

reserves. The process includes one or more public meetings, consideration of written public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of Rhode Island has met the national objectives, adhered to the reserve's management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is completed, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

Keelin Kuipers,

Deputy Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XD289]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Crab Plan Team will meet. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for agenda and details.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, through Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Pacific Standard time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be a hybrid meeting. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center in the Traynor Room 2076, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115. If you plan to attend in-person you need to notify Sarah Rheinsmith (sarah.rheinsmith@noaa.gov) at least two days prior to the meeting (or two weeks prior if you are a foreign national). You will also need a valid U.S. Identification Card. If you are attending virtually, join the meeting online through the link at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3012>.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone: (907) 271-2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Rheinsmith, Council staff; phone: (907) 271-2809; email: sarah.rheinsmith@noaa.gov. For technical support, please contact our admin Council staff, email: npfmc.admin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Tuesday September 12, 2023, Through Thursday, September 14, 2023

The agenda will include: (a) summer trawl survey results; (b) Fishery Status report; (c) Ecosystem Status report; (d) Economic status of fisheries update; (e) PIBKC (Pribilof Island Blue King Crab) SAFE (Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation) report; (f) BBRKC (Bristol Bay Red King Crab) SAFE report; (g) Snow crab SAFE report; (h) BBRKC and snow crab report cards; (i) Tanner crab SAFE report; (j) NSRKC (Norton Sound Red King Crab) proposed models; (k) Overfishing status updates; (l) BSFRF (Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation) update; and (m) additional topics. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3012> prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3012>.

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically to <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/3012>.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 23, 2023.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 Office of Naval Research's Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (Year 6)

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments on proposed renewal incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: NMFS received a request from the Office of Naval Research (ONR) for the renewal of their currently active incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals incidental to Arctic Research Activities (ARA) in the Beaufort Sea and eastern Chukchi Sea. These activities identical to those covered in the current authorization. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), prior to issuing the currently active IHA, NMFS requested comments on both the proposed IHA and the potential for renewing the initial authorization if certain requirements were satisfied. The renewal requirements have been satisfied, and NMFS is now providing an additional 15-day comment period to allow for any additional comments on the proposed renewal not previously provided during the initial 30-day comment period.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, and should be submitted via email to ITP.pauline@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/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under->

marine-mammal-protection-act 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.

Electronic copies of the original application, renewal request, and supporting documents (including NMFS **Federal Register** notices of the original proposed and final authorizations, and the previous IHA), as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

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, an IHA is issued.

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 an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation measures”). Monitoring and reporting of such takings are also required. The meaning of key terms such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact” can be found in section 3 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1362) and the agency’s regulations at 50 CFR 216.103.

NMFS’ regulations implementing the MMPA at 50 CFR 216.107(e) indicate

that IHAs may be renewed for additional periods of time not to exceed 1 year for each reauthorization. In the notice of proposed IHA for the initial authorization, NMFS described the circumstances under which we would consider issuing a renewal for this activity, and requested public comment on a potential renewal under those circumstances. Specifically, on a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time 1-year Renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical, or nearly identical, activities as described in the Detailed Description of Specified Activities section of the initial IHA issuance notice is planned, or (2) the activities as described in the Description of the Specified Activities and Anticipated Impacts section of the initial IHA issuance notice would not be completed by the time the initial IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the **DATES** section of the notice of issuance of the initial IHA, provided all of the following conditions are met:

1. A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed Renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the Renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA).

