

to determine whether additional mitigation measures or modifications to the activities are appropriate.

iii. In the event that the City discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead observer determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the activities authorized in the IHA (e.g., previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, or scavenger damage), the City shall report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

and the West Coast Regional Stranding Coordinator, NMFS, within 24 hours of the discovery. The City shall provide photographs or video footage or other documentation of the stranded animal sighting to NMFS.

This Authorization may be modified, suspended or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein, or if NMFS determines the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on

the species or stock of affected marine mammals.

TABLE 1—AUTHORIZED TAKE NUMBERS, BY SPECIES

Species	Authorized take
Harbor seal ( <i>Phoca vitulina</i> ) .....	108
California sea lion ( <i>Zalophus californianus</i> ) .....	2,604
Steller sea lion ( <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i> ) .....	3,284

TABLE 2—MINIMUM RADIAL DISTANCE TO SHUTDOWN ZONES

Activity	Level B Zone of Influence	Level A Exclusion Zone
Vibratory pile removal .....	1,600 m .....	15 m.
Impact pile driving .....	398 m .....	53.4 m.
Roadway and railway demolition and construction .....	28 m (harbor seals) 9 m (sea lions) .....	10 m.

**Request for Public Comments**

We request comment on our analyses, the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of this Notice of Proposed IHA for the proposed bridge replacement project. We also request comment on the potential for renewal of this proposed IHA as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a second one-year IHA without additional notice when (1) another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Specified Activities section is planned or (2) the activities would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a second IHA would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the Dates and Duration section, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to expiration of the current IHA.
- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted beyond the initial dates either are identical to the previously analyzed activities or include changes so minor (e.g., reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, take estimates, or mitigation and monitoring requirements.

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do

not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures remain the same and appropriate, and the original findings remain valid.

Dated: February 16, 2018.

**Donna S. Wieting,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Gull and Climate Monitoring/Research in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for Letter of Authorization; request for comments and information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a request from the National Park Service (NPS) for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to glaucous-winged gull and climate

monitoring/research in Glacier Bay National Park (GLBA NP), Alaska over the course of five years from the date of issuance. Pursuant to regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing receipt of the NPS' request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals. NMFS invites the public to provide information, suggestions, and comments on the NPS' application and request.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than March 26, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the applications should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Physical comments should be sent to 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and electronic comments should be sent to [ITP.molineaux@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.molineaux@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research->

and-other-activities without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Molineaux, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. An electronic copy of the NPS's application may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

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 and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) 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 (Level B harassment).

**Summary of Request**

On February 6, 2018, NMFS received an adequate and complete application from the NPS requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to glaucous-winged gull and climate monitoring research activities in GLBA NP, Alaska. The requested regulations would be valid for five years, from March 2019 through December 2023. The NPS plans to conduct necessary work, including gull and climate monitoring to assist in informing future native egg harvests and fill crucial climate data gaps. The proposed action may incidentally expose marine mammals occurring in the vicinity to either acoustic disturbance from motorboat sounds or visual disturbance from the presence of observers, thereby resulting in incidental take, by Level B harassment only. Therefore, the NPS requests authorization to incidentally take eastern pacific harbor seals.

**Specified Activities**

The purpose for the monitoring activities are as follows. Gull monitoring studies are mandated by a Record of Decision of a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) (NPS 2010) which states that NPS must initiate a monitoring program for glaucous-winged gulls (*Larus glaucescens*) to inform future native egg harvest by the Hoonah Tlingit in Glacier Bay, Alaska. Installation of a new weather station on Lone Island is being planned as one of several installations intended to fill coverage gaps among existing weather stations in GLBA NP (NPS 2015a). These new stations will be operated as the foundation of a new long-term climate-monitoring program for GLBA NP. The maximum number of days the NPS will conduct annual monitoring activities that require a Letter of Authorization will be 24 days during each of the five years of work. This consists of four possible yearly climate monitoring visits to Lone Island during the months of October to April and five possible annual gull monitoring visits each to Boulder Island, Geikie Rock, Lone Island and Flapjack Island during the months of May to September. Eastern Pacific harbor (*Phoca vitulina richardii*) seals are the only marine mammals expected to be taken by the activities as the NPS will maintain a distance of 100 meters from all Steller sea lions.

**Information Solicited**

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the NPS' request (see **ADDRESSES**). NMFS will consider all information, suggestions, and comments related to the request during the development of proposed regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the NPS, if appropriate.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

**Donna Wieting,**

Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Publication of Fiscal Year 2016 Service Contract Inventory**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public availability of FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory.

**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 2016 Service Contract Inventory. This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were made in FY 2016. The information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. This inventory has 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 FY 2016 Service Contract Inventory is available on its website at: <http://www.csosa.gov/about/mandated-reports.aspx>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Inventory Information:* Reggie James, Associate Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, Office of Administration, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20004, at (202) 220-5707, or [reggie.james@csosa.gov](mailto:reggie.james@csosa.gov).

*Notice Information:* Rochelle Durant, Program Analyst, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 633 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004, (202) 220-5304, or [rochelle.durant@csosa.gov](mailto:rochelle.durant@csosa.gov).