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Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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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; Economic Valuation of Natural and Nature-Based Infrastructure

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before November 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0788 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential

Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Sarah Gonyo, NOS/NCCOS, 1305 East West Highway, Bldg. SSMC4, Rm 9320, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, sarah.gonyo@noaa.gov, 240–621–1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Pursuant to H.R. 3684 (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) and the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), this request is for a revision and extension of an information collection. This information collection will focus on a different geographical location (Gulf of Mexico (GoM)) and include focus groups, which will help guide any revisions necessary to the survey instrument. The title of the collection is being changed to reflect this revision.

The National Ocean Service (NOS) proposes to collect data on the opinions, values, and attitudes of GoM residents relative to natural and nature-based infrastructure for the purpose of shoreline stabilization or habitat restoration. Respondents (age 18 years and older) will be randomly sampled from households in GoM coastal counties. This information will be used by NOAA, state and local decision-makers, and others to assess the value, benefits, and perceived efficacy of federal investments in habitat restoration and/or climate adaptation projects that use natural or nature-based infrastructure. NOAA has a vested interest in the potential use of natural and nature-based infrastructure, from many perspectives, including as it relates to the resilience, well-being, and sustainability of coastal communities.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected with a combination of mail recruitment with push-to-web and mail-back survey instrument.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0788.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular [Revision and extension of a current information collection].

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Focus groups: 48; Questionnaire: 6,500.

Estimated Time per Response: Focus groups: 1 hour; Questionnaire: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,215.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Legal Authority: Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act (33 U.S.C. 3601 *et seq.*).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations to the Marine Mammal Scientific Review Groups

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: As required by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the Secretary of Commerce established three

independent regional scientific review groups (SRGs) to provide advice on a range of marine mammal science and management issues. NMFS conducted a membership review of the Alaska, Atlantic, and Pacific SRGs, and is soliciting nominations for new members to fill vacancies and gaps in expertise (see below).

DATES: Nominations must be received by October 24, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Nominations can be emailed to Zachary.Schakner@noaa.gov, Assessment Branch, Office of Science and Technology, National Marine Fisheries Service, Attn: SRGs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Zachary Schakner, Office of Science and Technology, 301-427-8106, Zachary.Schakner@noaa.gov. Information about the SRGs, including the SRG Terms of Reference, is available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/scientific-review-groups>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 117(d) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1386(d)) directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish three independent regional SRGs to advise the Secretary (authority delegated to NMFS). The Alaska SRG advises on marine mammals that occur in waters off Alaska that are under the jurisdiction of the United States. The Pacific SRG advises on marine mammals that occur in waters off the U.S. West Coast, Hawaiian Islands, and the U.S. Territories in the Central and Western Pacific that are under the jurisdiction of the United States. The Atlantic SRG advises on marine mammals that occur in waters off the Atlantic coast, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Territories in the Caribbean.

SRG members are highly qualified individuals with expertise in marine mammal biology and ecology, population dynamics and modeling, commercial fishing technology and practices, and stocks taken under section 101(b) of the MMPA. The SRGs provide expert reviews of draft marine mammal stock assessment reports and other information related to the matters identified in section 117(d)(1) of the MMPA, including:

A. Population estimates and the population status and trends of marine mammal stocks;

B. Uncertainties and research needed regarding stock separation, abundance, or trends, and factors affecting the distribution, size, or productivity of the stock;

C. Uncertainties and research needed regarding the species, number, ages, gender, and reproductive status of marine mammals;

D. Research needed to identify modifications in fishing gear and practices likely to reduce the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations;

E. The actual, expected, or potential impacts of habitat destruction, including marine pollution and natural environmental change, on specific marine mammal species or stocks, and for strategic stocks, appropriate conservation or management measures to alleviate any such impacts; and

F. Any other issue which the Secretary or the groups consider appropriate.

SRG members collectively serve as independent advisors to NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and provide their expert review and recommendations through participation in the SRG. Members attend annual meetings and undertake activities as independent persons providing expertise in their subject areas. Members are not appointed as representatives of professional organizations or particular stakeholder groups, including government entities, and are not permitted to represent or advocate for those organizations, groups, or entities during SRG meetings, discussions, and deliberations.

SRG membership is voluntary, and, except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay. The term of service for SRG members is 3 years, and members may serve up to three consecutive terms if reappointed.

NMFS annually reviews the expertise available on the SRG and identifies gaps in the expertise that is needed to provide advice pursuant to section 117(d) of the MMPA. In conducting the reviews, NMFS attempts to achieve, to the maximum extent practicable, a balanced representation of viewpoints among the individuals on each SRG.

Expertise Solicited

For the Alaska SRG, NMFS seeks individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas (not in order of priority): Abundance estimation, especially distance sampling and mark-recapture methods and survey design; Passive acoustic data collection and analysis; Climate and oceanographic changes impacting marine mammals; Quantitative ecology, population dynamics, modeling, and statistics, especially as related to abundance, bycatch, and distribution; Anthropogenic impacts, particularly fisheries interactions, vessel strikes, and the effects of anthropogenic sound.

For the Pacific SRG (including waters off the Pacific coast, Hawaiian Islands

and the U.S. Territories in the Central and Western Pacific), NMFS seeks individuals with expertise in one or more of the following areas (not in order of priority): Population structure based on genetic data, incorporation of new methodological or technological advancements for data collection/analysis (e.g. -omics, eDNA, microbiome); West Coast and Pacific Islands marine mammal expertise, including assessment, life history, ecology, or human-marine mammal interactions; Applied conservation and management, including evaluating bycatch or fisheries impacts on marine mammals; Expertise in identifying and delineating demographically independent populations based on multiple lines of evidence; West Coast and Pacific Islands fishing gear/techniques, including fishery/marine mammal interactions for State, Tribal, or regional/local fisheries; Oceanography or marine ecology, particularly decadal and long-term understanding and impacts of climate change; spatial movement ecology, telemetry, habitat modeling; Sea otters; Pinnipeds.

