

<sup>3</sup>The final rule refers to the GOM Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*). These whales were subsequently described as a new species, Rice's whale (*Balaenoptera ricei*) (Rosel *et al.*, 2021).

<sup>4</sup>Modeled take of 1 decreased to 0. For rough-toothed dolphin, use of the exposure modeling produces results that are smaller than the average GOM group size (*i.e.*, estimated exposure value of 1, relative to assumed average group size of 14) (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006). NMFS' typical practice is to increase exposure estimates to the assumed average group size for a species in order to ensure that, if the species is encountered, exposures will not exceed the authorized take number. However, given the very short survey duration and small estimated exposure value NMFS has determined that is unlikely the species would be encountered at all. As a result, in this case NMFS has not authorized take for this species.

<sup>5</sup>Modeled take of 7 increased to account for potential encounter with group of average size (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006).

Based on the analysis contained herein of Echo's proposed survey activity described in its LOA application and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes (*i.e.*, less than one-third of the best available abundance estimate) and therefore the taking is of no more than small numbers.

#### Authorization

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for this LOA request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued an LOA to Echo authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

Dated: January 23, 2023.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC718]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 27027

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve (Philip Hooge, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), killer (*Orcinus orca*), minke (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), and gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*) whales.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 27, 2023.

**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. 27027 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. 27027 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:** Erin Markin or Carrie Hubard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 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).

The applicant proposes to study humpback, killer, minke, and gray whales to gather information on their ecology, behavior, and population status in southeastern Alaska, including Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Individuals may be closely approached for vessel surveys, photo-identification, behavioral observation, collection of feces or sloughed skin, and passive acoustic recording. The maximum annual approaches to whales will be 2050 humpback whales, 500 killer whales, 20 minke whales, and 20 gray whales. Biopsy sampling of 50 humpback whales, annually, is also requested. Unidentified cetacean, pinniped, and salmonid species parts may be collected from predation events. Biological samples may be imported or

exported. The requested duration of the permit is 5 years.

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

Dated: January 23, 2023.

**Julia M. Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2023-0001]

#### Public Meeting on Innovation Driven by Artificial Intelligence

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) plays an important role in incentivizing and protecting innovation, including innovation driven by artificial intelligence (AI), to ensure continued U.S. leadership in AI and other emerging technologies (ET). The USPTO's Texas Regional Office will host a public meeting on innovation driven by AI on February 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. CT. The meeting will be held in collaboration with the Dallas Bar Association (DBA) Intellectual Property (IP) section and the State Bar of Texas IP section. This will be the third meeting in the USPTO's AI/ET Partnership Series. First announced in June 2022, the AI/ET Partnership provides an opportunity to bring stakeholders together through a series of engagements to share ideas, feedback,

experiences, and insights on the intersection of IP and AI/ET.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on February 8, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. Persons seeking to speak at the listening session during the meeting must register by February 2, 2023, at the website in **ADDRESSES**.

**ADDRESSES:** Register at [www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation](http://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation). The public meeting will be held virtually and in person at the Arts District Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75201. Because in-person attendance is limited, anyone wishing to attend in person is advised to register early at [www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation](http://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation). All major entrances to the building are accessible to people with disabilities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Srilakshmi Kumar at [srilakshmi.kumar@uspto.gov](mailto:srilakshmi.kumar@uspto.gov). You can also send inquiries to [AIPartnership@uspto.gov](mailto:AIPartnership@uspto.gov). Please direct all media inquiries to the Office of the Chief Communications Officer at 571-272-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USPTO held its inaugural AI/ET Partnership meeting in June 2022. This meeting provided an overview of the National AI Initiative and the USPTO's efforts on AI/ET, including the USPTO AI Patent Dataset. The meeting also discussed important patent policy issues related to AI/ET inventions, such as subject matter eligibility, disclosure, and inventorship.

The USPTO held its second AI/ET Partnership meeting in September 2022. This meeting focused on AI and biotechnology, and explored current trends highlighting the convergence of technologies in the life sciences and AI, as well as the IP considerations arising from this technological convergence.

The USPTO will hold its third AI/ET Partnership meeting virtually and in person at the Arts District Mansion in Dallas, Texas, on Wednesday, February 8. This meeting is being hosted by the USPTO's Texas Regional Office in collaboration with the DBA IP section and the State Bar of Texas IP section.

During the meeting, panelists from the USPTO and diverse stakeholders from academia, industry, and law firms will explore various IP policy issues with respect to AI-driven innovation. Panel discussions will cover: (1) the current state of AI-driven innovation, (2) ways to address inventions created with significant AI contributions, and (3) unanticipated IP challenges from AI-driven innovation. The meeting will also include a public listening session.

**Instructions and Information on the Public Meeting**

The public meeting will be held virtually and in person at the Arts District Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75201, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. CT. The agenda is available on the USPTO website at [www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation](http://www.uspto.gov/about-us/events/aiet-partnership-series-3-ai-driven-innovation). Registrations to attend the meeting and requests to speak at the listening session may be submitted on the same web page.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; AmeriCorps Forbearance Request for National Service Form**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled National Servicer Trust Interest Payment Request form for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by February 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Nahid Jarrett, at 202-606-6753 or by email to [njarrett@cns.gov](mailto:njarrett@cns.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;

- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Comments**

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at Vol. 87 FR 68684. This comment period ended January 17, 2023. No public comments were received from this Notice.

*Title of Collection:* National Service Trust AmeriCorps Interest Payment Request form.

*OMB Control Number:* 3045-0030.  
*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals using a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, and authorized school officials and qualified student loan holders.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 13,182.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,197.

*Abstract:* NCS Forbearance Request for National Service Form certifies that AmeriCorps members are eligible for forbearance based on their enrollment in a national service position. AmeriCorps members use the form to request forbearance from their loan servicer. CNCS seeks to renew the current information collection request. This information collection is not required to be considered for obtaining grant funding support. AmeriCorps seeks to renew the current information collection; it will be used in the same manner as the existing application. AmeriCorps also seeks to continue using the current application until the revised application is approved by OMB. The