

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS determined that the total marine mammal take from the activity will have a negligible impact on all affected marine mammal species or stocks.

Small Numbers

As noted previously, only take of small numbers of marine mammals may be authorized under sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA for specified activities other than military readiness activities. The MMPA does not define small numbers and so, in practice, where estimated numbers are available, NMFS compares the number of individuals taken to the most appropriate estimation of abundance of the relevant species or stock in our determination of whether an authorization is limited to small numbers of marine mammals. When the predicted number of individuals to be taken is fewer than one-third of the species or stock abundance, the take is considered to be of small numbers. Additionally, other qualitative factors may be considered in the analysis, such as the temporal or spatial scale of the activities.

For all species and stocks other than killer whales from the West Coast Transient stock, the authorized take is below one-third of the stock abundance. The authorized take of Transient killer whales as a proportion of the stock abundance is greater than one-third, if all takes are assumed to occur for different individuals. The project area represents a small portion of the stock's range from Alaska to California (Muto *et al.*, 2019). Sighting reports from the Orca Network support that it is reasonable to suspect that the same individual Transient Killer whales would be present within the ensonified project area during the relatively short duration (19 days) of construction activities. Since the construction area represents a small portion of Transient killer whales range and construction would occur over a short period, it is more likely that there will be multiple takes of the same individuals.

Based on the analysis contained herein of the construction activities (including the mitigation and monitoring measures) and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS determined that small numbers of marine mammals would be taken relative to the population size of the affected species or stocks.

Unmitigable Adverse Impact Analysis and Determination

There are no relevant subsistence uses of the affected marine mammal stocks or species implicated by this action. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

No incidental take of ESA-listed species is expected or authorized for this activity. Therefore, NMFS has determined that formal consultation under section 7 of the ESA is not required for this action.

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 would preclude 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 WSDOT for the potential harassment of small numbers of 12 marine mammal species incidental to the Seattle Slip 3 VTS Replacement project in Seattle, Washington, that includes the previously explained mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements.

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COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Publication of Fiscal Year 2023 Service Contract Inventory

AGENCY: Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA).

ACTION: Notice of public availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 743 of Division C of the FY2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency hereby advises the public of the availability of the FY 2020 Service Contract Inventory. This analysis provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY2022. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. This inventory analysis and plan have been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010, and December 19, 2011, by the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). CSOSA's FY2022 Service Contract Inventory Analysis, and the FY2023 Service Contract Inventory Plan is available on CSOSA's website at: [CSOSA-SCI-2022-2023-Analysis-Report.pdf](#). CSOSA's FY 2022 service contract inventory data is included in the government-wide inventory posted on [www.acquisition.gov](#) and the government-wide inventory can be filtered to display the inventory data for CSOSA.

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