

importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to capture and sample six species of Southern Ocean pinnipeds across their geographic range (*i.e.*, Antarctica, subantarctic islands, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Africa). Target species include: leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophaga*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), and Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*). Take activities will consist of one or more of the following methods based on location, sex, and age class of the animal: remote tissue sampling, physical capture, chemical immobilization, and aerial surveys. The applicant may collect morphometrics, tissues (*e.g.*, blood, hair, skin, vibrissae, blubber, milk), and opportunistic samples (*e.g.*, scat, carcasses); mark via flipper tag; collect ultrasound measurements; attach instruments; and measure via photogrammetry. For each species, the applicant proposes to capture and sample 30 adults, harass and sample 30 adults, and capture and sample 30 pups annually for 5 years. An additional 100–500 animals depending on the species may be taken annually by unintentional harassment. The applicant requests three leopard seal unintentional mortalities and two unintentional mortalities for all other species, annually. The applicant also requests authorization to import parts from each species of Antarctic pinniped from the Southern Ocean and other countries where these species are found to the U.S. and to export samples from the U.S. to collaborators abroad for analyses. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

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: April 5, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Spring Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas

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

ACTION: Notice of the Advisory Committee 2023 spring meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) announces its annual spring meeting, to be held April 27–28, 2023 in Miami, Florida.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee meeting will be held on April 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and April 28, 2023, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on April 27, 2023, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. All times are Eastern Daylight Savings time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Miami Coconut Grove, 2649 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Keller, Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, 202–897–9208 or at bryan.keller@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and discuss information on the outcomes of ICCAT's 2022 annual meeting and the U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions; ICCAT intersessional meetings in 2023; relevant NMFS research and monitoring activities; the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups; and other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment during the meeting. An agenda is available from the Committee's Executive Secretary upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

The Committee will meet in its Species Working Groups in closed session on the afternoon of April 27, 2023. These sessions are not open to the public, but the results of the Species Working Group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee

during the Committee's open session on April 28, 2023.

Special Accommodations

The virtual meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Bryan Keller (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 5, 2023.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program; Amendment of Selection Criteria and Extension of Application Deadline Date

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; amendments.

SUMMARY: On February 10, 2023, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2023 for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program, Assistance Listing Number 84.022A. We are amending selection criterion (b)(3) and the selection criteria point allocations in the NIA and extending the deadline date for transmittal of applications until April 28, 2023. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

DATES:

Applicable Date: These amendments are applicable on April 10, 2023.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: April 28, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Marrion, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 258–24, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 453–5628. Email: DDRA@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 10, 2023, we published the NIA for the 2023 DDRA competition in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 8832). This NIA established selection criteria for the