Corporation (AGDC) for the take of marine mammals incidental to Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facilities construction project in Cook Inlet, Alaska.

DATES: This Letter of Authorization is effective from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The LOA and supporting documentation is available 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: Shane Guan, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce 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 either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined ''negligible impact'' in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines ''harassment'' as any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On June 28, 2019, NMFS published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register**, requesting comments and information related to AGDC's request for thirty days (84 FR 30991). The final rule was published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2020 (85 FR 50720). For detailed information on this action, please refer to those documents. The regulations include mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements for the incidental take of marine mammals during the LNG facilities constructions in Cook Inlet, Alaska.

The purpose of the project is to construct LNG onshore facilities between the Beluga Landing shoreline crossing and the Yentna River on both shores of the Cook Inlet to load LNG carriers for export. The project would require pile installation using impact and vibratory pile driving, and pipe laying in the Inlet.

Authorization

We have issued an LOA to AGDC authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to LNG facilities construction activities as described above. Take of marine mammals will be minimized through implementation of the following mitigation measures: (1) Implementing time/area restriction to minimize potential noise exposure to Cook Inlet beluga whales in the Susitna River Delta; (2) Implementing exclusion zones for all in-water construction activities to prevent or reduce Level A harassment for all marine mammals and to prevent Level B harassment for Cook Inlet beluga whales; (3) Employing protected species observers (PSOs) to monitor exclusion zones before, during, and after the in-water construction activities to ensure that no marine mammal is within the exclusion zone during the activities; (4) Implementing soft start for impact pile driving; and (5) Deploying air bubble curtains to attenuate noise from in-water pile driving.

Based on these findings and the information discussed in the preamble to the final rule, the activities described under the LOA will have a negligible impact on marine mammal stocks and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected marine mammal stock for subsistence uses.

Dated: September 15, 2020.

Donna S. Wieting,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA490]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's (Council) District Advisory Panels (DAPs), the Outreach and Education Advisory Panel (OEAP), and the Liaison Officers, will hold a joint public virtual meeting to address the items contained in the tentative agenda included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The DAPs, OEAP and Liaison Officers joint public virtual meeting will be held on October 7, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern Day Time.

ADDRESSES: You may join the DAPs/OEAP/Liaison Officers joint public virtual meeting (via GoToMeeting) from a computer, tablet or smartphone by entering the following address:

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/792633909

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United States: +1 (646) 749–3122.

Access Code: 792–633–909.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Miguel Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 398–3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items included in the tentative agenda will be discussed:

1 p.m.–1:10 p.m.

—Introduction—Miguel A. Rolón

1:10 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

—Concepts of Outreach and Education—Alida Ortíz

—Liaison Officers Presentations

1:30 p.m.–1:40 p.m.

—Liaison Officer St. Thomas/St. John—Nicole Greaux

1:40 p.m.–1:50 p.m.

—Liaison Officer St. Croix—Nikita Charles

1:50 p.m.–2 p.m.

—Liaison Officer Puerto Rico—

Wilson Santiago
2 p.m.–2:10 p.m.
—Break
—DAPs Chairs Presentations
2:10 p.m.–2:20 p.m.
—St. Thomas/St. John DAP Chair—Julian Magras
2:20 p.m.–2:40 p.m.
—St. Croix DAP Chair—Edward Schuster
2:40 p.m.–2:50 p.m.
—Puerto Rico DAP Chair—Nelson Crespo
2:50 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
—General Discussion and Recommendations

The order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. The meeting will begin on October 7, 2020, at 1 p.m. EDT, and will end on October 7, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. EDT. Other than the start time, interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated, at the discretion of the Chair.

Special Accommodations

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided. To receive interpretation in Spanish you can dial into the meeting as follows:

US/Canada: Call +1–888–947–3988, when system answers, enter 1*999996#. Para interpretación en inglés marcar:

US/Canada: Call +1–888–947–3988, cuando el sistema conteste, entrar el siguiente número 2*999996#.

For any additional information on this joint public virtual meeting, please contact Diana Martino, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1903, telephone: (787) 226–8849.

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

Dated: September 16, 2020.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the meeting of the Science Advisory Board (SAB). The members will discuss issues outlined in the section on Matters to be considered.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT) and October 28, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT). This time and the agenda topics described below are subject to change.

For the latest agenda please refer to the SAB website: *http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx.*

ADDRESSES: This is a virtual meeting. The webinar registration links for the October 27–28, 2020 meeting may be found on the website at *http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11230, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 301–734–1156; Email: *Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov;* or visit the SAB website at *http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Status: The October 27–28, 2020 meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period at 4:45PM EST on October 27. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three minutes. Written comments for the October 27–28, 2020 meeting should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by October 14, 2020 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after this date will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

Special Accomodations: This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the Executive Director no later than 12 p.m. on October 14, 2020.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting on October 27–28, 2020 will include NOAA Updates, discussion of the SAB work plan, and other topics; the full agenda will be published on the SAB website. Meeting materials, including work products, will also be available on the SAB website: *http://sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx.*

Dated: September 11, 2020.

David Holst,

Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS–2020–0024; OMB Control Number 0704–0497]

Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Part 15 Negotiation

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. *DoD invites comments on:* whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection requirement for use through November 30, 2020. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by November 20, 2020.