

the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 6.08 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.²⁷ These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Final Results of Review

Unless the deadline is otherwise extended, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised by interested parties in the written comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results in the **Federal Register**.²⁸

Notification to Importers

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.213 and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 31, 2026.

Christopher Abbott,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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²⁷ See *Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Cut-To-Length Plate from Austria, Belgium, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan: Amended Final Affirmative Antidumping Determinations for France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Korea and Taiwan, and Antidumping Duty Orders*, 82 FR 24096, 24098 (May 25, 2017).

²⁸ See section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act; see also 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF949]

Marine Mammals; File No. 29817

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 NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: Nancy Friday, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are 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. 29817 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: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. or Courtney Smith, 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 (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 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 10-year permit to conduct research on 20 species of cetaceans in U.S. and international waters of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Nine species of pinnipeds may be harassed during research. ESA-listed species include: beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*), blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), fin (*Balaenoptera*

physalus), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), killer (*Orcinus orca*), North Pacific right (*Eubalaena japonica*), sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales; Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*); and bearded (*Erignathus barbatus*), Guadalupe fur (*Arctocephalus townsendi*), and ringed (*Pusa hispida*) seals. The objectives of the research are to study cetacean population abundance, trends, distribution, health, and status. Animals may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including uncrewed aircraft systems, for counts, photography, videography, observations, biological sampling (blow, feces, sloughed skin, predation remains, and skin and blubber biopsies), and tagging (suction-cup, dart/barb, and deep-implant). Marine mammal parts may also be imported and exported for analysis and curation. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, life stage, and procedure.

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 3, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and National Marine Sanctuary Permit Application and Reports for Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before October 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0548 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive personally identifiable information or any other type of protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Phillip Howard, Permit Specialist, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176 Honolulu, HI 96818, (808–725–5800), and phillip.howard@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for the revision and extension of an approved information collection. The collection is being revised to restructure current fields, eliminate redundant questions, and establish a more logical layout. These updates aim to minimize administrative burden and deliver a more intuitive, streamlined application experience for users. This request also extends the permit application to include authorities under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*).

On June 15, 2006, President Bush established the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument by issuing Presidential Proclamation 8031 (71 FR 36443, June 26, 2006), as amended on February 28, 2007 by Presidential Proclamation 8112 (72 FR 10031, March 6, 2007), under the authority of the Antiquities Act (54 U.S.C. 320301 *et seq.*). The Secretary of Commerce, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has primary responsibility regarding the management of the marine areas of the

Monument, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior. Similarly, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), has sole responsibility for management of the areas of the Monument that overlay the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, the Battle of Midway National Memorial, and the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce.

On August 29, 2006, NOAA and FWS published a final rule codifying the provisions of Presidential Proclamation 8031, which include restrictions and prohibitions regarding activities in the Monument (71 FR 51134). Specifically, the regulations prohibit access to the Monument except when passing through without interruption, as allowed under a permit issued by NOAA and the FWS, for emergency response and law enforcement purposes, and for activities and exercises of the Armed Forces. Vessels passing through the Monument without interruption are required to notify NOAA and FWS upon entering into and leaving the monument.

Individuals wishing to access the Monument to conduct certain regulated activities must first apply for and be granted a permit issued by NOAA and FWS. These agencies have since worked extensively with the State of Hawaii to ensure the permitting requirements and processes of all three entities are sufficiently coordinated and to ensure applicants for permits for Monument activities require only a single application and receive one, combined agency permit.

On January 16, 2025, NOAA designated the marine areas of the Monument as a national marine sanctuary pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (90 FR 4856; 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*). The designation and regulations for Papahānaumokuākea National Marine Sanctuary (PNMS) became effective on March 3, 2025, with a notification published on March 24, 2025 (90 FR 13410). The purpose of this designation was to provide comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management of the marine areas of Papahānaumokuākea to protect nationally significant biological, cultural, and historical resources. Additionally, the purpose of the designation was to implement the provisions of Executive Order 13178, Presidential Proclamation 9478, and the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. NOAA is applying the authorities under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to this

permit application and this associated information collection.

The information submitted by permit applicants will be used to decide whether to approve or deny a permit application. In making this decision, the agencies will consider such factors as:

- the professional qualifications and financial ability of the applicant as related to the proposed activity;
- the duration of the activity and its effects;
- the appropriateness of the methods and procedures proposed by the applicant for the conduct of the activity;
- the extent to which the conduct of the activity may diminish or enhance the qualities for which the Monument and National Marine Sanctuary was designated;
- the end value of the activity; and
- other such matters as agency staff deem appropriate.

In addition to informing the agencies' decisions on permit applications, information submitted in permit applications and reports submitted pursuant to permit conditions may also be used by the agencies to inform—

- decision making on a permit amendment request or another permit application; or
- other management actions (*e.g.*, emergency response and enforcement).

In terms of frequency of use, the information submitted in permit applications will, in general, only be used at the time the application is submitted to make a final decision on the application. Some of the information may also be used subsequent to the initial decision making to inform management actions or decision making. For example, a survey of a project location by one permit applicant may be used by the agencies in the future to respond to a vessel grounding in the same area to facilitate the agencies' decision in response to that matter. Information submitted in a report will be used to periodically assess the permittee's compliance with permit terms and conditions and to assist in evaluating the appropriateness of the permitted activity.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submission include email of electronic forms and mail of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0548.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission, revision and extension of a current information collection.

Affected Public: Individuals, non-profit institutions; Federal, State, local,

government, Native Hawaiian organizations; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 192.

Estimated Time per Response: Average time across all permit types: 7 hours. Permit modification requests and final reports: 10 hours; and annual reports: 5 hours. Time per response for entry and exit notifications: 5 minutes. Time per response for VMS certification: 5 minutes per response.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 170

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$5,905 in recordkeeping/reporting costs and vessel monitoring system installation and maintenance.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits, or Mandatory.

Legal Authority: 54 U.S.C. 320301 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742f, 16 U.S.C. 742l; 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

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 Review. 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

[RTID 0648–XF917]

Marine Mammals; File No. 29707

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 Center for Coastal Studies, 5 Holway Avenue, Provincetown, MA 02657, (Responsible Party: Anne-Marie Runfola), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 8, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review 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. 29707 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:

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Courtney Smith, 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 (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The applicant requests a 10-year permit to conduct research on 23

species of marine mammals in U.S. and international waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. ESA-listed species include: bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales. The objectives are to study marine mammal occurrence, distribution, abundance, behavior, habitat use, foraging ecology, and health, with a focus on North Atlantic right whales. Cetaceans may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including uncrewed aircraft systems, for counts, photography, videography, photogrammetry, thermal imaging, observations, biological sampling (feces, sloughed skin, and skin and blubber biopsies), and suction-cup tagging. Four species of pinnipeds may be unintentionally harassed and opportunistically studied during research. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, life stage, and procedure.

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 3, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Acting Deputy 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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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to U.S. Coast Guard Fast Response Cutter Homeporting in Sitka, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of a modified incidental harassment authorization.