

had ever been at 140 households (Wolfe *et al.*, 2013). Throughout all the years of subsistence surveys, hunting effort for sea lions has remained at a low level, with only 4 households reporting to hunt sea lions in 2012 (Wolfe *et al.*, 2013). In 2012, the community of Juneau harvested 23 harbor seals and no sea lions (Wolfe *et al.*, 2013).

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has designated the area around Juneau, including ensonified waters from the project, a non-subsistence area, defined as an area where dependence upon subsistence (customary and traditional uses of fish and wildlife) is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life (AS 16.05.258(c)). Regardless, the impact of the project on marine mammals is expected to be primarily limited to mild behavioral reactions (e.g., avoidance during pile activities, increased swim speeds, or cessation of vocalizations) such that it would not affect their availability for subsistence use.

Based on the description of the specified activity, the measures described to minimize adverse effects on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence purposes, and the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS has preliminarily determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from CBJ's proposed activities.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (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 incidental take authorizations, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for ESA-listed species, in this case with the NMFS Alaska Regional Office (AKRO).

NMFS Office of Protected Resources (OPR) is proposing to authorize take of the western stock of Steller sea lions, which are listed under the ESA. OPR has requested initiation of section 7 consultation with AKRO for the issuance of this IHA. NMFS will conclude the ESA consultation prior to reaching a determination regarding the proposed issuance of the authorization.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to CBJ allowing for the

incidental take of marine mammals incidental to the Seawalk Extension Project in Juneau, AK, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed IHA can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-construction-activities>.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses, the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of this notice of proposed IHA for the proposed construction. We also request comment on the potential renewal of this proposed IHA as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform decisions on the request for this IHA or a subsequent renewal IHA.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time, 1-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the *Description of Proposed Activity* section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the *Description of Proposed Activity* section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA).
- The request for renewal must include the following:
 1. An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (e.g., reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).
 2. A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.
- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected

species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: October 7, 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

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 20, 2026, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Restoration Project Information Sheet.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0497.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours per Response: Reports: 20 minutes and updates to reports: 10 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 107 hours.

Needs and Uses: This is a request for renewal of an approved information collection. The purpose of this information collection is to assist state

and federal Natural Resource Trustees (Trustees) in more efficiently carrying out the restoration planning phase of Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA), in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d and other federal and local statutes and regulations as applicable. The Office of Habitat Conservation (OHC) at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) manages this information collection and provides the information to the Trustees. The NRDA Restoration Project Information Sheet is designed to facilitate the collection of information on existing, planned, or proposed restoration projects. This information will be used by the Natural Resource Trustees to develop potential restoration alternatives for natural resource injuries and service losses requiring restoration, during the restoration planning phase of the NRDA process. This information is provided by the public on a voluntary basis. The information provided benefits the public by informing the NRDA restoration process. However, there are no individual benefits that depend on the submission of information. Individuals can update the information as needed, but there is no required update frequency.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal government; Federal government.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website 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 and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0497.

Sheleen Dumas,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive Patent License to Zyltech Engineering, LLC; Houston, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to Zyltech Engineering LLC, a company having its principal place of business at 283 Lockhaven Drive, Suite 122, Houston, TX 77073, an exclusive license.

DATES: Written objections must be filed not later than 15 days following publication of this announcement.

ADDRESSES: Send written objections to DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory, Acquisition Management and Technology Transfer Branch, FCDD–RLB–FA/AnnMarie Martin, 6468 Integrity Court, B4402 Room 115, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005 or email to ORTA@arl.army.mil.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: AnnMarie Martin, (520) 945–2155, E-Mail: ORTA@arl.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army plans to grant a partially exclusive license to Zyltech Engineering, LLC for the licensed fields of use as it relates to the manufacture, use and sales of the covered dual material and/or multi-material filaments for 3D printing purposes, including the following materials:

- Styrenic polymers and copolymers, related blends and composites: this mainly covers ABS and ASA.
 - Polycarbonate and its derivatives, related blends and composites.
 - Nylon and its derivatives, related blends and composites.
 - Thermoplastic elastomer, including TPE, TPU, PEBA and related elastomeric thermoplastics.
- relative to the following;
- “Process for creating a filament”, ARL 15–22CIP, US Patent No. 10,968,539, Issue Date: 04/06/2021. US Patent Application No. 15/630,175, Filing Date: 06/22/2017.
 - “Process for creating a polymer filament suitable for use in three-dimensional printing”, ARL 15–22, US Patent No. 11,001,945, Issue Date: 05/11/2021. US Patent Application No. 15/081,048, Filing Date: 03/25/2016.
 - “High strength 3D-printed polymer structures and methods of formation”, ARL 19–32, US Patent No. 11,566,349, Issue Date: 01/31/2022. US Patent

Application No. 16/990,164, Filing Date: 08/11/2020.

- “Multi-material polymer filament for three-dimensional printing”, ARL 15–CIP2, US Publication No. 2022/0033998, Publication Date: 02/03/2022. US Patent Application No. 16/814,353, Filing Date: 03/10/2020.
- “Method of additive manufacturing and dual material elastomeric filament”, ARL 24–13, US Publication No. 2025/028952, Publication Date: 09/11/2025. US Patent Application No. 19/072,806, Filing Date: 03/06/2025.

The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice, the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory receives written objections including evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i). Competing applications completed and received by the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory within fifteen (15) days from the date of this published notice will also be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license.

Objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available to the public for inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

James W. Satterwhite Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Designation of performance review board chair.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the Performance Review Board Chair designee for the Department of Energy. This listing supersedes all previously published lists of Performance Review Board Chair.

DATES: This appointment is effective as of October 7, 2026.

Terri E. Lee (Primary)

Statutory Authority: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).