

- 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

[RTID 0648-XG022]

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.

Key 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA provides a mechanism for authorizing incidental take of listed species. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are located at 50 CFR 222.307.

Species Covered in This Permit

The following species are included in this permit:

Endangered

Kemp’s ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles.

Threatened

North Atlantic distinct population segments (DPS) of green (*Chelonia mydas*) and Northwest Atlantic Ocean DPS of loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) sea turtles.

Background

On July 24, 2024, TPWD submitted an initial full draft application and Conservation Plan requesting take of ESA-listed species of sea turtles associated with their otherwise lawful fisheries-independent gill net surveys within Texas bays and estuaries as well as a small portion of Sabine Lake, LA. The Conservation Plan is designed to monitor, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of sea turtle entanglements incidental to these surveys to the maximum extent practicable. Following further discussion with NMFS, TPWD submitted revised draft applications and associated Conservation Plans on May 19, 2025, December 22, 2025, and February 13, 2026. NMFS deemed the application and Conservation Plan adequate and complete on February 26, 2026. On March 17, 2026, we published a notice of receipt (91 FR 12759) of TPWD’s application and Conservation Plan from TPWD, which was made available for a 30-day public comment period. NMFS received 14 public comments on TPWD’s ITP application and Conservation Plan. None were substantive, but most were in support of NMFS issuing an ITP to TPWD.

Total authorized take of sea turtle species for the 10-year ITP duration is based on historical data from TPWD’s

fisheries-independent gill net surveys. Incidental take of green sea turtles is authorized as cumulative take over a 3-year rolling period across the full 10 year permit duration. Incidental take of loggerhead, hawksbill, and Kemp’s ridley sea turtles is authorized across the 10-year ITP duration.

TABLE 1—TOTAL AUTHORIZED INCIDENTAL TAKE BY SPECIES AND CONDITION UNDER PERMIT NO. 29887

Species	Maximum authorized take	
	Live	Dead
Green (North Atlantic DPS)	*43	*31
Loggerhead (Northwest Atlantic Ocean DPS)	3	1
Hawksbill	1	1
Kemp’s ridley	13	3

* Take of green sea turtles is authorized on a 3-year rolling basis. The maximum number of green sea turtle takes authorized over the 10-year ITP (No. 29887) is 247.

NMFS has issued the requested ITP under the authority of the ESA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the implementing regulations (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Conservation Plan

As part of their Conservation Plan, TPWD will implement measures to monitor, minimize, and mitigate take of ESA-listed sea turtle species incidental to fishery-independent gill net surveys. These measures include: constraining the sampling season to two 10-week seasons (fall and spring); identify hot spot grids (1-minute latitude by 1-minute latitude square grids where gill nets can be set and sampled in Texas bays and estuaries) to implement additional species protections such as the “last in/first out” strategy to reduce gill net soak times; identifying and removing sampling grid areas from future surveys after one endangered species entanglement occurs in that grid; implementing net configurations, such as reducing net slack, and marker buoy attachment to improve visibility for monitoring entanglements and reducing the potential for entanglements; observing before and during deployment periods for a total of 30 minutes; following the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network protocols and appropriate release and resuscitation protocols upon discovery of an entangled sea turtle; conducting surveys on “best” available weather days for gill net deployment; and ensuring continuous net repair to eliminate holes larger than 6 inch (15.24 centimeter) stretched mesh.

TPWD provided NMFS with assurances that adequate funding exists to support its Conservation Plan, including funds to support mitigation activities (cold stunning recovery activities, shrimp fishery management and law enforcement, and habitat protection within Texas state bays and estuaries) throughout the duration of the permit. The Conservation Plan also includes outreach, education, and a debris removal program, funded through Texas state appropriations and supplemented by other sources such as Natural Resource Disaster Assessment and Sport Fish Restoration, as funded by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with regular reporting requirements.

Please refer to TPWD’s ITP application and Conservation Plan, which can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-permit-texas-parks-and-wildlife-department-tpwd> for detailed information.

Criteria for Issuing an Incidental Take Permit

Issuance criteria are described in ESA section 10(a)(2)(B) and associated implementing regulations (50 CFR 222.307(c)(2)). Under section 10(a)(2)(B) of the ESA, NMFS shall issue the requested ITP, if NMFS finds that the following criteria are met:

- (i) The taking will be incidental;
- (ii) The applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, monitor, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of such taking;
- (iii) The taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild;
- (iv) The applicant has amended the Conservation Plan to include any measures (not originally proposed by the applicant) that the Assistant Administrator determines are necessary or appropriate; and
- (v) There are adequate assurances that the Conservation Plan will be funded and implemented, including any measures required by the Assistant Administrator.

NMFS has determined that TPWD meets the criteria for the issuance of an ITP, and as such, NMFS has issued an ITP to TPWD for the incidental take of ESA-listed sea turtles associated with the otherwise lawful fisheries-independent gill net survey activities within Texas bays and estuaries. Unless modified, suspended, or revoked, the effective dates of the ITP are September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2036.

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-1256]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 30-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reginald Lucas, (571) 372-7574, whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: DOD STEM Work Experience Program Participant Questionnaire; OMB Control Number 0704-0668.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 300.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 300.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 75.

Needs and Uses: The information gathered through this survey will inform the DoD of the range of STEM education programs that can be considered work experience programs (WEPs) in that they have two components: (1) an experiential component where participants engage in meaningful work and (2) an educational component where they acquire skills or knowledge. This definition includes programs

labeled as internships, apprenticeships, or related experiences, such as work-based learning, cooperative education, and postdoctoral positions. The information will be used to gain a better understanding of WEP participants' educational and professional backgrounds, what they gain from completing WEPs, potential barriers to their success, and how programs may be improved for future cohorts.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: August 31, 2026.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2026-OS-1916]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, DCSA announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Oversight and Compliance Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) Office for Investigations, ATTN: Kyrsten L. Rilling, 1137 Branchton Road, Boyers, PA 16018, or call the FOIP Office for Investigations at 878-274-1185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Records Request for Background Investigations; OMB Control Number 0705-0001.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of the collection is to enable the DCSA, Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOI/P) Office for Investigations, to locate applicable records and provide the requester responsive records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), and/or the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a). It may also be used for the submission of a Privacy Act Amendment request, and in any FOIA or Privacy Act appeals or related litigation. The Law Enforcement, Congressional Inquiries, Department of Justice for Litigation, National Archives and Records Administration, and Data Breach Remediation, and Routine Uses found at <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/BlanketRoutineUses.aspx>. The Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Records Request for Background Investigations form will also be used to refer records under the release authority of another Federal Agency.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 567.

Number of Respondents: 6,800.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 6,800.