

TABLE 1—MODIFICATION TO AUTHORIZED TAKE FOR KILLER WHALE AND HARBOR PORPOISE AND PROPORTION OF POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

Authorized take						
Modification action	Species	Stock	Level A harassment	Level B harassment*	Total	Percent of stock
No Change	Steller sea lion	Eastern U.S.	30	716	746	1.7
No Change	Harbor Seal	Clarence Strait	38	335	373	1.3
Increased Level B take	Harbor Porpoise	Southeast Alaska	5	18	23	0.21
No Change	Dall's Porpoise	Alaska	12	68	80	0.6
No Change	Pacific white-sided Dolphin	North Pacific	0	92	92	3.4
Increased Level B Take	Killer Whale	Alaska Resident	0	47	47	2.4
		West Coast Transient	0			13.5
		Northern Resident	0			15.6
No Change	Humpback Whale	Central North Pacific	0	75	75	0.7
No Change	Minke Whale	Alaska	1	2	3	N/A
No Change	Northern Elephant Seal	California Breeding	0	12	12	0.01

* The increased take by Level B harassment authorized through this modification do not erase takes that have been reported thus far.

The mitigation, monitoring, and reporting measures remain the same as prescribed in the initial and renewal IHAs.

The described modification of the IHA renewal does not alter the original scope of activity analyzed or the impact analysis in a manner that materially affects the basis for the original findings under the IHA. The take levels authorized through the modified renewal IHA remain below those analyzed and authorized through the initial IHA. Accordingly, we have determined that the additional take authorized in this IHA modification will have a negligible impact on the affected species stocks and, separately, the take will be of small numbers.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (incidental harassment authorizations with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216–6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS determined that the issuance of the initial IHA qualified to be categorically excluded from further National Environmental Policy Act review and that application of the Categorical Exclusion to the issuance of the renewal IHA remained appropriate. Similarly, increasing authorized take levels, by Level B harassment only, of killer whales and harbor porpoise is covered through previous application of the Categorical Exclusion.

Finally, Killer whales and harbor porpoise are not listed under the

Endangered Species Act (ESA). Therefore, we have determined that additional consultation under the ESA is not required.

Authorization

NMFS has issued a modified IHA to ADOT&PF authorizing the take of marine mammals for the reasons described above, for the potential harassment of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to construction activities associated with the ferry berth improvements project, provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements of the initial IHA renewal are implemented.

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Kimberly Damon-Randall,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[ARY–230609A–PL]

Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant a partially exclusive (the field to include water-based search and rescue, combat search and rescue and military applications, tow surfing and recovery for surfers, fishing and recreation, on water autonomous surface vessel for

intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) and monitoring of oil spills and oil platforms, autonomous platform for towing vessels) patent license agreement to Shark Rescue Systems, LLC, a corporation of the State of Ohio, having a place of business at 2946 Arthur Rd., Springfield, OH 45502.

DATES: Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to Dr. Griffin Romigh, Lead, Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA), AFRL/RY—Sensors Directorate, Bldg. 600, 2nd Floor, 2241 Avionics Circle, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433; Phone (937) 713–3494; or Email: griffin.romigh@us.af.mil. Include Docket No. ARY–230609A–PL in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Griffin Romigh, Lead, Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA), AFRL/RY—Sensors Directorate, Bldg. 600, 2nd Floor, 2241 Avionics Circle, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433; Phone (937) 713–3494; or Email: griffin.romigh@us.af.mil.

Abstract of Patent Application(s)

(1.) A component that can be detachably fitted to a watercraft to shift the center of buoyancy of the watercraft and render the watercraft self-righting. The component uses quick release attachment and detachment fixtures so that a person can easily remove the component and thereby free-up space for passengers on the watercraft. The component includes a non-inflatable buoyant structure made of a buoyant material or materials arranged into a buoyant configuration. A watercraft with the detachable component is also disclosed, as is a method for converting

a non-self-righting watercraft into a self-righting watercraft.

