

such conduct. The ESA prohibits the take of endangered salmonids and, pursuant to ESA section 4(d), ESA regulations can be extended to prohibit the take of threatened salmonids. However, NMFS may make exceptions to the take prohibitions for hatchery programs that are approved by NMFS under the limits on the prohibitions outlined in 50 CFR 223.203(b). The operators, WDFW collaborating with tribal co-manager PTI, have submitted five HGMPs to NMFS pursuant to NMFS' Limit 6 of the 4(d) Rule of the ESA for hatchery activities in the Puyallup River basin, Washington. The PEPD is NMFS' initial determination for how the HGMPs address the criteria in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(5).

The hatchery programs under review are designed to help meet adult fish loss mitigation responsibilities, off-setting adverse impacts to natural-origin salmon abundances that historically sustained tribal, commercial, and recreational fisheries. These hatchery programs are intended to contribute to fulfilling federal trust responsibilities toward tribes with rights guaranteed through treaties, as affirmed in *United States v. Washington* (1974), by contributing to the recovery of ESA-listed salmon. Included in the HGMP is research and monitoring activities to study the effect of the programs on the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead.

Classification

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as deemed necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) Rule regulations (50 CFR 223.203(b)) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the regulations do not apply to actions undertaken in compliance with a plan developed jointly by a state and a tribe and determined by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) Rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*)

Dated: May 15, 2026.

Jennifer Leigh Quan,

Regional Administrator, West Coast Region,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 29621

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS' Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98118 (Responsible Party: Nancy Friday, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 18, 2026.

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. 29621 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. 29621 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.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a research permit to investigate population status and trends, demographics, health, disease, and foraging ecology of northern fur seals. Northern fur seals may be taken annually from the Eastern

Pacific stock in Alaska, including by capture and handle, harassment, unintentional disturbance, ground and aerial surveys, observation, photograph/video, capture/handling, and collection of scat/spew. Samples may be salvaged from pinnipeds found dead, received from subsistence harvested animals, and exported for analysis. During capture and handling, animals may receive drug administration, external instruments, marks, biological sampling, measured and weighed. Up to 4 unintentional mortalities of northern fur seals annually, not to exceed 13 over the life of the permit, are also requested. Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) from the endangered western Distinct Population Segment and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) may be unintentionally disturbed annually during research.

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: May 15, 2026.

Shannon Bettridge,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2024-0039]

Extension of the Date by Which Neck Floats Must Be Tested and Certified Subject to the Submission of Samples

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of extension of date of testing and certification of neck floats.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing that the Commission is extending, by 60 days, the date by which manufacturers (including importers) of neck floats must comply with the third party testing and certification requirements for children's products under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The extension is being provided because the

Commission has determined that there is an insufficient number of third party conformity assessment bodies accredited by the Commission to permit testing and certification of neck floats by the effective date of June 15, 2026. To be eligible for this extension, manufacturers (including importers) must submit a sample of the finished product, intended for sale, to the Commission. This extension for third party testing and certification does not apply to any other requirements of the neck float final rule. All neck floats within the scope of the neck float final rule must be sold in compliance with all other requirements of that rule as of June 15, 2026, the effective date of the final rule.

DATES: For eligible manufacturers or importers who have submitted a sample to the Commission, the date after which neck floats must be tested by third party conformity assessment bodies accredited by the Commission to assess conformity with the CPSC regulations for neck floats is extended until August 16, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Dreyfus, Acting Associate Executive Director, Directorate of Laboratory Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: 301-987-2094; email: MDreyfus@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On December 15, 2025, the Commission published a final rule amending the mandatory toy safety standard in 16 CFR part 1250 to establish additional performance requirements and revised labeling requirements for neck floats to address fatal hazards associated with those products. 90 FR 58096. The neck floats rule will be codified at 16 CFR 1250.5 and be effective on June 15, 2026.

In the final rule, the Commission also amended CPSC's list of notice of requirements (NORs) to include the neck floats rule, also effective June 15, 2026. 90 FR 58134; 16 CFR 1112.15(b). Products subject to a consumer product safety rule under the CPSA, or to a similar rule, ban, standard, or regulation under any other act enforced by the Commission, must be certified as complying with all applicable CPSC-enforced requirements. 15 U.S.C. 2063(a). Under section 14(a)(2) of the CPSA, certification of children's products subject to a children's product safety rule must be based on testing conducted by a CPSC-accepted third

party conformity assessment body. 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(2). The Commission's rule at 16 CFR part 1112 establishes requirements for CPSC acceptance of third party conformity assessment bodies (laboratories) to test for conformance with a children's product safety rule in accordance with section 14(a)(2) of the CPSA. Part 1112 will list the NOR for neck floats at 16 CFR 1112.15(b)(32)(v), as Safety Standard for Toys: Requirements for Neck Floats, upon the effective date of the rule.

