

9 First Stage recovery action. This report must contain the following information:

(1) Date(s) and time(s) of the Falcon 9 First Stage recovery action;

(2) Design of the monitoring program; and

(3) Results of the monitoring program, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(i) Numbers of pinnipeds present on the haulout prior to the Falcon 9 First Stage recovery;

(ii) Numbers of pinnipeds that may have been harassed as noted by the number of pinnipeds estimated to have moved more than one meter or entered the water as a result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities;

(iii) For pinnipeds estimated to have entered the water as a result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery noise, the length of time pinnipeds remained off the haulout or rookery;

(v) Any other observed behavioral modifications by pinnipeds that were likely the result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities, including sonic boom; and

(vi) Results of acoustic monitoring including comparisons of modeled sonic booms with actual acoustic recordings of sonic booms.

(b) Submit an annual report on all monitoring conducted under the IHA. A draft of the annual report must be submitted within 90 calendar days of the expiration of this IHA, or, within 45 calendar days of the renewal of the IHA (if applicable). A final annual report will be prepared and submitted within 30 days following resolution of comments on the draft report from NMFS. The annual report will summarize the information from the 60-day post-activity reports, including but not necessarily limited to:

(1) Date(s) and time(s) of the Falcon 9 First Stage recovery action;

(2) Design of the monitoring program; and

(3) Results of the monitoring program, including, but not necessarily limited to:

(i) Numbers of pinnipeds present on the haulout prior to the Falcon 9 First Stage recovery;

(ii) Numbers of pinnipeds that may have been harassed as noted by the number of pinnipeds estimated to have entered the water as a result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities;

(iii) For pinnipeds estimated to have moved more than one meter or entered the water as a result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery noise, the length of time pinnipeds remained off the haulout or rookery;

(v) Any other observed behavioral modifications by pinnipeds that were

likely the result of Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities, including sonic boom;

(vi) Any cumulative impacts on marine mammals as a result of the activities, such as long term reductions in the number of pinnipeds at haulouts as a result of the activities; and

(vii) Results of acoustic monitoring including comparisons of modeled sonic booms with actual acoustic recordings of sonic booms.

(c) Reporting injured or dead marine mammals:

(1) In the unanticipated event that the specified activity clearly causes the take of a marine mammal in a manner prohibited by this IHA (as determined by the lead marine mammal observer), such as an injury (Level A harassment), serious injury, or mortality, SpaceX will immediately cease the specified activities and report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the West Coast Regional Stranding Coordinator, NMFS. The report must include the following information:

A. Time and date of the incident;

B. Description of the incident;

C. Status of all Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities in the 48 hours preceding the incident;

D. Description of all marine mammal observations in the 48 hours preceding the incident;

E. Environmental conditions (e.g., wind speed and direction, Beaufort sea state, cloud cover, and visibility);

F. Species identification or description of the animal(s) involved;

G. Fate of the animal(s); and

H. Photographs or video footage of the animal(s).

Activities will not resume until NMFS is able to review the circumstances of the prohibited take. NMFS will work with SpaceX to determine what measures are necessary to minimize the likelihood of further prohibited take and ensure MMPA compliance. SpaceX may not resume their activities until notified by NMFS via letter, email, or telephone.

(2) In the event that SpaceX discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead observer determines that the cause of the injury or death is unknown and the death is relatively recent (e.g., in less than a moderate state of decomposition), SpaceX will immediately report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the West Coast Regional Stranding Coordinator, NMFS.

The report must include the same information identified in 6(c)(i) of this IHA. Activities may continue while NMFS reviews the circumstances of the incident and makes a final determination on the cause of the

reported injury or death. NMFS will work with SpaceX to determine whether additional mitigation measures or modifications to the activities are appropriate.