2. The request for renewal must include the following:

- An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested Renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (e.g., reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

- A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

3. Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

An additional public comment period of 15 days (for a total of 45 days), with direct notice by email, phone, or postal

service to commenters on the initial IHA, is provided to allow for any additional comments on the proposed renewal. A description of the renewal process may be found on our website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-harassment-authorization-renewals>. Any comments received on the potential renewal, along with relevant comments on the initial IHA, have been considered in the development of this proposed IHA renewal, and a summary of agency responses to applicable comments is included in this notice. NMFS will consider any additional public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested renewal, and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

The NDAA (Pub. L. 108-136) removed the “small numbers” and “specified geographical region” limitations indicated above and amended the definition of “harassment” as it applies to a “military readiness activity.” The activity for which incidental take of marine mammals is being requested addressed here qualifies as a military readiness activity.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

In August 2022, the U.S. Navy prepared an Overseas Environmental Assessment (OEA) analyzing the project. Prior to issuing the IHA for the project, we reviewed the 2022 OEA and the public comments received, determined that a separate NEPA analysis was not necessary, and subsequently adopted the document and issued our own Finding of No Significant Impact in support of the issuance of an IHA (87 FR 57458; September 20, 2022).

We have reviewed ONR’s application for a renewed IHA for ongoing Arctic Research Activities from September 2023 to September 2024 and the 2022 IHA monitoring report. Based on that review, we have determined that the proposed action is identical to that considered in the previous IHA. In addition, no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns have been identified. Thus, we have preliminarily determined that the preparation of a new or supplemental NEPA document is not necessary.

History of Request

On September 14, 2022, NMFS issued an IHA to ONR to take marine mammals incidental to Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (87 FR 57458; September 20, 2022), effective

from September 14, 2022 through September 13, 2023. On July 17, 2023, NMFS received an application for the renewal of that initial IHA. As described in the application for Renewal IHA, the activities for which incidental take is requested are identical to those covered in the initial 2022 authorization. As required, the applicant also provided a preliminary monitoring report (available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-office-naval-research-arctic-research-activities-beaufort-2>) which confirms that the applicant has implemented the required mitigation and monitoring, and which also shows that no impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized have occurred as a result of the activities conducted.

This proposed Renewal IHA would cover the sixth year of a larger project for which ONR obtained prior IHAs (83 FR 48799, September 27, 2018; 84 FR 50007, September 24, 2019; 85 FR 53333, August 28, 2020; 86 FR 54931, October 5, 2021; 87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022). The larger project supports the development of an under-ice navigation system under the ONR Arctic Mobile Observing System (AMOS) project.

Description of the Specified Activities and Anticipated Impacts

ONR’s ARA includes the AMOS experiments in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. Project activities involve acoustic testing and a multi-frequency navigation system concept test using left-behind active acoustic sources. More specifically, these experiments involve the deployment of moored, drifting, and ice-tethered active acoustic sources from the Research Vessel Sikuliaq. Another vessel will be used to retrieve the acoustic sources. The activities proposed under the Renewal

IHA are identical to those in the initial 2022 IHA.

Anticipated impacts, which would consist of Level B harassment of marine mammals, would also be identical to those analyzed and authorized in the initial 2022 IHA (87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022). ONR’s request is for take of a small number of ringed seals (*Pusa hispida hispida*), and two stocks of beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) by Level B harassment only. The proposed authorized take numbers are identical to those in the initial 2022 IHA. Neither ONR nor NMFS expects serious injury or mortality to result from ONR’s Arctic Research Activities. Additional information on the proposed activities may be found in the notice of proposed IHA (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022) for the initial 2022 authorization and notice of Final IHA (87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022).

Detailed Description of the Activity

A detailed description of ARA activities for which take is proposed here may be found in the Notices of the Proposed and Final IHA for the initial 2022 authorization (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022; 87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022). The location, timing, and nature of the activities, including the types of equipment planned for use, are identical to those described in the previous notices. The proposed renewal would be effective for a period not exceeding 1 year from the date of expiration of the initial IHA.

Description of Marine Mammals

A description of the marine mammals in the area of the activities for which authorization of take is proposed here, including information on abundance, status, distribution, and hearing, may be found in the Notices of the Proposed IHA (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022) for the initial 2022 authorization. NMFS has

reviewed the monitoring data from the initial IHA, Stock Assessment Reports, information on relevant Unusual Mortality Events (UMEs), unusual and other scientific literature, and determined that neither this nor any other new information affects which species or stocks have the potential to be affected or the pertinent information in the Description of the Marine Mammals in the Area of Specified Activities contained in the supporting documents for the initial 2022 IHA.

