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

Dated: October 26, 2026.

Anna Michelle Harrison,

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 Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the PetroMarine Services Juneau Rock Dump Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to PetroMarine Services (PM) to incidentally harass marine mammals incidental to Juneau International Airport (JNU) Rock Dump Fuel Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, Alaska (AK).

DATES: This IHA is effective from October 26, 2026, through October 25, 2027.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carter Esch, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

MMPA Background and Determinations

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed IHA.

Specifically, NMFS shall issue an IHA if it finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least [practicable] adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to here as “mitigation”). NMFS must also prescribe requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings. The definitions of key terms, such as “take,” “harassment,” and “negligible impact,” are found in the MMPA and NMFS’ implementing regulations (see 16 U.S.C. 1362; 50 CFR 216.103).

On September 10, 2026, NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to PM for take of marine mammals incidental to the JNU Rock Dump Fuel Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, AK, was published in the **Federal Register** (91 FR 57550). In that notice, NMFS

provided estimates of the numbers, types, and methods of incidental take proposed for each species or stock, as well as the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures that would be required should the IHA be issued. The **Federal Register** notice also included an analysis to support NMFS’ preliminary conclusions and determinations that the IHA, if issued, would satisfy the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for issuance of the IHA. The **Federal Register** notice included web links to a draft IHA for review, as well as other supporting documents.

No substantive comments were received during the public comment period. There are no changes to the specified activity, the species taken, the proposed numbers, type, or methods of take, or the mitigation, monitoring, or reporting measures in the proposed IHA notice. No new information that would change any of the preliminary analyses, conclusions, or determinations in the proposed IHA notice has become available since that notice was published, and therefore, the preliminary analyses, conclusions, and determinations included in the proposed IHA are considered final.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of this IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

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).

There is one marine mammal species, the Western DPS Steller sea lion, with confirmed occurrence in the project area that is listed under the ESA. The NMFS AKRO issued a Biological Opinion on October 22, 2026, under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA modification to PM under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the proposed action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the Western DPS stock of Steller sea lion.

Authorization

Accordingly, consistent with the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA, NMFS has issued an IHA to PM for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the JNU Rock Dump Fuel Terminal Reconstruction Project in Juneau, AK.

Dated: October 27, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notification; availability of an evaluation and recommended determination.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS received three Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) for hatchery programs rearing and releasing fall-run chum salmon in the Skagit River basin. The plans describe hatchery programs operated by the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), as co-managers. Following the public comment period, and consistent with the rule for salmon and steelhead, this document serves to notify the public of the availability of an Evaluation and Recommended

Determination document (ERD) on implementing the proposed hatchery programs the associated HGMPs, which concludes that it will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery nor modify or destroy critical habitat of Puget Sound Chinook salmon or Puget Sound steelhead.

ADDRESSES: The document is available on the internet at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/three-hatchery-and-genetic-management-plans-skagit-river-watershed-chum-salmon>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morgan Robinson, (253) 307–2670, morgan.robinson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

ESA-Listed Species Covered in This Notice

- Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated;
- Puget Sound Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened, naturally and artificially propagated.

Background

The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any 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, the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, and WDFW, have submitted three HGMPs to NMFS pursuant to NMFS’ limit 6 of the 4(d) rule of the ESA for hatchery activities in the Skagit River basin, Washington. As required in the Endangered Species Act (ESA) rule for salmon and steelhead, the Secretary of Commerce published notice of NMFS’ proposed evaluation and pending determination (PEPD) together with a discussion of the biological analysis underlying that determination. NMFS received one public comment on that PEPD. The ERD is NMFS’ determination for how the HGMPs address the criteria in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(5).

The hatchery programs are designed to contribute to tribal and non-tribal 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 salmon harvests. Included in the HGMPs is monitoring activities to evaluate the effectiveness of the programs in meeting their goals while limiting impacts to Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Puget Sound steelhead.

Classification

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce may issue regulations for the conservation of listed threatened species. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (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 rule 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.*

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Jennifer Leigh Quan,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Appointment of Individuals To Serve as Members of the Performance Review Board

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Appointment of individuals to serve as members of the Performance Review Board.

DATES: *Applicable Date:* These appointments are effective on November 17, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy B. Jensen, Deputy Executive Director, U.S. AbilityOne Commission; ajensen@abilityone.gov; 703–593–9411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Chairperson of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission, has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Commission’s Performance Review Board (PRB):