Endangered Species Act

Of the species of marine mammals that may occur in the proposed survey area, several are listed as endangered under the ESA, including the blue, fin, humpback, sei, and sperm whale and Hawaiian monk seal. The Observatory did not request take of endangered humpback, sei, blue, or fin whales or Hawaiian monk seals because of the low likelihood of encountering these species during the cruise. As mentioned previously, the survey would not occur in any areas designated as critical habitat for listed species and would not adversely impact marine mammal habitat.

Under section 7 of this Act, the Foundation initiated formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Act Interagency Cooperation Division, on this seismic survey. We, (the Permits and Conservation Division), also initiated formal consultation under section 7 of the Act with the Endangered Species Act Interagency Cooperation Division, to obtain a Biological Opinion (Opinion) evaluating the effects of issuing an incidental harassment authorization for threatened and endangered marine mammals and, if appropriate, authorizing incidental take. In May 2012, the Endangered Species Act Interagency Cooperation Division issued an Opinion and concluded that the action and issuance of the Authorization was not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of blue, fin, humpback, sei, and sperm whales and Hawaiian monk seals. The Opinion also concluded that the survey would not affect designated critical habitat for these species. The Foundation and the Observatory must comply with the Relevant Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to the Opinion issued to us, the Foundation, and the Observatory. The Observatory must also comply with the Authorization's mitigation and monitoring requirements in order to be exempt under the Incidental Take Statement in the Opinion from the prohibition on take of listed endangered marine mammal species otherwise prohibited by section 9 of the Act.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

With its complete application, the Foundation and the Observatory provided an ''Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Determination Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, (NEPA: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and Executive Order 12114 for a ''Marine Geophysical Survey by the R/V *Marcus G. Langseth* in the Central Pacific Ocean May, 2012,'' which incorporates an ''Environmental Assessment of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the R/V *Marcus G. Langseth* in the central Pacific Ocean, May, 2012,'' prepared by LGL Limited environmental research associates on behalf of the Foundation and the Observatory.

The Assessment analyzed the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the specified activities on marine mammals including those listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. We conducted an independent review and evaluation of the document for sufficiency and compliance with the Council of Environmental Quality and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6 § 5.09(d), Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, and determined that issuance of the Authorization is not likely to result in significant impacts on the human environment. Also, we have provided relevant environmental information to the public through the notice of the proposed Authorization (77 FR 19242, March 30, 2012) and have considered public comments received in response prior to adopting the Foundation's Assessment. We have concluded that issuance of an Authorization would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and have issued a separate Finding of No Significant Impact. Because we have made this finding, it is not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an Authorization to the Observatory for this activity.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, we have issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization to the Observatory for the take of small numbers of marine mammals, by Level B harassment incidental to conducting a marine geophysical survey in the central Pacific Ocean, May 1 through June 11, 2012, provided the Observatory implements the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements. The Authorization's duration will not exceed one year from the date of issuance.

Dated: April 30, 2012.

Helen M. Golde,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

First Responder Network Authority Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open public meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 25, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: Board members will meet in the Secretary's Conference Room, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Senior Advisor for Public Safety, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230: telephone (202) 482–0016; email *uonyeije@ntia.doc.gov.* Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482–7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Background:* The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet's operations. The FirstNet Board will hold its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

Matters to Be Considered: The FirstNet Board will adopt its bylaws and make initial organizational decisions. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, *http://www.ntia.doc.gov,* prior to the meeting. The agenda topics are subject to change.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on September 25, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The time is subject to change.

Place: Board members will meet in the Secretary's Conference Room, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and press. The meeting will be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's Web site at *http://www.ntia.doc.gov/firstnet-public-meetings* for webcast instructions and other information.

Given the space limitations of the Secretary's Conference Room, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting in person will be directed to the Auditorium in the Herbert C. Hoover Building where they can observe the meeting by video. Due to security requirements and to facilitate entry into the building, U.S. nationals must present valid, government-issued photo identification upon arrival. Foreign nationals must contact Uzoma Onyeije at (202) 482–0016 or *uonyeije@ntia.doc.gov* at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting in order to provide the necessary clearance information, and must present valid, government-issued photo identification upon arrival.

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Senior Advisor for Public Safety, at (202) 482–0016 or *uonyeije@ntia.doc.gov,* at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at *http://www.ntia.doc.gov/firstnet-public-meetings.*

Dated: September 10, 2012.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Privacy Act System of Records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, herein referred to as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (''CFPB'' or the ''Bureau''), gives notice of the establishment of a Privacy Act System of Records.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than October 15, 2012. The new system of records will be effective October 23, 2012 unless the comments received result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic: privacy@cfpb.gov.*
- *Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:* Claire Stapleton, Chief Privacy Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Comments will be available for public inspection and copying at 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552 on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect comments by telephoning (202) 435–7220. All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claire Stapleton, Chief Privacy Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435–7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the ''Act''), Public Law 111–203, Title X, established the CFPB. The CFPB administers, enforces, and implements federal consumer financial law, and, among other powers, has authority to protect consumers from unfair, deceptive, abusive, and discriminatory practices when obtaining consumer financial products or services. The CFPB will maintain the records systems covered by this notice. The system of records described in this notice, CFPB.020, will allow for the issuance of site badges and for the registration of employees, contractors, consultants, detailees, interns, volunteers, affiliates, and visitors for access to CFPB facilities.

The report of a new system of records has been submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget, pursuant to Appendix I to OMB Circular A–130, ''Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,'' dated November 30, 2000,[1] and the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(r).

The system of records entitled, ''CFPB.020 CFPB Site Badge and Visitor Management Systems'' is published below.

Dated: September 7, 2012.

Claire Stapleton,

Chief Privacy Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

CFPB.020

SYSTEM NAME:

CFPB Site Badge and Visitor Management Systems

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Individuals covered by these systems include, but are not limited to: (1) Current and former CFPB employees or individuals who have accepted an offer of employment from the CFPB; (2) individuals authorized to perform or use services provided in CFPB facilities including contractors, consultants, detailees, and interns; (3) volunteers or other affiliates of the CFPB and (4) visitors to CFPB facilities.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Records maintained in these systems may contain identifiable information including, but not limited to: Name, email address, phone number, employment status, organization/office of assignment.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Pub. L. 111–203, Title X, Section 1012, codified at 12 U.S.C. 5492.

PURPOSE(S):

The information in these systems is being collected to enable the registration of employees, contractors, consultants, detailees, interns, volunteers, affiliates, and visitors to CFPB facilities and issue badges for such access.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

These records may be disclosed, consistent with the CFPB Disclosure of Records and Information Rules,

[1] Although pursuant to Section 1017(a)(4)(E) of the Consumer Financial Protection Act, Public Law 111–203, the CFPB is not required to comply with OMB-issued guidance, it voluntarily follows OMB privacy-related guidance as a best practice and to facilitate cooperation and collaboration with other agencies.