

also announce two public scoping meetings to solicit comments on significant issues related to the development of a DEIS for the proposed Atchafalaya NERR.

DATES: An in-person meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). A virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 12 p.m. CDT. Written comments provided electronically must be submitted no later than Monday, May 15, 2023; written comments submitted by mail must be postmarked by Monday, May 15, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 will be conducted at the Morgan City Municipal Auditorium; 728 Myrtle Street, Morgan City, Louisiana 70380 at 5 p.m. CDT. This meeting will be in-person only and not broadcast. The public scoping meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 will be held virtually at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/@louisianacpra5300/streams> at 12 p.m. CDT. Participants will be able to provide written comments during the virtual meeting. Meeting documents will be available on the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's NERR website: <https://coastal.la.gov/our-work/key-initiatives/atchafalaya-national-estuarine-research-reserve/>, as well as on the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NOS-2023-0050>. Written comments may be submitted by:

- Electronic Submission: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NOS-2023-0050>, click the "Comment Now!" button, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Written comments must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, May 15, 2023.

- Mail: Submit written comments to Kristin Ransom, Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1021 Balch Boulevard, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, 39529; ATTN: Atchafalaya NERR. Comments must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 15, 2023.

Instructions: All comments received are part of the public record and will be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/NOAA-NOS-2023-0050> with no changes. All personally identifiable information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible and maintained by

NOAA as part of the public record. NOAA will accept anonymous comments; on the eRulemaking Portal, enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous. If you would like to submit an anonymous comment during the in-person meeting, a comment box along with paper and writing implements will be provided. Multimedia submissions (i.e., audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. NOAA will generally not consider comments, or comment contents, located outside of the primary submission sites or addresses (i.e., those posted on the web, cloud, or other file-sharing system). Please note that no public comments will be audio or video recorded by NOAA or the State.

Closed captioning will be provided for those who attend the virtual public meeting through the meeting link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@louisianacpra5300/streams>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristin Ransom, Stewardship Division, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1021 Balch Boulevard, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi, 39529; ATTN: LA NERR. Phone: 601-568-1091-; or Email: kristin.ransom@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, and its implementing regulations (15 CFR part 921), and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and its implementing regulations (40 CFR part 1500), NOAA and the State intend to prepare a DEIS for the proposed Atchafalaya NERR. Early in the development of the DEIS, NOAA and the State are required to hold a scoping meeting to solicit public and government comments on significant issues related to this proposed action. (15 CFR 921.13(c)).

NOAA received the State's nomination of the proposed site on June 29, 2022. NOAA evaluated the nomination package and found that the proposed site met the NERR System requirements. NOAA informed the State on March 22, 2023 that it was accepting the nomination and that the next step would be to prepare a DEIS and DMP. The DEIS will assess the potential impact of designating the State's recommended site as a National Estuarine Research Reserve site, and identify boundary alternatives. The DMP will set a course for operating the Atchafalaya NERR if approved and will include plans for administration,

research, education, and facilities of the proposed site. (See 15 CFR 921.13.)

The proposed site consists of the following State-owned properties: Lake Fausse Pointe State Park, Attakapas Island Wildlife Management Area, Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area, and Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge; public trust waters including portions of the Atchafalaya River, Atchafalaya Bay, East and West Cote Blanche Bays, and Vermilion Bay.

The proposed site resulted from a comprehensive evaluation process that sought the views of the public, affected landowners, and other interested parties. The state held informal, widely-publicized town hall meetings statewide in February 2022 to describe the NERR system, explain the rationale for establishing a reserve in Louisiana, and outline a process for selecting and nominating a site to NOAA. The state assembled a Site Development Committee composed of State agency representatives, academia, non-governmental organizations, members of the public, and federal agencies. The team conducted preliminary screening, detailed screening, and scoring of potential sites that led to the preferred site. The State and NOAA held public hearings on November 2 and 3, 2022 to solicit comments on the proposed site. For more detailed information on the site selection process and the proposed site, see the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's NERR website: <https://coastal.la.gov/our-work/key-initiatives/atchafalaya-national-estuarine-research-reserve/>. Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420, (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1461.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NOAA Space-Based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on January 20, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: NOAA Space-Based Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0157.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 225.

Average Hours per Response: GOES DCS Use Agreement and Argos DCS Use Agreement—0.5 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 113.

Needs and Uses: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates two space-based data collection systems (DCS) per 15 CFR part 911: the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) DCS and the Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite (POES) DCS, also known as the Argos system. Both the GOES DCS and the Argos DCS are operated to support environmental applications, e.g., meteorology, oceanography, hydrology, ecology, and remote sensing of Earth resources. In addition, the Argos DCS currently supports applications related to protection of the environment, e.g., hazardous material tracking, fishing vessel tracking for treaty enforcement, and animal tracking. Presently, the majority of users of these systems are government agencies and researchers and much of the data collected by both the GOES DCS and the Argos DCS are provided to the World Meteorological Organization via the Global Telecommunication System for inclusion in the World Weather Watch Program.

Current loading on both of the systems does not use the entire capacity of that system, so NOAA is able to make its excess capacity available to other users who meet certain criteria. Applications are made in response to the requirements in 15 CFR 911 (under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 313, Duties of

the Secretary of Commerce and others), using system use agreement (SUA) forms. The application information received is used to determine if the applicant meets the criteria for use of the system. The system use agreements contain the following information: (1) the period of time the agreement is valid and procedures for its termination, (2) the authorized use(s) of the DCS, and its priorities for use, (3) the extent of the availability of commercial services which met the user's requirements and the reasons for choosing the government system, (4) any applicable government interest in the data, (5) required equipment standards, (6) standards of operation, (7) conformance with applicable International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) agreements and regulations, (8) reporting time and frequencies, (9) data formats, (10) data delivery systems and schedules and (11) user-borne costs.

Accepted applicants use the NOAA DCS to collect environmental data and in limited cases, non-environmental data via the Argos DCS, to support other governmental and non-governmental research or operational requirements, such as for law enforcement purposes. The applicants must submit information to ensure that they meet these criteria. NOAA does not approve agreements where there is a commercial service available to fulfill the user requirements (per 15 CFR part 911).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local, or Tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annual, every 3 years, every 5 years (per regulations).

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

Legal Authority: 15 CFR 911.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and

entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0157.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental To Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Replacement of Pier 3 at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of renewal incidental harassment authorization (IHA).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued a renewal IHA to the U.S. Navy to harass marine mammals incidental to construction activities associated with the replacement of Pier 3 at Naval Station Norfolk in Norfolk, Virginia.

DATES: This renewal IHA is effective from April 1, 2023 through March 21, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Taylor, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401. Electronic copies of the original application, renewal request, and supporting documents (including NMFS **Federal Register** notices of the original proposed and final authorizations, and the previous IHA), 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 Marine Mammal Protection Act (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