

mysticetes and all other odontocetes, including sperm and beaked whales, with no further observation of the marine mammal(s);

- The NSF must deploy vessel strike avoidance measures;
- The NSF must submit a draft report detailing all activities and monitoring results within 90 calendar days of the completion of the survey or expiration of the IHA, whichever comes sooner;
- The NSF must submit a final report within 30 days following resolution of comments on the draft report from NMFS; and
- The NSF must report injured or dead marine mammals.

Comments and Responses

As noted previously, NMFS published a notice of a proposed IHA (87 FR 59204, September 29, 2022) and solicited public comments on both our proposal to issue the initial IHA for geophysical survey in the Ross Sea and on the potential for a renewal IHA, should certain requirements be met. During the 30-day public comment period, NMFS received no substantive comments on either the proposal to issue the initial IHA for the NSF's survey activities or on the potential for a renewal IHA.

Preliminary Determinations

NSF's proposed activities consist of a subset of activities analyzed in the initial IHA. In analyzing the effects of the activities for the initial IHA, NMFS determined that NSF's activities would have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks and that authorized take numbers of each species or stock were small relative to the relevant stocks (e.g., less than one-third the abundance of all stocks). The mitigation measures and monitoring and reporting requirements as described above are identical to the initial 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 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) NSF'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

The NMFS OPR Endangered Species Act (ESA) Interagency Cooperation Division issued a Biological Opinion under section 7 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) on the issuance of an IHA and potential renewal IHA to NSF under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS OPR Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed blue whales, fin whales, sei whales, and sperm whales.

Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a renewal IHA to NSF for conducting geophysical survey and icebreaking activities in the Ross Sea in the February 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.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Global Markets Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice; revision to meeting date.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2023, concerning a meeting of the Global Markets Advisory Committee (GMAC or Committee) that was scheduled to occur on October 5, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). The September 8, 2023 notice is hereby amended to

announce that the GMAC meeting has been rescheduled to November 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). The meeting will remain open to the public with options to attend in-person and virtually. The agenda for the meeting remains unchanged. At this meeting, the GMAC will hear a presentation from the GMAC's Global Market Structure Subcommittee on the Subcommittee's workstreams involving U.S. Treasury market reforms, global standards and best practices for market volatility controls and circuit breakers, improving liquidity across asset classes, and international alignment of trading and clearing obligations to address market fragmentation, and consider recommendations from the Subcommittee on such workstreams.

At this meeting, the GMAC will also hear a presentation from the GMAC's Technical Issues Subcommittee on the Subcommittee's workstreams involving international standardization and amalgamation of trade reporting for swaps market oversight, global coordination of market events, and improving efficiencies in post-trade processes, and consider recommendations from the Subcommittee on such workstreams. Additionally, the GMAC will hear a presentation from the GMAC's Digital Asset Markets Subcommittee on the Subcommittee's workstreams involving industry standards and best practices for tokenized asset markets, the regulation of non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and utility tokens, and identification of other issues to address in digital finance and tokenization of assets, non-financial activities and Web3, and blockchain technology and consider recommendations from the Subcommittee on such workstreams. Finally, the GMAC will also address procedural matters, including topics of discussion on a forward-looking basis.

DATES: The meeting date announced in the **Federal Register** at 88 FR 62068 on September 8, 2023 is amended. The rescheduled meeting will be held on November 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by November 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at the CFTC's headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 for GMAC members and the public. Members of the public may also attend the meeting virtually via teleconference or live webcast. You may submit public comments, identified by

