

the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 17115-03 authorizes the permit holder to study the prevalence of leptospirosis in wild California sea lions in California. The amendment authorizes the permit holder to expand the sampling season to any time of year excluding peak pupping season on rookeries, change the project location from Año Nuevo Island and Monterey Bay as separate locations to a combined coastal California area including offshore islands, increase the number of sea lions sampled, add captures of pups, add water captures and use of injectable drugs, increase incidental disturbance of California sea lions and add incidental disturbance of eastern Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and take additional samples in the event of an unusual mortality event or disease outbreak. The permit expires September 30, 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: October 8, 2014.

**Julia Harrison,**

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC136**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17152

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Point Blue Conservation Science, formerly PRBO Conservation Science, 3820 Cypress Drive, #11, Petaluma, CA 94954 (Responsible Party: Russ Bradley), has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 17152.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 13, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17152 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brendan Hurley or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 17152 is requested 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).

Permit No. 17152, issued on November 28, 2012 (77 FR 73988), authorizes the permit holder to monitor population trends, health, and ecology of pinnipeds in California over a 5-year period. To accomplish this, researchers are authorized to capture, sedate, sample, mark, instrument, photo-identify and incidentally harass harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardii*). Ten mortalities of harbor seals over the duration of the permit are authorized. Researchers are authorized to capture, mark, weigh, and sample (swabs and blood) northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*); and incidentally harass elephant seals during captures and ground monitoring/photo-identification. Researchers are authorized to harass California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) during ground surveys and photo-identification. The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to

include authorization for increased incidental disturbance takes for California sea lions at the South Farallon Islands (SFI) from the current level of 1,500 animals to 2,500 animals per year; increased incidental disturbance takes for Northern fur seals at SFI from the current level of 75 animals, with 2 takes per individual, to 250 animals, with one take per animal; add incidental disturbance takes for Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) at SFI of 250 takes annually; and to add a new project to assess diet of California sea lions at SFI via scat collection. The amendment would be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on November 30, 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: October 8, 2014.

**Julia Harrison,**

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XD247**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 18691

**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 Terrie M. Williams, Ph.D., Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Center for Ocean Health, Long Marine Laboratory, University of California Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*).

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 18, 2014, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 21900) that a request for a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 18691-00 authorizes Dr. Williams to study sub-ice navigation and orientation of Weddell seals in the area around Ross Island, McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. In each of three annual field seasons (3 months during July–December across a 5-year project), up to 12 seals may be captured, sedated, weighed, measured, flipper tagged, blood sampled, and have ultrasound and metabolic measurements taken. Eight of those 12 animals will also be instrumented and translocated within their home range. Up to 20 Weddell seals may be incidentally disturbed and up to two Weddell seals may die during research activities during each of the three annual field seasons. Samples may be imported to the U.S. from Antarctica. 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.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: October 8, 2014.

**Julia Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Technical Information Service

### National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the Advisory Board), which advises the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) on policies and operations of the Service.

**DATES:** The Advisory Board will meet on Friday, October 31, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Advisory Board will be held in Room 116 of the NTIS Facility at 5301 Shawnee Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bruce Borzino, (703) 605-6405, [bborzino@ntis.gov](mailto:bborzino@ntis.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NTIS Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.).

The first session will review of NTIS performance and accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2014. The second session will focus on NTIS strategic direction in Fiscal Year 2015. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be posted at the NTIS Web site as soon as they are available (<http://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd.aspx>).

The NTIS Facility is a secure one. Accordingly persons wishing to attend should call the NTIS Visitors Center, (703) 605-6040, to arrange for admission. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public comments during the afternoon session. Questions from the public will not be considered by the Board but any person who wishes to submit a written question for the Board's consideration should mail or email it to the NTIS Visitor Center, [bookstore@ntis.gov](mailto:bookstore@ntis.gov), not later than October 17, 2014.

Dated: October 7, 2014.

**Bruce Borzino,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket Number: 140821696-4830-02]

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### First Responder Network Authority Proposed Interpretations of Parts of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012

**AGENCY:** First Responder Network Authority, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction and extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) published a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2014, titled "Proposed Interpretations of Parts of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" (RFC). The RFC inadvertently included an imprecise summary of the proposed definition of "rural." This notice corrects that error by asking commenters to disregard that summary. FirstNet is also extending the comment period for the RFC to align with the response deadline in a related Request for Information that seeks input from interested parties on approaches to, and objectives for, establishing a nationwide interoperable public safety broadband network.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 27, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eli Veenendaal, First Responder Network Authority, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M/S 243, Reston, VA 20192; 703-648-4167; or [elijah.veenendaal@firstnet.gov](mailto:elijah.veenendaal@firstnet.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 24, 2014, FirstNet published a notice and request for comments in the **Federal Register**, titled "Proposed Interpretations of Parts of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012" (RFC).<sup>1</sup> The RFC contained an imprecise summary of the proposed definition of "rural." To correct this mistake, FirstNet requests that commenters disregard the following incorrect statement, which appears in the RFC at page 57065 of volume 79 of the **Federal Register**:

Taken collectively, the Rural Electrification Act defines the term "rural area" as a city, town, or incorporated area that has a

<sup>1</sup> See 79 FR 57058.