(3) In the event that SpaceX discovers an injured or dead marine mammal, and the lead observer determines that the injury or death is not associated with or related to the activities authorized in the IHA (e.g., previously wounded animal, carcass with moderate to advanced decomposition, scavenger damage), SpaceX will report the incident to the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, and the West Coast Regional Stranding Coordinator, NMFS, within 24 hours of the discovery. SpaceX will provide photographs or video footage or other documentation of the stranded animal sighting to NMFS. The cause of injury or death may be subject to review and a final determination by NMFS.

6. Modification and suspension

(a) This IHA may be modified, suspended or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein, or if NMFS determines that the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analysis, the draft authorization, and any other aspect of this Notice of Proposed IHA for SpaceX Falcon 9 First Stage recovery activities. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on SpaceX's request for an MMPA authorization.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

Donna S. Wieting,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

United States Global Change Research Program

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

ACTION: Request for Public Nominations for Technical Contributors.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) is initiating an Interagency Special Report on Physical Climate Science (referred to as “the Report” throughout this notice). The focus of the Report will be an update to the physical climate science presented in the 2014 National Climate Assessment (NCA). Specifically, the Report will update Chapter 2 and Appendices 3 and 4 of the 2014 NCA (<http://www.globalchange.gov/nca3-downloads-materials>). The report will provide updated climate science findings and projections, and will be an important input to the authors of the next quadrennial NCA, expected in 2018.

The Report will be a product of the USGCRP, organized and led by an interagency team. This request for public engagement seeks nominations for technical contributors with expertise in climate data sets and trends, climate processes and feedbacks, global/regional climate models and associated projections, climate extremes, attribution and detection studies, and particular components of the Earth system, as well as other physical science disciplines. Refer to the Report prospectus (accessible via www.globalchange.gov/notices for further information on the goals, outline, and timeline for the report, as well as the process for technical contributors’ involvement.

The report will adhere to the Information Quality Act requirements http://www.cio.noaa.gov/services_programs/info_quality.html for quality, transparency, and accessibility as appropriate for a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment (HISA).

DATES: Nominations for technical contributors must be received by the USGCRP within 15 days after the publication date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations for technical contributors must be submitted electronically via a web form accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. A short CV of no more than 4 pages must be included.

Instructions: Response to this notice is voluntary. Responses to this notice may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. NOAA therefore requests that no business proprietary information or copyrighted information be submitted in response to this notice. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: USGCRP Contact: David Dokken; telephone 202–419–3473; or email: ddokken@usgcrp.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Call for Nominations for Technical Contributors

This notice seeks nominations for technical contributors to the Report with pertinent subject matter expertise and scientific background. Potential technical contributors should be accomplished scholarly writers and have demonstrated scientific and technical expertise and academic proficiency in at least one of the physical climate science topics outlined in the prospectus, accessible via <https://www.globalchange.gov/notices>. Submissions must demonstrate that nominees have demonstrated technical backgrounds such that they could contribute to the development of a robust scientific, technical assessment as subject matter experts in one or more of the topics listed in the prospectus.

Responses to this request must be made within the 15-day call for nominations for technical contributors, beginning the publication date of this notice. Users can access the nominations form via www.globalchange.gov/notices. Interested persons may nominate themselves or third parties, and may nominate more than one person. Each nomination must include: (1) The nominee’s full name, title, institutional affiliation, and contact information; (2) the nominee’s area(s) of expertise; (3) a short description of his/her qualifications relative to contributing to the report; and (4) a current resume [maximum length four (4) pages]. Nominations will be reviewed by a scientific steering committee, and nominees may be invited to participate as technical contributors to the Report. Selected experts would be informed no later than two weeks after close of the nominations window.

Dated: Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Dan Barrie,

Program Manager, Assessments Program, NOAA, Climate Program Office.

Dated: March 25, 2016.

Gary C. Matlock,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 April 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street NW., Washington, DC 20001–2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202–504–2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: March 21, 2016, in Washington, DC.
Thomas Luebke,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 16–26]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather N. Harwell, DSCA/LMO, (703) 697–9217.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Transmittal 16–26 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 28, 2016.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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