

Commission (in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 7265). Individuals must be U.S. citizens and, in addition, cannot be federally registered lobbyists or registered as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Members of the Board are selected, in accordance with applicable Department guidelines and after consultation with the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, based on their ability to carry out the objectives of the Board and as set forth above. The diverse membership of the Board assures perspectives reflecting the breadth of the Board's responsibilities and, where possible, the Department will also consider the ethnic, racial, and gender diversity and various abilities of the United States population.

Those selected for the Board must be able to meet the time and effort commitments of the Board. Board members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce (who may remove any member of the Board for good cause). The terms of office of each member of the Board appointed by the Secretary shall be three (3) years. Board members can serve a maximum of two consecutive full three-year terms. Board members are not considered Federal government employees by virtue of their service as a member of the Board and will receive no compensation from the Federal government for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events may be paid actual travel expenses and per diem by the Corporation when away from their usual places of residence.

Individuals who want to be considered for appointment to the Board should submit the following information by the Friday, September 6, 2024, deadline to the email address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above:

1. Name, title, and personal resume of the individual requesting consideration, including address, email address, and phone number.

2. A brief statement of why the person should be considered for appointment to the Board. This statement should also address the individual's relevant international travel and tourism marketing experience and audit committee financial expertise, if any, and indicate clearly the sector or sectors enumerated above in which the individual has the requisite expertise and experience. Individuals who have the requisite expertise and experience in more than one sector can be appointed for only one of those sectors.

Appointments of members to the Board

will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

3. An affirmative statement that the applicant (1) is a U.S. citizen, (2) is not a federally-registered lobbyist and further, and (3) is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

4. A statement acknowledging that the applicant is or is not an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 7265).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; West Coast Region Gear Identification Requirements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 2, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

Title: West Coast Region Gear Identification Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0352.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular Submission [Extension of a current information collection].

Number of Respondents: 942.

Average Hours per Response: 15 minutes per marking.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 848.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved

information collection. The success of fisheries management programs depends significantly on regulatory compliance. The requirements that fishing gear be marked are essential to facilitate enforcement. The ability to link fishing gear to the vessel owner or operator is crucial to enforcement of regulations issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The marking of fishing gear is also valuable in actions concerning damage, loss, and civil proceedings. The regulations specify that fishing gear must be marked with the vessel's official number, Federal permit or tag number, or some other specified form of identification. The regulations further specify how the gear is to be marked (e.g., location and color). Law enforcement personnel rely on gear marking information to assure compliance with fisheries management regulations. Gear that is not properly identified is confiscated. Gear violations are more readily prosecuted when the gear is marked, and this allows for more cost-effective enforcement. Gear marking helps ensure that a vessel harvests fish only from its own traps/pots/other gear and the gear are not illegally placed. Cooperating fishermen also use the gear marking numbers to report suspicious or non-compliant activities that they observe, and to report placement or occurrence of gear in unauthorized areas. The identifying number on fishing gear is used by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and other marine agencies in issuing regulations, prosecutions, and other enforcement actions necessary to support sustainable fisheries behaviors as intended in regulations. Regulation-compliant fishermen ultimately benefit from these requirements, as unauthorized and illegal fishing is deterred, and more burdensome regulations are avoided.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Fixed-gear marking requirements are set forth in the regulations implementing the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan at 50 CFR 660.219 and 660.319.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the

following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0352.

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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 Sunrise Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project Offshore New York

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been issued to Sunrise Wind, LLC (Sunrise Wind), a 50/50 joint venture between Ørsted North America, Inc., (Ørsted) and Eversource Investment, LLC, for the taking of marine mammals incidental to the construction of the Sunrise Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project (hereafter known as the “Project”).

DATES: The LOA is effective from June 21, 2024, through June 20, 2029.

ADDRESSES: The LOA and supporting documentation are available 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: Jaelyn Daly, 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, regulations are promulgated (when applicable), and public notice and an opportunity for public comment are provided.

An authorization for incidental taking 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). If such findings are made, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking; “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 the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The MMPA defines “take” to mean harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal (16 U.S.C. 1362(13); 50 CFR 216.103). Level A harassment is defined as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (16 U.S.C. 1362(18); 50 CFR 216.3). Level B harassment is defined as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (16 U.S.C. 1362(18); 50 CFR 216.3). Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and the implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 216, subpart I authorize NMFS to propose and, if appropriate, promulgate regulations and issue associated LOA(s).

On May 22, 2024, NMFS promulgated a final rule (89 FR 45292) responding to a request from Sunrise Wind for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals (16 species comprising 16 stocks) by Level B harassment (all 16 stocks) and by Level A harassment (7 of the 16 stocks) incidental to select construction activities occurring in Federal and State waters off of New York, specifically within and around the Bureau of Ocean

Energy Management (BOEM) Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lease Area OCS–A 0487 (Lease Area) and along one export cable route to sea-to-shore transition points over the course of 5 years (June 21, 2024, through June 20, 2029). The specified activities are impact pile driving wind turbine generators (WTGs) on monopile foundations and a single offshore converter substation (OCS–DC) on a jacket foundation using pin piles; pneumatic hammering for installation and removal of temporary casing pipes and vibratory pile driving for installation and removal of temporary goal post and sheet piles at the cable landfall site in Shirley, New York; impact and vibratory pile driving associated with the Smith Point County Park temporary pier; detonating up to three unexploded ordnance or munitions and explosives of concern (UXO/MEC) of different charge weights; high-resolution geophysical (HRG) marine site characterization surveys using active acoustic sources; trenching, laying, and burial activities associated with the installation of the export cable route from the OCS–DC to the shore-based converter station and inter-array cables between turbines; fishery and ecological monitoring surveys; the placement of scour protection; vessel transit within the specified geographical region to transport crew, supplies, and materials; and WTG operation.

Marine mammals exposed to elevated noise levels during foundation pile driving and/or UXO/MEC detonation, may be taken by Level A harassment (limited to fin whales, humpback whales, sei whales, minke whale, harbor porpoise, gray seal, and harbor seal) and Level B harassment (all 16 species), and marine mammals exposed to elevated noise levels during impact and vibratory pile driving during foundation installation, cable landfall construction, pier construction activities, and site characterization surveys may be taken by Level B harassment. For reasons described in the final rule, no mortality or serious injury of any marine mammal is anticipated to occur or authorized. Further, for reasons described in the final rule, no take by Level A harassment of several species, including the North Atlantic right whale, is expected to occur or authorized.

Authorization

In accordance with the final rule (89 FR 45292, May 22, 2024; see 50 CFR 217.316), we have issued a LOA to Sunrise Wind authorizing the take, by harassment, of marine mammals