Pursuant to the final rule, laboratories applying for CPSC-acceptance as a third party conformity assessment body to test to the new requirements for neck floats are required to meet the third party conformity assessment body accreditation requirements in Part 1112. A laboratory that meets the requirements to be a CPSC-accepted third party conformity assessment body for the neck floats rule can apply to CPSC to have 16 CFR 1250.5 included in its scope of accreditation as reflected on the CPSC website at: www.cpsc.gov/labsearch.

Currently, there are no third party conformity assessment bodies approved by CPSC to test to the neck float requirements in 16 CFR 1250.5. As such, there are currently no CPSC-accepted third party conformity assessment bodies that can test neck floats for compliance, which would allow manufacturers or importers to obtain third party certification of those products to the requirements for neck floats in 16 CFR 1250.5.

II. Statutory Authority To Provide a 60-Day Extension

The CPSA requires children's product manufacturers to submit sufficient samples of a product, or samples that are identical in all material respects to such product for compliance testing by a CPSC-accepted third party conformity assessment body. 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(2). In addition, based on passing test results from that testing, manufacturers must issue a children's product certificate. *Id.* That requirement applies to any children's product manufactured more than 90 days after the Commission has established and published notice of the requirements. *Id.* 2063(a)(3)(A).

The CPSA also states that if the Commission determines that an insufficient number of third party conformity assessment bodies have been accredited to permit certification for a children's product safety rule, the Commission may extend the deadline for certification to the rule by not more than 60 days. 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(3)(F). Regardless of whether a product is

compliant with the testing and certification requirements, the children's product in question still must comply with all other applicable CPSC requirements. *Id.* at 2063(h).

III. Extension of the Date by Which Neck Floats Must Be Tested and Certified

At this time, there are no CPSC-accepted third party conformity assessment bodies that have been accredited to certify neck floats to the requirements in 16 CFR 1250.5. Therefore, the Commission is exercising its discretion pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(3)(F) to provide a 60-day extension to comply with the testing and certification requirements in the final rule to eligible manufacturers and importers subject to the following conditions. To be eligible for the 60-day extension to comply with the third party testing and certification requirements for neck floats, manufacturers (including importers) must first submit a sample of the finished product, intended for sale, to the Commission. *See* 15 U.S.C. 2076(f). To submit a sample, please coordinate with CPSC by contacting the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. A sample of the product, intended for sale, must first be submitted to CPSC before a manufacturer or importer is eligible for this extension.

The extension is effective on June 15, 2026 and will extend the compliance date for the testing and certification requirements from June 15, 2026, to August 16, 2026. Accordingly, manufacturers of a neck float subject to 16 CFR 1250.5 must have sufficient samples of any such product, or samples that are identical in all material respects to such product, that is manufactured after August 16, 2026, tested by a third party conformity assessment body accredited to do so by the Commission. Further, for neck floats manufactured after August 16, 2026, the manufacturer must issue a certificate of compliance with 16 CFR 1250.5 based on that testing.

The 60-day extension of compliance for third party testing does not apply to any other requirements of the final rule. All neck floats within the scope of these regulations must be sold in compliance with the specified requirements in 16 CFR 1250.5 as of June 15, 2026, the effective date of the final rule. In addition, except for the dates that are adjusted by 60 days in this notice, all provisions of the NOR published on

December 15, 2025, 90 FR 58096, remain in effect.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-0496]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

AGENCY: Office of Management (OM), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 18, 2026.

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 data@ed.gov.

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: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery
OMB Control Number: 1880-0542.

Type of Review: An extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents/Affected Public:

Individuals and Households. *Total*

Estimated Number of Annual

Responses: 450,000.

Total Estimated Number of Annual

Burden Hours: 225,000.

Abstract: This collection of information is necessary to enable the Agency to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner in accordance with our commitment to improving service delivery. The information collected from our customers and stakeholders will help ensure that users have an effective, efficient, and satisfying experience with the Agency's programs.

Ross Santy,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2026-SCC-0265]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Federal Perkins Loan Program Regulations and General Provisions Regulations

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 an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 18, 2026.

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: Federal Perkins Loan Program Regulations and General Provisions Regulations.

OMB Control Number: 1845-0019.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved ICR.

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

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 11,616,710.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 6,247,152.

Abstract: This is a request by the Department of Education (Department) for continued approval of the reporting, disclosure and records maintenance requirements that are contained in the Student Assistance General Provisions regulations, the Federal Perkins Loan program, the Federal Work-Study program, and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program. The Department is seeking an extension of the currently approved information collection 1845-0019.