gov) with "0651-0022 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

This collection covers information from patent applicants who seek to deposit biological materials as part of a patent application according to 37 CFR 1.801-1.809. The information collected from such patent applicants consists of information and documentation demonstrating the applicant's compliance with regulatory requirements, as well as information regarding the biological sample after it is deposited. This collection also covers applications from institutions that wish to be recognized by the USPTO as a suitable depository to receive deposits for patent application purposes. The information collection requirements for these actions are separate, as further discussed below.

#### A. Deposits of Biological Materials

The deposit of biological materials as part of a patent application is authorized by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2). The term "biological material" is defined in 37 CFR 1.801 as including material that is capable of self-replication, either