transfer agreement on December 23, 2024.

Notice is hereby given that, on April 23, 2026, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA, the NMFS issued ITP (No. 21316) to CPS Energy subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Authority

This notice is provided by NMFS under the authority of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the transfer of incidental take permits (50 CFR 222.305). Additionally, the notice complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) as implemented by the NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, Policy and Procedures for Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Related Authorities (2025).

Dated: August 28, 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

Notice of Indirect Cost Rates

AGENCY: Office of Response and Restoration (ORR), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of indirect cost rates for the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program for fiscal year 2021.

SUMMARY: NOAA's Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP) is announcing new indirect cost rates on the recovery of indirect costs for its component organizations involved in natural resource damage assessment and restoration activities for fiscal year (FY) 2021. The indirect cost rates for this fiscal year and date of implementation are provided in this notice. More information on these rates and the DARRP policy can be found at the DARRP website at *https://darrp.noaa.gov/.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Penn, Acting Deputy Director, NOAA Office of Response and Restoration, by phone at 301–873–2537 or by email at *Tony.Penn@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the DARRP is to restore natural resource injuries caused by releases of hazardous substances or oil under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) and the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), and to support restoration of physical injuries to National Marine Sanctuary resources under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*). The DARRP consists of three component organizations: ORR within the National Ocean Service; the Office of Habitat Conservation (OHC) within the National Marine Fisheries Service; and the Office of the General Counsel Natural Resources Section (GCNRS). The DARRP conducts Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDAs) as a basis for recovering damages from responsible parties, and uses the funds recovered to restore injured natural resources.

Consistent with Federal accounting requirements, the DARRP is required to account for and report the full costs of its programs and activities. Further, the DARRP is authorized by law to recover reasonable costs of damage assessment and restoration activities under CERCLA, OPA, and the NMSA. Within the constraints of these legal provisions and their regulatory applications, the DARRP has the discretion to develop indirect cost rates for its component organizations and formulate policies on the recovery of indirect cost rates subject to its requirements.

The DARRP's Indirect Cost Effort

In December 1998, the DARRP hired the public accounting firm Rubino & McGeehin, Chartered (R&M) to: evaluate the DARRP cost accounting system and allocation practices; recommend the appropriate indirect cost allocation methodology; and determine the indirect cost rates for the three organizations that comprise the DARRP. A **Federal Register** notice on R&M's effort, their assessment of the DARRP's cost accounting system and practice, and their determination regarding the most appropriate indirect cost methodology and rates for FYs 1993 through 1999 was published on December 7, 2000 (65 FR 76611).

R&M continued its assessment of DARRP's indirect cost rate system and structure for FYs 2000 and 2001. A second **Federal Register** notice specifying the DARRP indirect rates for FYs 2000 and 2001 was published on December 2, 2002 (67 FR 71537).

In October 2002, DARRP hired the accounting firm of Cotton and Company LLP (Cotton) to review and certify DARRP costs incurred on cases for purposes of cost recovery and to develop indirect rates for FY2002 and subsequent years. As in the prior years, Cotton concluded that the cost accounting system and allocation practices of the DARRP component organizations are consistent with Federal accounting requirements. Consistent with R&M's previous analyses, Cotton also determined that the most appropriate indirect allocation method continues to be the Direct Labor Cost Base for all three DARRP component organizations. The Direct Labor Cost Base is computed by allocating total indirect cost over the sum of direct labor dollars, plus the application of NOAA's leave surcharge and benefits rates to direct labor. Direct labor costs for contractors from ERT, Inc. (ERT), Freestone Environmental Services, Inc. (Freestone), and Genwest Systems, Inc. (Genwest) were included in the direct labor base because Cotton determined that these costs have the same relationship to the indirect cost pool as NOAA direct labor costs. ERT, Freestone, and Genwest provided on-site support to the DARRP in the areas of injury assessment, natural resource economics, restoration planning and implementation, and policy analysis. Subsequent notices have been published in the **Federal Register** as follows:

- FY 2002, published on October 6, 2003 (68 FR 57672)
- FY 2003, published on May 20, 2005 (70 FR 29280)
- FY 2004, published on March 16, 2006 (71 FR 13356)
- FY 2005, published on February 9, 2007 (72 FR 6221)
- FY 2006, published on June 3, 2008 (73 FR 31679)
- FY 2007 and FY 2008, published on November 16, 2009 (74 FR 58948)
- FY 2009 and FY 2010, published on October 20, 2011 (76 FR 65182)
- FY 2011, published on September 17, 2012 (77 FR 57074)
- FY 2012, published on August 29, 2013 (78 FR 53425)
- FY 2013, published on October 14, 2014 (79 FR 61617)
- FY 2014, published on December 17, 2015 (80 FR 78718)
- FY 2015, published on August 22, 2016 (81 FR 56580)

Empirical Concepts developed the DARRP indirect rates for FY2016 through FY 2020. Empirical reaffirmed that the Direct Labor Cost Base is the most appropriate indirect allocation method for the development of the FY 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 indirect cost rates. The **Federal Register** notice for these rates can be found at the following:

- FY2016 and FY2017, published on October 16, 2019 (84 FR 55283)

- FY2018, published on August 5, 2020 (85 FR 47358)
- FY2019, published on August 24, 2021 (86 FR 47300)
- FY2020, published on April 28, 2023 (88 FR 26275)

Empirical Concepts developed the DARRP indirect rates for FY2021 and reaffirmed the Direct Labor Cost Base as the most appropriate indirect allocation for the development of the FY2021 indirect cost rates. Lynker replaced Freestone Environmental Services, Inc., but had the same contract labor relationship with DARRP.

The DARRP's Indirect Cost Rates and Policies

The DARRP will apply the indirect cost rates for FY2021 as recommended by Empirical Concepts for each of the DARRP component organizations as provided in the following table:

DARRP component organization	FY 2021 indirect rate (percent)
Office of Response and Restoration (ORR)	118.24
Office of Habitat Conservation (OHC)	68.09
General Counsel Natural Resources Section (GCNRS)	30.05

The FY2021 rates will be applied to all damage assessment and restoration case costs incurred between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 effective October 1, 2026. DARRP will use the FY2021 indirect cost rates for future fiscal years, beginning with FY2021, until subsequent year-specific rates can be developed.

For cases that have settled and for cost claims paid prior to the effective date of the fiscal year in question, the DARRP will not re-open any resolved matters for the purpose of applying the revised rates in this policy for these fiscal years. For cases not settled and cost claims not paid prior to the effective date of the fiscal year in question, costs will be recalculated using the revised rates in this policy for these fiscal years. Where a responsible party has agreed to pay costs using previous year's indirect rates, but has not yet made the payment because the settlement documents are not finalized, the costs will not be recalculated.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.;* 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.;* 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

Sean Corson,

Acting Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of web conference.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Halibut Management Committee will meet September 30, 2026.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be a web conference. Join online through the link at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7157.*

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave, Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: 907–271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Marrinan, Council staff; phone; 907–271–2809; email: *smarrinan@npfmc.org.* For technical support please contact our admin Council staff, 907–271–2809; email: *support@npfmc.org.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

The Charter Halibut Management Committee will meet to review the Charter Halibut Permit discussion paper. The committee will open with introductions, followed by a review of the discussion paper. Public testimony will then be taken at the discretion of the chair, and the meeting will conclude with other business and upcoming meetings. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials, *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7157.*

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smart phone; or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7157.* For technical support please contact our admin Council staff, 907–271–2809; email: *support@npfmc.org.*

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted prior to the meeting and should be submitted electronically to *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/7157.*

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

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Rey 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

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Takes of Endangered and Threatened Species Incidental to Specified Activities; Notice of Issuance for Incidental Take Permit No. 29887 to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has been issued an incidental take permit (ITP) for the incidental take of Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed sea turtles associated with the otherwise lawful fisheries-independent gill net survey activities within Texas bays and estuaries.

ADDRESSES: The ITP and other related documents are available on the NMFS Office of Protected Resources website at *https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/endangered-species-conservation/incidental-take-permits* under the section heading Related Documents for the ITP to the TPWD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Corcoran, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8453, *kim.corcoran@noaa.gov.*