

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before July 6, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov](mailto:NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0292 in the subject line of your comments. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Jaclyn Taylor, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282, (301) 427–8402 or [Jaclyn.Taylor@noaa.gov](mailto:Jaclyn.Taylor@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for the renewal of a currently approved information collection and is sponsored by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Office of Protected Resources (OPR).

Reporting injury to and/or mortalities of marine mammal's incidental to commercial fishing activities is mandated under Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). This information is required to determine the impacts of commercial fishing on marine mammal populations. This information is also used to classify commercial fisheries into Categories I, II, or III on the annual Marine Mammal Protection Act List of Fisheries. Participants in the first two categories must be authorized to take marine mammals, while those in Category III are exempt from that requirement. All three categories must report injuries or mortalities to the NMFS using the OMB approved form.

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include online forms, email of electronic or scanned forms, mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0292.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; Individuals or

households; State, local, or tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes per response.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1387 Sec. 118.

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Robert Storrs Harbor Floats A&B Replacement Project in Unalaska, Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the City of Unalaska (COU) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the Robert Storrs Harbor Floats A&B Replacement Project in Unalaska, Alaska.

**DATES:** This authorization is effective for 1 year from the date of notification by the IHA-holder, not to exceed 1 year from the date of issuance (April 30, 2026).

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Gatzke, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**MMPA Background and Determinations**

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Among the exceptions is section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) which directs the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking by harassment 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 the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS will issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” can be found in the MMPA and the NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On March 25, 2026, a notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to the COU for take of marine mammals incidental to Robert Storrs Harbor Floats A&B Replacement Project in Unalaska, Alaska was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 14535). In that notice, NMFS indicated the estimated numbers, type, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No substantive comments were received during the public comment period. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHA notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHA are considered final.

#### 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 review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) 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 the IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

#### Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 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.

NMFS authorized take of the Western distinct population segment (DPS) of Steller sea lions and Mexico and Western North Pacific DPS of humpback whale, which are listed under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office issued a Biological Opinion under Section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to COU under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Office of Protected Resources. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat.

#### Authorization

Accordingly, consistent with the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, NMFS has issued an IHA to the COU for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to Robert Storrs Harbor Floats A&B Replacement Project in Unalaska, Alaska.

Dated: April 30, 2026.

#### Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*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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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are holding three joint webinar meetings for the Advisory Panels to provide input to help inform the Councils’ ongoing evaluation of vessel baseline restrictions.

**DATES:** These webinars will be held between Thursday, May 21, 2026 and Tuesday, May 26, 2026. See supplementary information for more details on specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** *Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/PmGbLGFwS2uRxaWpZ23bUw>.

2. Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 6 p.m.–8 p.m. <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/WYkJuslmRSeo94ftNEPV6g>.

3. May 26, 2026 from 2 p.m.–4 p.m. <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/I27AMyKCR2qSG7SC6vqPBA>.

*Public comments:* The public comment deadline is on Friday, May 29, 2026. Mail to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mark the outside of the envelope “Vessel Baseline Comments.” Comments may also be sent via email to [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org) with “Vessel Baseline Comments” in the subject line.

#### Agenda

During each meeting, Council staff will provide background information on vessel baseline restrictions, vessel data, and questions for consideration. Advisors will then have an opportunity to comment. Public comments will also be allowed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come