

issuance of the authorization is not likely to adversely affect any listed marine mammal species.

### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must evaluate our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) and alternatives with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that precludes this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of this IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Transco for the potential harassment of small numbers of 11 marine mammal species incidental to the LNYBL Maintenance project in Sandy Hook Channel, NJ, that includes the previously explained mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

Dated: March 14, 2024.

#### 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–XD819]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 27342

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Heidi Pearson, Ph.D., University of Alaska Southeast, 11066 Auke Lake Way, Juneau, AK 99801, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 22, 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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27342 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. 27342 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:

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Courtney Smith, Ph.D., (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 requests a 5-year research permit to study marine mammal behavior, ecology, health, and movement patterns. Up to 11 species of marine mammals may be harassed including the following ESA-listed species: fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*; Western North Pacific distinct population segment [DPS]), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*; Mexico DPS), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales, and Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*, Western DPS). Research may occur year-round in waters off Southeast Alaska. Research may be conducted from a vessel or unmanned aircraft system for counts, photography and video recording (above and underwater), photogrammetry, passive acoustics, tracking, suction-cup tagging, and biological sampling (skin and blubber biopsy, skin swabs, sloughed skin, exhaled air, feces, and eDNA). See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, age-class, and procedure.

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 18, 2024.

#### Julia M. 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

#### Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the DoD Military Family Readiness Council (MFRC) will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public, Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by videoconference. Participant access information will be provided after registering. (Pre-meeting registration is required. See guidance in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, “Meeting Accessibility”).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vesen L. Thompson, (703) 571–2360 (voice), OSD Pentagon OUSD P&R Mailbox Family Readiness Council, [osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil) (Email). Mailing address: Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community & Family Policy), 1500 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301–1500, Room 5A726. Website: <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/those-who-support-mfrc>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C) (commonly known as the “Federal Advisory Committee Act” or “FACA”), title 5,

U.S.C., section 552b (commonly known as the “Government in the Sunshine Act”), and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 102–3.140, and section 102–3.155.

Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) and the DoD, the DoD MFRC was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102–3.150(a) concerning its March 27, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the DoD, pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

**Availability of Materials for the Meeting:** Additional information, including the agenda or any updates to the agenda, is available at the DoD MFRC website: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/mfrc>.

Materials presented in the meeting may also be obtained on the DoD MFRC website.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is for the DoD MFRC to receive briefings and have discussions on topics related to Military Family Readiness Programs and Activities.

**Agenda:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Briefings on Economic Security which will include Compensation and Financial Readiness, Child Care, Spouse Employment, Food Security and a Military Service Panel that will address Economic Security best practices.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 27, 2024. The meeting will be held by videoconference. The number of participants is limited and is on a first-come basis. All members of the public who wish to participate must register by contacting DoD MFRC at ([osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil)) or by contacting Mr. Vesen Thompson at (703) 571–2360 (voice), no later than Monday, March 25, 2024. Once registered, the web address and/or audio number will be provided.

**Special Accommodations:** Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. Vesen Thompson no later than Monday, March 25, 2024, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Written Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the FACA, interested persons may submit a written statement to the DoD MFRC; however, email submissions are preferred. Persons interested in providing a written statement for review

and consideration by DoD MFRC members attending the March 27, 2024 meeting, are encouraged to do so at [osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil)). Written statements received after this date will be provided to DoD MFRC members in preparation for the next MFRC meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions and ensure submitted written statements are provided to DoD MFRC members prior to the meeting that is subject to this notice. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the DoD MFRC Chair and ensure they are provided to the members of the DoD MFRC.

Those who make submissions are requested to avoid including personally identifiable information such as names of adults and children, phone numbers, addresses, social security numbers and other contact information within the body of the written statement.

Dated: March 14, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2024–SCC–0048]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Application for Grants Under the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, Part A and Part F (1894–0001)

**AGENCY:** Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 22, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain) to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting “Department of Education” under “Currently Under Review,” then

check the “Only Show ICR for Public Comment” checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the “View Information Collection (IC) List” link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the “View Supporting Statement and Other Documents” link.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Robyn Wood, 202–987–1577.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**Title of Collection:** Application for Grants Under the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Program, Part A and Part F (1894–0001).

**OMB Control Number:** 1840–0810.

**Type of Review:** An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** State, local, and Tribal governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 75.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 12,000.

**Abstract:** The Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education, manages the Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions (ANNH) Program (Part A and Part F), which provides grant funds to eligible institutions that have either an undergraduate population of 20% Alaska Native students or 10% Native Hawaiian students. The grant program is competitive and requires applicants to submit an application for review.

This collection is being submitted under the Streamlined Clearance Process for Discretionary Grant Information Collections (1894–0001). Therefore, the 30-day public comment period notice will be the only public comment notice published for this information collection.