Potential Effects on Marine Mammals and Their Habitat

A description of the potential effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat for the activities for which the authorization of take is proposed here may be found in the Notices of the Proposed and Final IHAs for the initial 2022 authorization (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022; 87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022). NMFS has reviewed the monitoring data from the initial IHA, recent draft Stock Assessment Reports, information on relevant UMEs, and other scientific literature, and determined that neither this nor any other new information affects our initial analysis of impacts on marine mammals and their habitat.

Estimated Take

A detailed description of the methods and inputs used to estimate take for the specified activity are found in the Notices of the Proposed and Final IHAs for the initial 2022 authorization (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022; 87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022). The activities applicable to this authorization remain unchanged from the previously issued IHA. Similarly, the stocks taken, methods of take, and types of take remain unchanged from the previously issued IHA, as do the number of takes, which are indicated below in table 1.

TABLE 1—PROPOSED TAKE BY LEVEL B HARASSMENT

Species	Non-impulsive active acoustics (behavioral)	Icebreaking (behavioral)	Icebreaking (TTS)	Total proposed authorized take	Percentage of stock requested for take ¹
				Behavioral/ TTS	
Beluga whale—Beaufort Sea Stock	134	11	0	145/0	0.369
Beluga whale—Eastern Chukchi Sea Stock	134	11	0	145/0	1.09
Ringed seal	2,839	538	1	3,377/1	1.97

¹ Percentage of stock taken calculated based on proportion of number of Level B takes per the stock population estimate provided in Table 3–1 in the application.

Description of Proposed Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Measures

The proposed mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures included as requirements in this authorization are identical to those included in the **Federal Register** notice announcing the issuance of the initial IHA (87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022) and the discussion of the least practicable adverse impact included in that document and the Notice of the proposed IHA (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022) remain accurate. The following measures are proposed for this renewal:

- All ships operated by or for the Navy must have personnel assigned to stand watch at all times while underway.
- During moored and drifting acoustic source deployment, ONR must implement a mitigation zone of 180 feet (55 meters) around the deployed source. Deployment must cease if a marine mammal is visually detected within the mitigation zone.
- Ships must avoid approaching marine mammals head-on and must maneuver to maintain a mitigation zone of 500 yards (457 meters) around all observed cetaceans and 200 yards (183 meters) around all other observed marine mammals, provided it is safe to do so.
- Ship captains and subsistence whalers will maintain at-sea communication to avoid conflict of ship transit with hunting activity.
- Activities must cease if a marine mammal species for which take was not authorized, or a species for which authorization was granted but the authorized number of takes have been met, is observed approaching or within the Level A or Level B harassment zones. Activities must not resume until the animal is confirmed to have left the area.
- While underway, all ships must have at least one person trained through the U.S. Navy Marine Species Awareness Training Program on watch during all activities.
- Watch personnel must use standardized data collection forms, whether hard copy or electronic. Watch personnel must distinguish between sightings that occur on transit or during deployment of acoustic sources. Data will be recorded on all days of activities even if marine mammals are not sighted.
- During deployment of acoustic sources or unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs), visual observation must begin 30 minutes prior to deployment and continue through 30 minutes following the source deployment.

- The ONR will submit a draft report to NMFS Office of Protected Resources (OPR) and Alaska Regional (AKR) on all monitoring conducted under the IHA within 90 calendar days of the completion of each research cruise, or 60 days prior to the issuance of any subsequent IHA for this project, whichever comes first. The report must include data regarding acoustic source use, the number of shutdowns during monitoring, any marine mammal sightings (including the marine mammal's location (latitude and longitude)), and the number of individuals of each species observed during source deployment and operation, and their behavior and distance from the project activities. A final report must be prepared and submitted to NMFS OPR and AKR within 30 days following resolution of comments on the draft report from NMFS.

