

published on January 31, 2014 (79 FR 5379). The NOI indicated the amendment would be supported by an environmental impact statement, which was the preliminary determination at the time the original purpose and need of the amendment was drafted. When the Council first requested development of this amendment the allocation applied to dolphin and snapper-grouper species.

The Council subsequently removed snapper-grouper species from the allocation action, which left only dolphin allocations and AM modifications for snapper-grouper species and golden crab as amendment actions. A reassessment of the actions in the amendment relative to the National Environmental Policy Act indicates an EA is appropriate. Therefore, a DEIS will not be prepared for the Generic AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment at this time.

The EA for the Generic AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment would consider alternatives to modify existing AMs for snapper-grouper species and golden crab to provide consistency among species, and ensure overfishing does not occur. The EA would also consider alternatives to modify existing sector allocations for dolphin.

The Council held public hearings in August 2014 to discuss the actions included in the Generic AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.

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

Dated: August 22, 2014.

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Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Evaluate: Correction.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on 25 July 2014 announcing its intent to evaluate the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine

Research Reserve in Virginia, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Indiana Coastal Management Program. This document contains corrections to that notice, regarding the date of the public meeting for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia and the dates for which written comments will be accepted for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research, and Indiana Coastal Management Program.

DATES: *Date and Time:* The public meeting for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia will be held Thursday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m. local time at the Wilson House at 7581 Spencer Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062.

ADDRESSES: Written comments from interested parties are encouraged and will be accepted until September 12, 2014 for the Indiana Coastal Management Program and Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and will be accepted until September 19, 2014 for the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia. Please direct all written comments to Carrie Hall, Evaluator, National Policy and Evaluation Division Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563-1135, or Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov. All other portions of the 25 July notice remain unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hall, Evaluator, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563-1135, or Carrie.Hall@noaa.gov.

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Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648- XD224

Marine Mammals; File No. 18537

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Wildlife Conservation, Juneau, AK, (Principal Investigator: Michael Rehberg), to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), within incidental disturbance of several pinniped species.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Courtney Smith or Amy Sloan, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 2014 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 19578) that a request for a permit to conduct research on the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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.*).

Permit No. 18537 supports continuation of ADF&G's long-term Steller sea lion (SSL) research program. It authorizes takes during research activities that incorporate improved methodology based on previous work authorized under permit No. 14325 and subsequent modifications, including: Incidental disturbance during aerial, skiff- and ground-based count and brand resight surveys; captures supporting marking, external instrument attachment, and physiology, toxicology, feeding ecology and health sampling;

and permanent marking of pups and older age classes for describing vital rates and intra-/inter-Discrete Population Segment (DPS) movement. The permit authorizes takes by incidental disturbance of northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), and harbor (*Phoca vitulina*), spotted (*Phoca largha*), ribbon (*Histiophoca fasciata*), ringed (*Pusa hispida*) and bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) due to the proximity of isolated individuals to the study area. See tables in permit for numbers of takes by species, stock and activity. Annual unintentional mortality of 5 SSL from the Western DPS and 10 SSL from the Eastern DPS is authorized. The permit is valid through August 31, 2019.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has determined that the activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment. An additional environmental assessment (EA) analyzing the effects of sUAS, which were not considered in the initial PEIS, on the human environment was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA for Issuance of Permits to take Steller Sea Lions by Harassment During Surveys Using Unmanned Aerial Systems, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on June 17, 2014.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 25, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XV92

Marine Mammals; File No. 14610

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 14610-02 has been issued to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), Division of Wildlife Conservation, Juneau, AK (Principal Investigator: Lori Quakenbush).

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 9, 2014, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR19579) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 14610-02 to conduct research on beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*), endangered bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and endangered humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 previous permit (No. 14610-02) authorized vessel and aerial surveys, remote biopsy and instrument attachment for the above listed cetacean species. Amended Permit No. 14610-03 now authorizes take for vessel surveys and photo-identification to determine stock or feeding group affiliation of gray whales encountered in Alaskan waters (Chukchi and western Beaufort seas).

Additional gray whale takes by harassment during photo-identification efforts (300 annually), and tagging and biopsy activities (50 annually) are now authorized. The amendment also authorizes tag attachment methods to be altered to allow for the attachment of tags using a two-anchor system on bowhead whales. The amended permit is valid through the expiration date of the original permit, May 31, 2015.

A supplement environmental assessment (SEA) analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the SEA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit amendment would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact, signed on August 8, 2014.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 25, 2014.

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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 Construction of the Block Island Transmission System

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 regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission, LLC