

days of the date on which Commerce published notice of its antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on certain low speed personal transportation vehicles and subassemblies thereof from China in the **Federal Register**.

M. I am aware that U.S. law (including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 1001) imposes criminal sanctions on individuals who knowingly and willfully make material false statements to the U.S. government.

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{NAME OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}

{TITLE OF COMPANY OFFICIAL}

{DATE} _____

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Proposed Withdrawal of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 198-1, The Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) proposes to withdraw FIPS 198-1, the Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC), from the FIPS series.

Prior to the submission of this proposed withdrawal of FIPS 198-1 to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, NIST invites comments from the public, users, the information technology industry, and Federal, State, and local governments, and government organizations concerning the withdrawal of this FIPS.

DATES: Comments on the proposed withdrawal of this FIPS must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 23, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal of FIPS 198-1 should be sent to: Crypto Publication Review Board, Computer Security Division, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, ATTN: FIPS 198-1 Comments.

Electronic comments should be sent to: cryptopubreviewboard@nist.gov.

Information about the FIPS is available on the NIST web page <https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/fips/198-1/final>. Comments received in response to this notice will be published electronically on that page without change or redaction, so commenters should not include information they do not wish to be posted (e.g. personal or confidential business information).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morris Dworkin, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, cryptopubreviewboard@nist.gov, (301) 975-2354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FIPS 198-1 is being proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series because the content is more suitable in a NIST Special Publication (SP) and outdated. Specifically, a) it describes a cryptographic scheme, instead of a fundamental cryptographic primitive,

and b) the HMAC specification needs to be updated to include block sizes to support the SHA-3 family of hash functions defined in FIPS 202, SHA-3 Standard: Permutation-Based Hash and Extendable-Output Functions.

Subsequent to the issuance of FIPS 198-1 in 2008, NIST developed NIST Internal Report (IR) 7977, NIST Cryptographic Standards and Guidelines Development Process (March 2016), available at <https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/ir/7977/final>. Under NIST IR 7977, NIST typically specifies fundamental cryptographic primitives—block ciphers, digital signature algorithms, and hash functions—as FIPS publications, whereas other cryptographic schemes—modes of operation, key management, message authentication codes, etc.—are published as a part of the NIST SP 800 “Computer Security” series. For more information, see Section 3 of NIST IR 7977. As FIPS 198-1 describes HMAC, a message authentication code, NIST proposes to move this specification to an SP 800 publication and withdraw FIPS 198-1 to be consistent with the approach in NIST IR 7977.

Additionally, the HMAC specification needs updating to include larger block sizes to support the SHA-3 family of hash functions specified in FIPS 202. A discussion of truncation, an editorial refresh, and updated references are also needed and have been implemented in NIST SP 800-224, as further described below.

In August 2021, NIST's Crypto Publication Review Board (CPRB) initiated a review process for FIPS 198-1 (published in 2008) and received public comments. In September 2022, CPRB proposed converting FIPS 198-1 to a NIST SP and received additional comments on that proposed decision. The public comments received during these comment periods are available at <https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/cryptopublication-review-project/completed-reviews#fips198-1>. In November 2022, NIST announced its intention to develop NIST SP 800-224, with a proposed plan to withdraw FIPS 198-1 after the new SP is published.

A draft of NIST SP 800-224, Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC): Specification of HMAC and Recommendation for Message Authentication, was released for public comment from June 28, 2024, to September 6, 2024. A copy of the draft and a compilation of comments received are posted at <https://csrc.nist.gov/pubs/sp/800/224/ipd>. NIST prepared a final version of SP 800-224, which was cleared for publication in March 2025, and this notice follows. Should the

Secretary of Commerce approve the withdrawal of this FIPS, NIST will keep references to the withdrawn FIPS on its FIPS web pages and will link to current versions of these standards and specifications where appropriate.

Withdrawal means that federal agencies will no longer be required to comply with this FIPS. NIST will continue to provide relevant information on standards and guidelines by means of electronic dissemination methods.

(Authority: 40 U.S.C. 11331(f), 15 U.S.C. 278g–3.)

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NIST Executive Secretariat.

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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 Lower Columbia River Dredged Material Management Plan, Oregon and Washington

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been issued to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the taking of marine mammals incidental to the implementation of the Lower Columbia River Dredged Material Management Plan (“Plan”) in Oregon and Washington.

DATES: The LOA is effective from November 1, 2027, through February 29, 2032.

ADDRESSES: The LOA and supporting documentation are available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-authorization-us-army-corps-engineers-lower-columbia-river-dredged-material>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 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 to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed incidental take authorization may be provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting of the takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which: (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On May 12, 2025, we issued a final rule upon request from the USACE for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to construction activities (90 FR 20110). The USACE plans to conduct

construction activities incidental to implementation of the Lower Columbia River Dredged Material Management Plan in Oregon and Washington over 5 years (2027–2032). This construction will include use of vibratory and impact driving and is expected to produce underwater sound at levels that have the potential to result in Level A and Level B harassment of marine mammals.

Authorization

We have issued a LOA to the USACE authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to construction activities, as described above. Take of marine mammals will be minimized through the implementation of the following planned mitigation measures: (1) required monitoring of the construction area to detect the presence of marine mammals before beginning construction activities; (2) shutdown of construction activities under certain circumstances to avoid injury of marine mammals; (3) soft start for impact pile driving to allow marine mammals the opportunity to leave the area prior to beginning impact pile driving at full power; and (4) use of bubble curtains to attenuate sound levels when impact pile driving. Additionally, the rule includes an adaptive management component that allows for timely modification of mitigation or monitoring measures based on new information, when appropriate. The USACE will submit reports as required.

Based on these findings and the information discussed in the preamble to the final rule, the activities described under this LOA will have a negligible impact on marine mammal stocks and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected marine mammal stock for subsistence uses.

Dated: June 18, 2025.

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

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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 Sand Island Pile Dike Repairs in the Columbia River

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and