(2.) An aquatic rescue vehicle formed by adding directional and speed controls to a watercraft along with an autonomous control system to guide the vehicle to specified waypoints is disclosed. The rescue vehicle includes search devices such as a radio direction finder (RDF) and an infrared sensor (or camera) to be used to narrow the search for an isolated person (IP). The rescue vehicle may be discharged from a larger watercraft or an airplane and autonomously set out on its rescue mission. The vehicle may first navigate to a designated waypoint near an IP, and then use signals gathered from the RDF and infrared sensor to finally locate, assist, and retrieve the IP. The vehicle also includes a self-righting mechanism so that the vehicle can complete its mission even under the most adverse conditions.

(3.) Systems for air dropping a watercraft onto a body of water and automatically releasing the watercraft from a parachute and platform used during the air drop are disclosed. The air drop platform includes: a cradle for the watercraft; restraints for holding a watercraft onto the cradle when it is being air dropped; and a releasable air drop sling rigging system that includes connections temporarily joined to the cradle for an air drop sling. The restraints are temporarily joined to the cradle by a water-activated release mechanism. The rigging system includes an additional water-activated release mechanism. The restraints and the air drop sling both release from the cradle when the cradle is at least partially immersed in water upon landing on a body of water. The systems may be part of an automated search and rescue system.

Intellectual Property

(1.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/479,108, filed on September 20, 2021, and entitled Detachable Buoyant Component for Making a Watercraft Self-Righting.

(2.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 17/479,167, filed on September 20, 2021, and entitled Autonomous Rescue Vehicle.

(3.) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 18/167,113, filed on February 10, 2023, and entitled Automated Air Drop System and Automated Search and Rescue System.

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing

regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 209; 37 CFR 404.

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board

Committee and Quarterly Board Meetings

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open and closed meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access the National Assessment Governing Board's (hereafter referred to as Governing Board or Board) standing committee meetings and quarterly Board meeting. This notice provides information about the meetings to members of the public who may be interested in attending the meetings and/or providing written comments related to the work of the Governing Board. The meetings will be held either in person and/or virtually, as noted below. Members of the public must register in advance to attend the virtual meetings. A registration link will be posted on www.nagb.gov five business days prior to each meeting.

DATES: The Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on the following dates:

- August 2, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., EDT.
- August 3, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., EDT.
- August 4, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: Westin Arlington, 801 North Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Executive Officer/ Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002, telephone: (202) 357-6906, fax: (202) 357-6945, email: Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of the meetings is required under 5 U.S.C. chapter 10 (Federal Advisory Committees).

Statutory Authority and Function: The Governing Board is established under the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, (20 U.S.C. 9621). Information on the Governing Board and its work can be found at www.nagb.gov.

The Governing Board formulates policy for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The Governing Board's responsibilities include:

(1) selecting the subject areas to be assessed; (2) developing appropriate student achievement levels; (3) developing assessment objectives and testing specifications that produce an assessment that is valid and reliable, and are based on relevant widely accepted professional standards; (4) developing a process for review of the assessment which includes the active participation of teachers, curriculum specialists, local school administrators, parents, and concerned members of the public; (5) designing the methodology of the assessment to ensure that assessment items are valid and reliable, in consultation with appropriate technical experts in measurement and assessment, content and subject matter, sampling, and other technical experts who engage in large scale surveys; (6) measuring student academic achievement in grades 4, 8, and 12 in the authorized academic subjects; (7) developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results; (8) developing standards and procedures for regional and national comparisons; (9) taking appropriate actions needed to improve the form, content use, and reporting of results of an assessment; and (10) planning and executing the initial public release of NAEP reports.

Standing Committee Meetings

The Governing Board's standing committees will meet to conduct regularly scheduled work. Standing committee meeting agendas and meeting materials will be posted on the Governing Board's website, www.nagb.gov, no later than five business days prior to the meetings. For the virtual standing committee meetings, a registration link will be posted on www.nagb.gov and will be accessible five business days prior to the meetings. Registration is required to join the meetings virtually. Minutes of prior standing committee meeting are available at <https://www.nagb.gov/>