For the Atlantic SRG (including waters off the Atlantic coast, Gulf of Mexico, and U.S. Territories in the Caribbean), NMFS seeks individuals with expertise in one or more of the following priority areas (not in order of priority): Expertise in statistical analyses relevant to marine mammal population assessment including line-transect methods, mark-recapture methods, bycatch estimation, survey design, and population dynamics modeling; Large whale (especially North Atlantic right whales) population dynamics, biology and ecology; Marine mammal acoustics, in terms of individual impacts (masking, TTS) and changes to habitat function (loss of communication space, displacement); Population dynamics of estuarine and nearshore bottlenose dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico and/or Atlantic Ocean; Population dynamics of warm temperate to tropical pelagic marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean; Ecology of Caribbean marine mammals in U.S. waters of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands; Marine mammal—fishery interactions, including fishing gear, practices, and bycatch reduction; Impacts of oceanographic & ecosystem changes such as climate change, energy (renewable/non-renewable), or marine aquaculture on marine mammal populations; Pinniped reproductive behavior, diet, physiology, fisheries interactions; Manatee population dynamics and ecology.

Submitting a Nomination

Nominations for new members should be sent to Dr. Zachary Schakner in the NMFS Office of Science & Technology (see **ADDRESSES**) and must be received by October 24, 2022. Nominations should be accompanied by the individual's curriculum vitae and detailed information regarding how the recommended person meets the minimum selection criteria for SRG members (see below). Nominations should also include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and email address. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Selection Criteria

Although the MMPA does not explicitly prohibit Federal employees from serving as SRG members, NMFS interprets MMPA section 117(d)'s reference to the SRGs as "independent" bodies that are exempt from Federal Advisory Committee Act requirements to mean that SRGs are intended to augment existing Federal expertise and are not composed of Federal employees or contractors.

When reviewing nominations, NMFS, in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will consider the following six criteria:

- (1) Ability to make time available for the purposes of the SRG;
- (2) Knowledge of the species (or closely related species) of marine mammals in the SRG's region;
- (3) Scientific or technical achievement in a relevant discipline, particularly the areas of expertise identified above, and the ability to serve as an expert peer reviewer for the topic;
- (4) Demonstrated experience working effectively on teams;
- (5) Expertise relevant to current and expected needs of the SRG, in particular, expertise required to provide adequate review and knowledgeable feedback on current or developing stock assessment issues, techniques, etc. In practice, this means that each member should have expertise in more than one topic as the species and scientific issues discussed in SRG meetings are diverse; and
- (6) No conflict of interest with respect to their duties as a member of the SRG.

Next Steps

Following review, nominees who are identified by NMFS as potential new members must be vetted and cleared in accordance with Department of Commerce policy. NMFS will contact these individuals and ask them to provide written confirmation that they are not registered Federal lobbyists or

registered foreign agents, and to complete a confidential financial disclosure form, which will be reviewed by the Ethics Law and Programs Division within the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of General Counsel. All nominees will be notified of a selection decision in advance of the 2023 SRG meetings.

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Evan Howell,

*Director, Office of Science and Technology,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations and topic submissions.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is requesting nominations for membership on the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC or Committee) and is also inviting the submission of potential topics for discussion at future Committee meetings. The TAC is a discretionary advisory committee established by the Commission in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The deadline for the submission of nominations and topics is October 6, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and topics for discussion at future TAC meetings should be emailed to TAC@cftc.gov or sent by hand delivery or courier to Office of Commissioner Goldsmith Romero, c/o Anthony Biagioli, TAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Please use the title "Technology Advisory Committee" for any nominations or topics you submit. Submissions through the TAC@cftc.gov email address are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Biagioli, TAC Designated Federal Officer, at 816-960-7722 or email: ABiagioli@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The TAC was established to assist the Commission in identifying and understanding the impact and implications of technological innovation in the financial services, derivatives, and commodity (including digital-asset commodity) markets. The TAC may

provide advice to the Commission on the appropriate level of investment in technology at the Commission to meet its surveillance and enforcement responsibilities and inform the Commission's consideration of technology-related issues to support the Commission's mission of ensuring the integrity of the markets and achievement of other public interest objectives. The TAC accomplishes its objectives through public meetings and Committee reports and recommendations. The duties of the TAC are solely advisory and include calling for reports and/or recommendations by the TAC or TAC subcommittee(s), adopting reports and/or recommendations, and transmitting reports and/or recommendations to the Commission. Determinations of actions to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to the reports or recommendations of the TAC are made solely by the Commission.

TAC members generally serve as representatives and provide advice reflecting the views and interests of the organizations and/or entities that actively participate in the financial services and commodity markets that the Commission oversees, or actively consider legal, risk, or other issues presented by those markets. The representative members serve as a vehicle for communication between the Commission and representatives within the viewpoint categories on technology issues affecting those markets. Depending on the issues faced, the Commission may, from time to time, appoint experts to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs), or officials of other Federal agencies to serve, on the TAC. If nominated, SGEs will be asked to submit and complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Members will represent a wide range of perspectives and interests, and these may include the viewpoint categories listed below. The members will be selected to represent a balance of viewpoints that are necessary or appropriate to effectively address the issues to be considered by the TAC. Though the viewpoint categories and precise number of members in any category may vary over time, the Commission anticipates that the TAC will have no more than 40 members who may represent the following viewpoint categories: (i) market participants in the derivatives and commodities markets; (ii) financial technology providers; (iii) market infrastructure firms, like exchanges and clearinghouses; (iv) other segments of the derivatives and commodities