

completed segment of this proceeding; (3) for all Chinese exporters of subject merchandise that have not been found to be entitled to a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the cash deposit rate established for the China-wide entity, 92.84 percent; and (4) for all exporters of subject merchandise that are not located in China and that are not eligible for a separate rate, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the Chinese exporter(s) that supplied that non-Chinese exporter.

These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Notification to Importers

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these preliminary results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1), 751(a)(2)(B), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: June 30, 2022.

Ryan Majerus,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Negotiations.

Appendix

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of modification to expiration date of Letter of Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, its implementing regulations, and NMFS' MMPA Regulations for Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Surveys Related to Oil and Gas Activities in the Gulf of Mexico, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been re-issued to W&T Offshore Inc. (W&T) for the take of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

DATES: The Letter of Authorization is effective through August 1, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The LOA, LOA request, and supporting documentation are available online at: www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-oil-and-gas-industry-geophysical-survey-activity-gulf-mexico. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Corcoran, 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).

On January 19, 2021, we issued a final rule with regulations to govern the unintentional taking of marine mammals incidental to geophysical survey activities conducted by oil and gas industry operators, and those persons authorized to conduct activities on their behalf (collectively "industry operators"), in Federal waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico (GOM) over the course of 5 years (86 FR 5322; January 19, 2021). The rule was based on our findings that the total taking from the specified activities over the 5-year period will have a negligible impact on the affected species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of those species or stocks for subsistence uses. The rule became effective on April 19, 2021.

Our regulations at 50 CFR 217.180 *et seq.* allow for the issuance of LOAs to industry operators for the incidental take of marine mammals during geophysical survey activities and prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat (often referred to as mitigation), as well as requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Under 50 CFR 217.186(e), issuance of an LOA shall be based on a determination that the level of taking will be consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under these regulations and a determination that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers.

NMFS issued an LOA to W&T and its designee, Echo Offshore, LLC (Echo), on November 19, 2021, for the take of marine mammals incidental to an archaeological and geohazards survey in the Eugene Island Area, Block EI389 and portions of Blocks EI385 and EI386, and in the Ewing Bank Area, in the E/2 portion of Block EW979. Please see the **Federal Register** notice of issuance (86 FR 67449; November 26, 2021) for

additional detail regarding the LOA and the survey activity.

W&T initially anticipated that the activity would occur at some point between December 1, 2022, and July 1, 2022. W&T subsequently conveyed to NMFS that as of June 24, 2022, the survey had not commenced but would be starting very soon. W&T has requested modification to the effectiveness end date of the LOA (from July 1 to August 1, 2022) to allow for additional time for complete their survey. There are no other changes to W&T's planned activity. Since issuance of the LOA, no survey work has occurred.

Authorization

NMFS has changed the effectiveness end date of the LOA from July 1 to August 1, 2022. There are no other changes to the LOA as described in the November 11, 2021, **Federal Register** notice of issuance (86 FR 67449): the specified activity; estimated take by incidental harassment; and small numbers analysis and determination remain unchanged and are herein incorporated by reference.

Dated: July 1, 2022.
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Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Marine Site Characterization Surveys off New Jersey by NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice; issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization to NextEra Energy Transmission MidAtlantic Holdings, LLC (NEETMA) to incidentally harass marine mammals

during site characterization surveys off New Jersey.

DATES: This Authorization is effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Potlock, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401. Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained 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 above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) 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 proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of the takings are set forth.

The definitions of all applicable MMPA statutory terms cited above are included in the relevant sections below.

Summary of Request

On February 4, 2022, NMFS received a request from NEETMA for an IHA to take marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys occurring in two locations (Northern

and Southern survey areas) off the coast of New Jersey in the New Jersey Offshore Transmission Facilities Project (NJOTF or Project). The application was deemed adequate and complete on April 1, 2022. NEETMA's request was for take of a small number of 15 marine mammal species (consisting of 16 stocks) by Level B harassment only. Neither NEETMA nor NMFS expects serious injury or mortality to result from this activity and, therefore, an IHA is appropriate.

NMFS considered all public comments received and determined that no changes to the final IHA were necessary.

Description of Survey Activities

Overview

NEETMA proposes to conduct HRG and geotechnical surveys as part of the NJOTF off the coast of New Jersey. The surveys will take place along proposed submarine export cable routes and at locations for potential offshore platforms. Geotechnical survey activities will include the use of vibracores and/or cone penetration tests (CPTs), to identify and characterize the seabed conditions vertically for project planning and design, and to collect data to identify paleolandscapes.

The purpose of these surveys are to support the siting and design of offshore facilities, including offshore platforms for converter stations and offshore submarine transmission cables. Up to 320 days are planned for survey activities (Table 1). As many as three survey vessels may operate concurrently as part of the site characterization surveys. Underwater sound resulting from NEETMA's survey activities, specifically HRG surveys, has the potential to result in incidental take of marine mammals in the form of behavioral harassment.

TABLE 1—NUMBER OF SURVEY DAYS THAT NEETMA PLANS TO PERFORM THE DESCRIBED HRG SURVEY ACTIVITIES

Survey area	Number of active survey days expected ¹
Northern	248
Southern	72
Total:	320

¹ Up to three total survey vessels may be operating within the survey areas concurrently.

Table 2 identifies the representative survey equipment with the expected potential to cause the take of marine mammals that may be used in support