

specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat, and taking into consideration the implementation of the monitoring and mitigation measures, NMFS finds that the total marine mammal take from DWBI's DP vessel thruster use during cable installation activities will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks.

Small Numbers

The takes authorized for the cable installation activities utilizing DP vessel thrusters represent 0.22 percent of the Western North Atlantic (WNA) stock of North Atlantic right whale, 0.24 percent of the Gulf of Maine stock of humpback whale, 1.42 percent of the WNA stock of fin whale, 0.02 percent of the Canadian East Coast stock of minke whale, 0.07 percent of the WNA stock of short-beaked common dolphin, 0.16 percent of the WNA stock of Atlantic white-sided dolphin, 0.01 percent of the Gulf of Maine/Bay of Fundy stock of harbor porpoise, 0.15 percent of the WNA stock of harbor seal, and 0.05 percent of the North Atlantic stock of gray seal. These take estimates represent the percentage of each species or stock that could be taken by Level B behavioral harassment and represent extremely small numbers (less than 1.5 percent) relative to the affected species or stock sizes. Further, the take numbers are the maximum numbers of animals that are expected to be harassed during the project; it is possible that some of these exposures may occur to the same individual. Therefore, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the populations of the affected species or stocks.

Impact on Availability of Affected Species for Taking for Subsistence Uses

There are no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals implicated by this action. Therefore, NMFS has determined that the total taking of affected species or stocks would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for taking for subsistence purposes.

Endangered Species Act

Under section 7 of the ESA, the USACE (the federal permitting agency for the actual construction) consulted with NMFS' GARFO on the proposed BIWF project. NMFS also consulted internally on the issuance of an IHA under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. The resultant Biological Opinion determined that the proposed action was not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of fin, humpback, and North Atlantic right whale. NMFS

has determined that the 2015 Biological Opinion remains valid and that the proposed MMPA authorization provides no new information about the effects of the action, nor does it change the extent of effects of the action, or any other basis to require reinitiation of the opinion. Therefore, the 2015 Biological Opinion meets the requirements of section 7(a)(2) of the ESA and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 402 for our issuance of an IHA under the MMPA, and no further consultation is required.

National Environmental Policy Act

NMFS conducted the required analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and prepared an EA for its issuance of the original BIWF IHA, issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the action on August 21, 2014 (reaffirmed on June 9, 2015). The potential environmental impacts of issuance of the IHA are within the scope of the environmental impacts analyzed in NMFS' EA, which was used to support NMFS' FONSI. NMFS has determined that there are no substantial changes to the action or significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns which would require a supplement to the 2014 EA or preparation of a new NEPA document. Therefore, NMFS has determined that a new or supplemental EA or Environmental Impact Statement are unnecessary, and we shall rely on the existing EA and FONSI for this action.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to DWBI for cable installation activities that use DP vessel thrusters from May 31, 2016, through May 30, 2017, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: June 24, 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

Interagency Working Group on the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act Detailed Summary of the Great Lakes Plan on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and Hypoxia; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published a document in the **Federal Register** of June 3, 2016, entitled Interagency Working Group on the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act. The information concerning the submission date has been updated.

Other Information: The updated information for when stakeholders are invited to provide input related to concerns and successes pertaining to HABs and hypoxia in the Great Lakes region follows:

Stakeholders are invited to submit questions and provide input related to concerns and successes pertaining to HABs and hypoxia in the Great Lakes region. The IWG-HABHRCA continues to seek general and technical feedback on topics including:

- Regional, Great Lakes-specific priorities for:
 - Ecological, economic, and social research on the causes and impacts of HABs and hypoxia;
 - Approaches to improving monitoring and early warnings, scientific understanding, prediction and modeling, and socioeconomics of these events; and
 - Mitigating the causes and impacts of HABs and hypoxia.
- Communication and information dissemination methods that state, tribal, local, and international governments and organizations may undertake to educate and inform the public concerning HABs and hypoxia in the Great Lakes; and
- Perceived needs for handling Great Lakes HAB and hypoxia events, as well as an action strategy for managing future situations.

Inquiries and comments may be submitted via email (*IWG-HABHRCA@noaa.gov*) or via U.S. mail to Caitlin Gould at NOAA, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, SSMC-4, #8237, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring,

MD 20910. Technical feedback in the form of brief annotated bibliographic entries would be welcome. The Interagency Working Group will gladly accept public input at any time; however, only those that are received on or before August 19, 2016, may be considered when the Interagency Working Group finalizes the plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caitlin Gould (Caitlin.gould@noaa.gov, 240-533-0290) or Stacey DeGrasse (Stacey.Degrasse@fda.hhs.gov, 240-402-1470).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published a document in the **Federal Register** of June 3, 2016, entitled Interagency Working Group on the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act. The information concerning the webinar dates and WebEx information have been updated.

Dated: June 15, 2016.

Mary C. Erickson,

Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) will hold a meeting that will be open to the public. Information about the HSRP and the meeting agenda will be posted at: http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_cleveland2016.htm.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. EDT; August 31, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and September 1, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Times are subject to change. For updates, please check: http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_cleveland2016.htm.

ADDRESSES: City Club of Cleveland, 830 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne Mersfelder-Lewis, HSRP program

manager, National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/NSD), 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 #6301, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone: 301-713-2750 ext. 166; email: lynne.mersfelder@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public, and public seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The times of onsite public comment periods, scheduled for each day, will be included in the final agenda. Each individual or group making verbal comments will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Comments will be recorded. Individuals who would like to submit written statements should email their comments to Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov. The HSRP will provide webinar and teleconference capability for the public sessions. Pre-registration is required to access the webinar: http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/meetings_cleveland2016.htm.

The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, the NOAA Administrator, on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, as amended, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The charter and other information are located online at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/CharterBylawsHSIAStatute.htm>.

Matters To Be Considered: The panel is convening to hear federal, state, regional and local partners and stakeholders on issues relevant to NOAA's navigation services, focusing on the Great Lakes area. Navigation services include the data, products, and services provided by the NOAA programs and activities that undertake geodetic observations, gravity modeling, shoreline mapping, bathymetric mapping, hydrographic surveying, nautical charting, tide and water level observations, current observations, and marine modeling. This suite of NOAA products and services support safe and efficient navigation, resilient coasts and communities, and the nationwide positioning information infrastructure to support America's commerce. The Panel will hear from federal agencies and non-federal organizations about their missions and their use of NOAA's navigation services; what value these services bring; and what improvements could be made. Other administrative

matters may be considered. This agenda is subject to change.

Special Accommodations: This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Lynne.Mersfelder@noaa.gov by August 8, 2016.

Dated: June 17, 2016.

Gerd F. Glang,

Rear Admiral, Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2016-0015]

Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is implementing a pilot program to provide for earlier review of patent applications pertaining to cancer immunotherapy ("Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program" or "Pilot Program") in support of the White House national \$1 billion initiative to achieve ten years' worth of cancer research in the next five years ("National Cancer Moonshot"). The USPTO will advance applications containing a claim(s) to a method of treating a cancer using immunotherapy out of turn for examination if the applicant files a grantable petition to make special under the Pilot Program. The objective of the Pilot Program is to complete the examination of the application within twelve months of special status being granted. Under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program, an application will be advanced out of turn for examination without meeting all of the current requirements of the accelerated examination program (e.g., the requirement for an examination support document) or the Prioritized Examination (Track I) program. This notice outlines the conditions, eligibility requirements, and guidelines of the Pilot Program.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 29, 2016.

Duration: The Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot Program will run for twelve months from its effective date. Therefore, petitions to make special under the Cancer Immunotherapy Pilot