

Agenda

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to consider the information provided by the Council's Monkfish and Skate Plan Development Teams (PDT) including data updates from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and recommend the overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catches (ABC) for: Northern and Southern monkfish for fishing years (FY) 2026–2030 and Northeast skate complex for FY 2026–2030. They will also consider outcomes of the 2025 Atlantic Sea scallop research track assessment and Scallop PDT's recommended approach for developing specifications considering biological reference points; make recommendations for developing specifications to present to the SSC in October. The SSC will also review outcomes of the June 2025 inaugural meeting of the SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee and provide input on the Subcommittee's workplan. Other business will be discussed as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at 978–465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 6, 2025.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE876]

Marine Mammals; File No. 28742

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 (responsible party: Roxanne Beltran, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 8, 2025.

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. 28742 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 28742 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. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, 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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to continue a long-term research program started in 1968 to study northern elephant seal population growth and status, reproductive strategies, behavioral and physiological adaptations for diving and fasting, general physiology and metabolism, and sensory physiology. Northern elephant seals may be captured and handled for research, as well as harassed during

research. Research methods include behavioral observations, marking, flipper tagging, capture and sampling, active and passive acoustics, attachment of instruments, translocation studies, short-term captive holding for laboratory studies, use of hormone challenges and standard clinical tracer techniques for physiology studies. Research would include all age and sex classes of northern elephant seals over the entire calendar year. Proposed research locations include haul-out sites from California to Washington, but primarily Año Nuevo. Unintentional harassment of northern elephant seals, California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) of the Eastern Distinct Population Segment is requested. Up to 3 unintentional mortalities during research and up to 2 directed mortalities for euthanasia of moribund or orphaned pups, are requested annually; a maximum of 10 mortalities (unintentional and intentional combined) would be authorized over the duration of the permit. The duration of the requested permit is 10 years.

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 6, 2025.

Shannon Bettridge,

Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED–2025–SCC–0004]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Best Interest Determination—Prison Education Program

AGENCY: Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a new information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 8, 2025.

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 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 Carolyn Rose, (202) 453-5967.

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: Best Interest Determination—Prison Education Program.

OMB Control Number: 1845-NEW.

Type of Review: New ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public: Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 6,000.

Abstract: The Prison Education Program (PEP) is authorized under section 484(t) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) with the

requirements for participation outlined in 34 CFR 668, Subpart P, effective July 1, 2023. The regulatory requirements are for a school to offer a PEP to confined or incarcerated individuals. This is a request for a new information collection to develop a form for Oversight Entities to have a mechanism to report the Best Interest Determination for every PEP under their jurisdiction as required under 34 CFR 668.241. This is an optional form which includes the required elements and is being offered for ease of reporting by the appropriate Oversight Entities. Oversight Entities include the appropriate State department of corrections or other entity responsible for overseeing correctional facilities or the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Once completed by the Oversight Entities, the report is forwarded to the institution which in turn will file the report with the Department of Education.

Ross Santy,

Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA invites public comment on the proposed three-year extension, without change, to the *Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery*, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This generic clearance enables EIA to collect customer and stakeholder feedback from the public on service delivery in an efficient and timely manner to ensure that EIA’s programs effectively meet our customers’ needs and to collect feedback on improving service delivery to the public.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than October 7, 2025. If you anticipate any difficulties in submitting your comments by the deadline, contact the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB control number 1905-0210, by email at *EIA-FRNcomments@eia.gov*. Include the OMB control number above in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Pick, EIA Clearance Officer, at (202) 586-5562 or by email at *EIA-FRNcomments@eia.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1905-0210;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three-year extension without change;
- (4) *Purpose:* This information collection activity provides a means to collect qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. Qualitative feedback means data that provide useful insights on perceptions and opinions but are not statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of the study. This feedback provides insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations. It also provides an early warning of issues with service, or focuses attention on areas where communication, training or changes in operations might improve the accuracy of data report on survey instruments or the delivery of products or services. These collections allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between the agency and its customers and stakeholders. It also allows feedback to contribute directly to the improvement of program management. EIA will only submit a collection for approval under this generic clearance if it meets the following conditions:
 - Information gathered will be used only internally for general service improvement and program management purposes and is not intended for release outside of the agency;
 - Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions;
 - Information gathered will yield qualitative information; the collections will not be designed or expected to yield statistically reliable results or used as though the results are generalizable to the population of study;
 - The collections are voluntary;
 - The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of