

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency ensures 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, in this case with the NMFS Alaska Regional Office (AKRO).

NMFS is proposing to authorize the take of the Mexico-North Pacific stock of humpback whales, which are listed as threatened under the ESA. The NMFS Office of Protected Resources has requested the initiation of ESA section 7 consultation with AKRO for the issuance of this IHA. NMFS would conclude the ESA consultation before reaching a determination regarding the proposed authorization issuance.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to KDC for conducting the Ketchikan Berth IV Expansion Project in Ketchikan, Alaska in the East Tongass Narrows, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed IHA can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>.

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 Ketchikan Berth IV Expansion Project. We also request comment on the potential 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 decisions on the request for this IHA or a subsequent renewal IHA.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time, 1-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice would not be completed by the time the

IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA).

- The request for renewal must include the following:

1. An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

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 will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: September 24, 2025.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License; I-Blades, Inc.

AGENCY: National Security Agency (NSA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The NSA hereby gives notice of its intent to grant I-Blades, Inc. a revocable, non-assignable, partially exclusive, license to practice the following Government-Owned invention as described and claimed in United States Patent Number/United States Patent Application Number (USPN), 10,866,622 B1, Device for

Securing a Charge Operation of an End-User Device.

DATES: Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license has until October 15, 2025 to file written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 United States Code (U.S.C.) 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

ADDRESSES: Written objections are to be filed with the National Security Agency Technology Transfer Program, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6843, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6843.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen D. Presley, Director, Office of Research and Technology Applications, 9800 Savage Road, Suite 6843, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6843, telephone (443) 634-3519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective partially exclusive license will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the NSA.

Dated: September 25, 2025.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Revised Non-foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

AGENCY: Defense Human Resources Activity, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of revised per diem Rates in non-foreign areas outside the Continental U.S.

SUMMARY: Defense Human Resources Activity publishes this Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 329. Bulletin Number 329 lists current per diem rates prescribed for reimbursement of subsistence expenses while on official Government travel to Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the possessions of the United States (U.S.). The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 lodging and meal rate review for Hawaii resulted in rate changes for multiple locations.

DATES: The updated rates take effect October 1, 2025.

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