

the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit No. 27342) and Malcolm Mohead (Permit No. 27830); at (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had

been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to <https://www.federalregister.gov> and search on the permit number provided in table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
27342 .....	0648–XD819 .....	Heidi Pearson, Ph.D., University of Alaska Southeast, 11066 Auke Lake Way, Juneau, AK 99801.	89 FR 20182, March 21, 2024 ....	May 7, 2024.
27830 .....	0648–XD822 .....	Gregory Lewbart, V.M.D., North Carolina State University, 1060 William Moore Drive, Raleigh, NC 27607.	89 FR 22683, April 2, 2024 .....	May 13, 2024.

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 activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permits was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

**Authority:** The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA 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), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: June 5, 2024.

**Julia M. 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

#### Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council: Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration,  
Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council). The meeting is open to the public, and an opportunity for oral and written comments will be provided.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. eastern time (ET), and an opportunity for public comment will be provided around 12:50 p.m. ET. Both times and agenda topics are subject to change.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually using Google Meet. To participate, please use the weblink provided below. If you are unable to participate online, you can also connect to the public meeting using the phone number provided.

- **Weblink:** [meet.google.com/cio-obgn-yev](https://meet.google.com/cio-obgn-yev)
- **Phone:** (US) +1 352–612–1066 PIN: 470 410 197#

To provide an oral public comment during the virtual meeting, please sign up prior to or during the meeting by contacting Sage Riddick by phone (240–560–3365) or email ([sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)). To provide written public comment, please send the comment to Sage Riddick prior to or during the meeting via email ([sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)). Please note, the meeting will not be recorded. However, public comments, including any associated names, will be captured in the minutes of the meeting, will be maintained by ONMS as part of its administrative record, and may be subject to release pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The entirety of the comment, including the name of the commenter,

email address, attachments, and other supporting materials, will be publicly accessible. Sensitive personally identifiable information, such as account numbers and Social Security numbers, should not be included with the comment. By signing up to provide a public comment, you agree that these communications, including your name and comment, will be maintained as described here.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sage Riddick, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (Phone: 240–560–3365; Email: [sage.riddick@noaa.gov](mailto:sage.riddick@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 620,000 square miles of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington State to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 15 national marine sanctuaries and Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our Nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. The Sanctuary System Business Advisory Council (council) provides advice and recommendations to the ONMS Director regarding the relationship of ONMS with the business community. Additional information on this council

can be found at <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/>.

**Matters to be discussed:** The meeting will include updates from Capitol Hill Ocean Week, member updates, and voting on amendments to the council's charter. For a complete agenda, including times and topics, please visit <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/bac/meetings.html>.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

**John Armor,**

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Availability of Draft Guidance on Designation of New Regional Ocean Partnerships

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft guidance regarding the designation of new regional ocean partnerships; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (NDAA), Coastal States (including Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa), federally-recognized Indian Tribes (including Alaska native villages), and other entities may form new partnerships and apply to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (as delegated) for designation as a regional ocean partnership. Regional ocean partnerships coordinate the management of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. NOAA invites public comment on draft guidance on designating new regional ocean partnerships under the NDAA.

**DATES:** Comments are due by July 11, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft designation guidance document may be found on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (search for NOAA-NOS-2024-0066) and NOAA's Office for Coastal Management website at <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/>

[coasthome/funding/\\_pdf/bil-rop-designation-guidance.pdf](https://coasthome/funding/_pdf/bil-rop-designation-guidance.pdf). Comments may be submitted by:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and enter NOAA-NOS-2024-0066 in the search box, then click the "comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Joshua Lott, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; ATTN: Regional Ocean Partnership Designation Guidance.

**Instructions:** All comments received are a part of the public record and generally will be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personally identifiable information (name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the commenter will be publicly accessible. The Federal agencies will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields you wish to remain anonymous). Multimedia submissions (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. The Federal agencies will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). Comments that are not responsive or contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joshua Lott, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; ATTN: Regional Ocean Partnership Designation Guidance. Phone: (202) 670-3826; or Email: [rop.iija@noaa.gov](mailto:rop.iija@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Regional ocean partnerships are regional organizations, voluntarily convened by coastal States and Indian Tribes and designated by NOAA (as delegated, per the NDAA) to coordinate the management of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. These partnerships work in collaboration with other governments (including Tribal, Federal, and local) and stakeholders to address ocean and coastal issues of common concern in that region.

There are four existing regional ocean partnerships: the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the Northeast Regional Ocean

Council, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, and the West Coast Ocean Alliance. Section 10102(b)(3) of the NDAA, codified at 16 U.S.C. 1468(b)(3), designates these four entities as regional ocean partnerships; as such, this draft designation guidance and application process for new partnerships does not apply to them.

This draft designation guidance has been developed to address the membership, organization, and required elements of new partnerships. NOAA proposes to include the following information in the guidance: introduction and background; instructions on submitting a new partnership application to NOAA; requirements for new regional ocean partnerships; and eligibility for funding as a partnership. Applications to NOAA for new regional ocean partnerships must identify: the members of the new partnership, the governing body of the new partnership, and the purposes and functions of the new partnership.

The draft designation guidance document may be found on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (search for NOAA-NOS-2024-0066) and NOAA's Office for Coastal Management website at [https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/\\_pdf/bil-rop-designation-guidance.pdf](https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/bil-rop-designation-guidance.pdf).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1468

**Jeffrey L. Payne,**

Director, Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Listening Sessions on Draft Environmental Justice Strategy Approach

**AGENCY:** Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice; listening sessions and notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to an Executive order (E.O.), the DoD is updating its EJ Strategy. DoD is soliciting feedback on its draft goals and overall approach to addressing EJ. This draft information is included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**DATES:** Interested individuals are invited to provide verbal and written feedback on DoD's draft goals and overall