

(ne.rw.survey@noaa.gov), or NOAA via phone (866-755-6622), or the U.S. Coast Guard (Channel 16);

- All vessels would adhere to a 10-knot speed limit when transiting dynamic management areas, transiting areas closed to vertical lines, and/or when whales are observed;
- All vessels would adhere to current approach regulations that create a 500-yard (1,500-feet (ft)) buffer zone in the presence of a surfacing right whale and would depart immediately at a safe and slow speed. Hauling any fishing gear would cease once the entire string or trawl was aboard the vessel, to accommodate the regulation, and be redeployed only after it was reasonable to assume the whale left the area; and
- Law enforcement would be able to inspect gear at any time because one traditional surface-marking would be present at all times. The PI would notify law enforcement agencies (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and Maine Marine Patrol) of project participants and activities in advance of the project start date, including:
 - Materials related to the redeployment of alternative gear-retrieval systems, most relevant to the spring-tagline retrieval system; and
 - Information necessary to continue relevant enforcement operations with participant gear.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: March 7, 2024.

Everett Wayne Baxter,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XD796

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; File No. 27671

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 Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Marine Forensic Laboratory, 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112 (Kevin Werner, Ph.D., Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to receive, import, and export marine mammal and protected species parts for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 12, 2024.

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. 27671 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 27671 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. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Jennifer Skidmore, (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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to receive, import, and export samples from up to 100 individual animals from each species of all cetaceans, pinnipeds (excluding walrus), sea turtles (in water), coral, and individual species of fish and abalone listed under the ESA including: black and white abalone, Pacific and Atlantic salmonids, sawfish, sturgeon, sharks, grouper, rockfish, guitarfish, and totoaba. Receipt, import,

and export is requested worldwide. Sources of samples may include animal strandings in foreign countries, foreign and domestic subsistence harvests, captive animals, other authorized persons or collections, incidentally bycaught animals, transfers from law enforcement, and marine mammals that died incidental to commercial fishing operations in the U.S. and foreign countries, where such take is legal. Samples would be archived at the Marine Forensics Laboratories in either Charleston, South Carolina, Seattle, Washington, and Ashland, Oregon. Samples would be used for research, supporting law enforcement actions, and outreach and education. No live takes from the wild would be authorized. 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: March 7, 2024.

Julia Marie Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Board of Visitors, National Defense University; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Board of Visitors, National Defense University (BoV NDU) will take place.

DATES: Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

ADDRESSES: Marshall Hall, Building 62, Room 155, the National Defense

University, 300 5th Avenue SW, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319–5066. Visitors should report to the Front Security Desk in the lobby of Marshall Hall and from there, they will be directed to the meeting room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joycelyn Stevens, (202) 685–0079 (Voice) joycelyn.a.stevens.civ@mail.mil; stevensj7@ndu.edu (Email). Mailing address is National Defense University, Fort McNair, Washington, DC 20319–5066. Website: <http://www.ndu.edu/About/Board-of-Visitors/>. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found at <https://www.ndu.edu/About/Board-of-Visitors/BOV-Apr-18-2024>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held in accordance with chapter 10 of title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) (formerly known as the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., App.)) and under the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting will include discussion on accreditation compliance, organizational management, resource management, and other matters of interest to the NDU.

Agenda: Thursday, April 18, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Call to Order and Administrative Notes; State of the University Address; Reaffirmation of Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation Update; Cybersecurity Update and Path Forward; Budget Outlook; National Defense Authorization Act Facilities Report Summary and Cost Model Findings; Realizing the Vision 2022–2027: NDU Implementation Plan; Command Climate; NATO Conference of Commandants; Discussion of Public Written Comments; Board of Visitors Member Deliberation and Feedback; Wrap-up and Closing Remarks.

Meeting Accessibility: Limited space is available for observers and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Meeting location is handicap accessible. The Main Gate/Visitor's Gate on 2nd Street SW is open 24/7. All Non-DoD, Non-federally-affiliated visitors must use this gate to access Fort McNair.

Base Access Requirements: All visitors without a DoD Common Access Card or U.S. military ID must be vetted in advance to gain entry onto the base. Per the U.S. Army, all non-DoD civilians

are required to have a background check before being allowed on a military installation; better known as vetting. It is highly recommended that visitors undergo the pre-vetting process and apply online as detailed below.

For Pre-vetting: To allow sufficient time for processing, access requests should be submitted no more than 14 days ahead or less than three days before the event. The visitor will receive notification via email, and, if approved, a one-day visitor's pass for entry onto the base. The visitor must print the pass and present it to the guard at the gate to enter Fort McNair.

(a) If the visitor has a valid U.S. driver's license:

(i) The visitor can apply for access online at <https://pass.aie.army.mil/jbmhh/>. Under Reason for Visit, select "Other." Alternatively, the visitor can apply in person at the Fort McNair Visitor Control Center (VCC)/Police Substation (Building 65) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

(b) If the visitor does not have a U.S. driver's license:

(i) The visitor must fill out a paper application in person at the Fort McNair Visitor Control Center VCC/Police Substation (Building 65) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For Vetting the Day of the Event:

The visitor must apply in person at the Fort McNair VCC/Police Substation (Building 65) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The visitor should plan to arrive early, as the procedure for running background checks and issuing passes can take much longer than expected.

For additional information, please go to <https://home.army.mil/jbmhh/index.php/my-fort/all-services/access-gate-info>.

Vehicle Search: Non-DoD, Non-federally-affiliated visitors' vehicles are subject to search.

Written Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, written statements to the committee may be submitted to the committee at any time or in response to a stated planned meeting agenda by email or fax to Ms. Joycelyn Stevens at bov@ndu.edu or Fax (202) 685–3920. Any written statements received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17 will be distributed to the BoV NDU in the order received. Comments pertaining to the agenda items will be discussed during the public meeting. Any written statements received after the deadline will be provided to the members of the BoV NDU prior to the next scheduled meeting and posted on the website.

Dated: March 7, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; Braille Training Program

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2024 for the Braille Training program, Assistance Listing Number 84.235E. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1894–0006.

DATES:

Applications Available: March 13, 2024.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 13, 2024.

Date of Pre-Application Meeting: No later than March 18, 2024, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) will post a PowerPoint Presentation specifically about the Braille Training program at <https://nctrm.ed.gov/grant-info>. In addition to posting the PowerPoint, OSERS will conduct a pre-application meeting specific to this competition via conference call to respond to questions. Information about the pre-application meeting will be available at <https://nctrm.ed.gov/grant-info> prior to the date of the call. OSERS invites you to send questions to 84.235E@ed.gov in advance of the pre-application conference call. A summary of questions and responses will be available at <https://nctrm.ed.gov/grant-info> within six business days after the pre-application conference call.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 11, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2022 (87 FR 75045), and available at www.federalregister.gov/d/2022-26554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa DeVaughn, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4A110, Washington, DC 20202–5076. Telephone: (202) 987–0144. Email: 84.235E@ed.gov.