

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS—Continued

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
§ 648.11, but not to include 648.11(m)(2).	Monitoring coverage	Sampling trips will be non-representative of the herring fishery and could negatively affect NEFOP data quality. As stated in 648.11(m)(2), the participating vessels are still required to submit pre-trip notifications.

Project Narrative

The MA DMF is requesting an EFP in support of a study developing a genomic tool to evaluate the genomic population structure of Atlantic herring. The current system of herring management sets area-specific annual catch limits (ACL) based on estimates of spawning component abundance and seasonal mixing rates. These estimates have not been updated since implementation of the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan in 2000. This study is intended to improve scientific understanding of the contributions of genetically distinct sub-populations to herring stocks in U.S. waters and, therefore, may allow fisheries managers to update area-specific ACLs to reflect their spawning components.

Sampling for this study would begin upon approval and end by December 31, 2025. This EFP would authorize 3 fishing vessels to retain a total of 3,000 adult herring (approximately 970 pounds (lb); 440 kilograms (kg)) during the spring and fall spawning seasons from 5 spawning grounds: Eastern Gulf of Maine; Western Gulf of Maine; Jeffreys Ledge; the Great South Channel; and Georges Bank. The vessel sampling the Eastern Gulf of Maine and Western Gulf of Maine areas would primarily use midwater trawl gear with the option of switching to purse seine. The two vessels fishing Jeffreys Ledge, the Great South Channel, and Georges Bank would use small-mesh bottom trawl gear. These vessels are expected to spend approximately 20 days on the water to conduct sampling in 5 areas twice in both the fall and spring seasons. Spring sampling would take place in April and May, and fall sampling would occur from August to November. During each trip, the project team plans to conduct short, 5–60-minute tows to catch and retain 150 adult herring from each area sampled. If more than 150 herring are captured, the crew would continue to retain herring until they have no more space in their insulated cooler. The cooler would hold a maximum of approximately 300 herring, and any further captures would then be discarded.

After sampling, the research team would use low-coverage, whole-genome

sequencing to identify a panel of small genetic differences that can reliably differentiate between herring sub-populations. Through peer-reviewed publication on their genomic tool and their findings regarding Atlantic herring genomic population structure, the research team may enable fishery managers to update area-specific ACLs to support the sustainable harvest of each spawning component.

Genomic tools require relatively small sample sizes. The project team proposes to harvest a total of 970 lb (440 kg) of Atlantic herring over no more than 20 sampling trips, which is 15 percent of the 6,600-lb (2,993-kg) possession limit associated with an Open Access Category D Permit. Because the project requires sampling spawning herring, vessels would sample during the areas' fall spawning closures. Although MA DMF plans to conduct tows between 30 and 60 minutes, vessel operators would plan to capture sufficient samples with the least amount of fishing effort possible, including tows as short as 5 minutes. Technologies such as net-mounted echosounders, for example, would be used to identify herring entering the net and, therefore, signal operators to end the tow early. Because of the low amount of fishing effort that this sampling would require, discards of incidentally captured species are expected to be relatively low, around 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) total over 20 trips. Based on observer data from the same areas and gears, the highest volume of bycatch is expected to be of silver hake, with expected discards of around 7,000 lb (3,176 kg).

The applicants state that the exemption allowing vessels to fish in GOM Cod Protection Closure Areas is necessary for sampling herring in the Jeffreys Ledge spawning area. Based on existing observer data and the project team's knowledge of herring spawning locations, they are expecting to cause nearly-zero Atlantic cod bycatch mortality during their sampling. Based on observer data collected from vessels fishing in the same statistical areas using the same gear, the research team expects this sampling to catch a total of 4.4 lb (2.0 kg) cod. In addition, the research team expects to catch herring in deeper water and softer substrate

than where cod are abundant and/or spawning. Finally, the research team has previously measured a 93-percent survival rate for cod captured using short tows with bottom trawl gear (Zemeckis *et al.*, 2019). Therefore, although a very small amount of cod catch is possible, the research application suggests that cod would be returned to the water as soon as possible and would be very likely to survive.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement Expansion of Childcare Services North of the Eglin Test and Training Complex, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 2025, the Department of the Air Force (DAF) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Expansion of Childcare Service North of Eglin Test and Training Complex at Eglin AFB, FL Environmental Impact Statement.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DAF has decided to construct a new Child Development Center (CDC) to support the childcare needs of Eglin military families living north of the Eglin Test and Training Complex, Eglin AFB, FL. The new CDC will be constructed on a 14-acre parcel that the DAF will acquire from the City of Crestview, FL. The CDC will be owned by the DAF and operated by the 96th Force Support Squadron which provides base support functions at Eglin AFB.

