

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than October 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2024–0097, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic information via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2024–0097 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Koyama (301) 427–8456 or [Kristen.Koyama@noaa.gov](mailto:Kristen.Koyama@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces our review of the Indus River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*), listed as endangered under the ESA. It should be noted that recent research, since the previous status review, has suggested that the Indus River dolphin should be elevated to species level (*Platanista minor*), which will be discussed in the current review. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. The species was previously reviewed in 2016. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species currently under active review. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether any species should be removed from the list (i.e., delisted) or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(2)(B)). As described by the regulations in 50 CFR 424.11(e), the Secretary shall delist a species if the Secretary determines based on consideration of the factors and standards set forth in paragraph (c) of that section, that the best scientific and

commercial data available substantiate that: (1) the species is extinct; (2) the species has recovered to the point at which it no longer meets the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; (3) new information that has become available since the original listing decisions on how the listed entity does not meet the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; or (4) new information that has become available since the original listing decision shows the listed entity does not meet the definition of a species. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process.

Background information on the species is available on the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/indus-river-dolphin>.

#### Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we are soliciting new information from the public, governmental agencies, Tribes, the scientific community, industry, environmental entities, and any other interested parties concerning the status of the Indus River dolphin (*Platanista gangetica minor*). Categories of requested information include: (1) species biology including, but not limited to, population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics; (2) habitat conditions including, but not limited to, amount, distribution, and important features for conservation; (3) status and trends of threats to the species and its habitats; (4) conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species, including monitoring data demonstrating effectiveness of such measures; and (5) other new information, data, or corrections including, but not limited to, taxonomic or nomenclatural changes and improved analytical methods for evaluating extinction risk.

If you wish to provide information for the review, you may submit your information and materials electronically (see **ADDRESSES** section). We request that all information be accompanied by supporting documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, or reprints of pertinent publications.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: August 23, 2024.

**Angela Somma,**

Chief, Endangered Species Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE242]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 28184

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dan Engelhaupt, Ph.D., HDR, 4173 Ewell Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before September 30, 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. 28184 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. 28184 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 (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 permit to conduct research in the North Pacific and North Atlantic Oceans including the Gulf of Mexico. The objectives are to study presence, movement patterns, behaviors, and population structure for marine mammals occupying waters shared with the U.S. Navy activities and

other anthropogenic activities. Up to 61 species of marine mammals may be taken including the following ESA-listed species: blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*; Main Hawaiian Islands Insular distinct population segment [DPS]), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*; Western North Pacific DPS), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*; Central America, Western North Pacific, and Mexico DPSs), killer (*Orcinus orca*; Southern Resident DPS), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), North Pacific right (*Eubalaena japonica*), Rice's (*Balaenoptera ricei*), sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales, and Hawaiian monk seals (*Neomonachus schauinslandi*). Research may occur year-round during vessel or aircraft surveys, including unmanned aircraft systems, for counts, photography, video recording (above and underwater), photogrammetry, observations, passive acoustics, biological sampling (sloughed skin, exhaled air, feces, and skin and blubber biopsy), and tagging (suction-cup, dart, and deep-implant). Parts collected may be exported and imported for analysis. 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: August 23, 2024.

**Amy Sloan,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Determination Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (“CAFTA–DR”)**

**AGENCY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.  
**ACTION:** Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) has determined that certain 100% man-made fiber high pile fleece fabric (the “subject product”), as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA–DR countries. The subject product will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR in unrestricted quantities.

**DATES:** *Applicable Date:* August 27, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/requests/cafta> under “Approved Requests,” File Number: CA20244003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Mease, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–2043 or [Laurie.Mease@trade.gov](mailto:Laurie.Mease@trade.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Authority:* The CAFTA–DR; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“CAFTA–DR Implementation Act”), Public Law 109–53; the Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 2006).

*Background:* The CAFTA–DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA–DR have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA–DR provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25.4 and 3.25.5, when the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA–DR Implementation Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of

a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamation 7987, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA–DR Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to the CAFTA–DR (*Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement*, 73 FR 53200) (“CITA’s procedures”).

On June 25, 2024, CITA received a commercial availability request (“Request”) from VF Corp. (“VF”) for certain 100% man-made fiber high pile fleece fabric, as specified below. On June 27, 2024, in accordance with CITA’s procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA–DR commercial availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply (“Response”) must be submitted by July 10, 2024, and any Rebuttal to a Response (“Rebuttal”) must be submitted by July 16, 2024, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA’s procedures.

Based on a request from an interested entity, and in accordance with Section 6(a) of CITA’s procedures, CITA extended the Response deadline by two business days, through July 12, 2024. Correspondingly, the Rebuttal deadline was extended by two business days, through July 18, 2024.

On July 10, 2024, Draper Knitting Company, Inc. (“Draper”) submitted a Response to the pending Request. On July 18, 2024, VF submitted a Rebuttal to Draper’s Response.

In accordance with Section 203(o)(4) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, Article 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR, and section 8(c)(4) of CITA’s procedures, because there was insufficient information on the record to make a determination within 30 business days regarding the ability of a CAFTA–DR supplier to supply the subject product based on the submitted information, CITA extended the period to make a determination by 14 U.S. business days. Further, in accordance with section 8(c)(4)(i) of its procedures, CITA called for a public meeting on August 5, 2024