- If no comments are received from NMFS within 30 days of submission of the draft final report, the draft final report will constitute the final report. If comments are received, a final report must be submitted within 30 days after receipt of comments.

- In the event that personnel involved in the survey activities discover an injured or dead marine mammal, the ONR must report the incident to the OPR NMFS and to the AKR Stranding Coordinator as soon as feasible. The report must include time, date, and location of discover, species identification, animal condition, observed behaviors, photographs and/or video footage, if available, and circumstances under which the animal was discovered.

- In the event of a ship strike of a marine mammal by any vessel involved in the activities covered by the authorization, the ONR must report the incident to OPR, NMFS and to the AKR Stranding Coordinator as soon as feasible. The report must include time, date, and location of the incident, species identification, vessel speed, vessel course/heading and operations, sound source status, avoidance measures taken, environmental conditions, animal's estimated size, length, and behavior, presence and behavior of other marine mammals in the area, estimated fate of the animal, and photos/video footage of the animal, if available.

Comments and Responses

As noted previously, NMFS published a notice of a proposed IHA (87 FR 44339, July 26, 2022) and solicited public comments on both our proposal to issue the initial IHA and on the

potential for a Renewal IHA, should certain requirements be met.

There were no substantive comments received that needed to be addressed in the notice announcing the issuance of the initial 2022 IHA (87 FR 57458, September 20, 2022).

Preliminary Determinations

The proposed action of this Renewal IHA, ONR's Arctic Research Activities, would be identical to the activities analyzed in the initial 2022 IHA. Based on the analysis detailed in the notices of the initial authorization of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS found that the total marine mammal take from the activity would have a negligible impact on all affected marine mammal species and stocks. Furthermore, the mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements are identical to those in the initial 2022 IHA.

NMFS has preliminarily concluded that there is no new information suggesting that our analysis or findings should change from those reached for the initial 2022 IHA. Based on the information and analysis contained here and in the referenced documents, NMFS has determined the following: (1) the required mitigation measures will effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; (4) ONR's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action; and, (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with the Alaska Regional Office.

There is one marine mammal species (Arctic ringed seal) with confirmed occurrence in the study area that is listed as threatened under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office of Protected Resources Division issued a Biological Opinion on September 13, 2022 under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to ONR under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Arctic ringed seals, and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify Arctic ringed seal critical habitat.

Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a Renewal IHA to ONR for conducting Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas from September 14, 2023 to September 13, 2024, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed and final initial IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. We request comment on our analyses, the proposed Renewal IHA, and any other aspect of this notice. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

Dated: August 24, 2023.

Catherine Marzin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and

Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management policy matters.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 21, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Verizon Technology and Policy Center, 1300 I St. NW, Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005. Public comments may be emailed to arichardson@ntia.gov or mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio Richardson, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-4156 or arichardson@ntia.gov; and/or visit NTIA's website at <https://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management in order to: license radio frequencies in a way that maximizes public benefits; keep wireless networks as open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans. See Charter at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/csmac-charter-2021.pdf>.

This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

Matters to Be Considered: The planned meeting for Thursday, September 21, 2023, will include updates on the progress CSMAC subcommittees are making in addressing topics they are addressing, specifically the Citizens Broadband Radio Service, 6G wireless systems, and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) improvements. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may address the Committee regarding the agenda items. See *Open Meeting and Public Participation Policy*, available at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The meeting time and the agenda topics are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the Verizon Technology and Policy Center, 1300 I St. NW, Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005. Individuals requiring accommodations are asked to notify Mr. Richardson at (202) 482-4156 or arichardson@ntia.gov at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

Status: Interested parties are invited to join the teleconference and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of the meeting are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format via electronic mail to arichardson@ntia.gov. Comments may also be sent via postal mail to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) that contains the comments in one or both of the file formats specified above. CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date in order to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Committee but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. Additionally, please note that there may be a delay in the distribution of comments submitted via postal mail to Committee members.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA's Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents including the Committee's charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and reports are available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

Stephanie Weiner,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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