The DAF decision documented in the ROD was based on matters discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, inputs from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was made available to the public on December 27, 2024, through a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 105604) with a waiting period that ended on January 27, 2025.

Authority: This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to the implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (32 CFR 989.21(b) and 989.24(b)(7)).

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Special Education Parent Information Centers—Parent Training and Information Centers; Corrections and Reopening

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice; corrections and reopening.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2024, the Department of Education (Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice inviting applications (NIA) for fiscal year (FY) 2025 for the Special Education Parent Information Centers—Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) competition. The NIA established a deadline date of March 3, 2025, for the transmittal of applications. The Department is correcting the NIA by removing certain application requirements and replacing the selection criteria. This notice also reopens the competition and extends the deadline date for transmittal of applications until March 26, 2025, and

extends the deadline for intergovernmental review until May 25, 2025. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

DATES: These corrections are applicable on March 20, 2025.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: March 26, 2025.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 25, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 16, 2024, the Department published an NIA for the FY 2025 PTIs competition in the **Federal Register** (89 FR 101589). The Department is correcting the NIA by removing certain application requirements, replacing the selection criteria section, reopening the competition and extending the deadline for transmittal of applications, and extending the deadline for intergovernmental review for the 2025 PTI competition. The Department is correcting this NIA as part of a comprehensive review of recently published FY 2025 NIAs. This reevaluation seeks to ensure that all priorities and requirements for the Department's FY 2025 competitions align with the objectives established by the Trump Administration while fostering consistency across all grant programs. Additionally, the Department is dedicated to optimizing the impact of our grant competitions on students and families, as well as enhancing the economic effectiveness of federal education funding. All other information in the NIA remains the same.

The Department will not consider applications submitted prior to March 20, 2025. Applicants that have already timely submitted an application under the 2025 PTI competition must resubmit an updated application on or before the reopened application deadline of March 26, 2025, for the application to be reviewed. Program staff will endeavor to notify applicants that have already submitted an application of the requirement to submit an updated application. The Department will consider the application that is last submitted and timely received by 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on March 26, 2025.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1471 and 1481.

Corrections

In FR Doc. 2024-29530, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2024 (89 FR 101589), we make the following corrections:

1. On page 101589, in the middle column, revise the text under **DATES** as follows:

Application Available: December 16, 2024.

Application Deadline: March 26, 2025.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: May 25, 2025.

2. On page 101591, in the third column, in the third line from the top, replace the words “*Quality of project services*” with the words “*Quality of the project design*”.

3. On page 101592, in the second column, in paragraph (d), make the following corrections:

a. In the third and fourth lines, replace the words “*Quality of project personnel and adequacy of resources*,” with “*Adequacy of resources*,”.

b. Revise paragraph (d)(3) to read as follows: “(3) The project will make positive efforts to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities; and”.

4. On page 101592, in the second column, in paragraph (e), make the following corrections:

a. Remove paragraph (5).

b. Redesignate paragraph (6) as paragraph (5).

c. Redesignate paragraph (7) as paragraph (6).

5. On page 101592, beginning in the third column and carrying over to the third column on page 101593, through but not including the heading “*Performance Measures*,” remove the *Selection Criteria* section, and add, in its place, the following:

“*Selection Criteria:* The selection criteria for this competition are from 34 CFR 75.210 and are as follows:

(a) *Significance.* (15 points)

(1) The Secretary considers the significance of the proposed project.

(2) In determining the significance of the proposed project, the Secretary considers the following factors:

(i) The extent to which the proposed project will provide support, resources, or services; or otherwise address the needs of the target population, including addressing the needs of underserved populations most affected by the issue, challenge, or opportunity, to be addressed by the proposed project and close gaps in educational opportunity.

(ii) The likely utility of the resources (such as materials, processes,