

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct

commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the

participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.351(a)	Restriction against fishing for, possessing, or landing more than 1,700 lb (771.11 kg) of all Mid-Atlantic forage species combined per trip.	To allow for the landing of Mid-Atlantic forage species in excess of the possession limit.

TABLE 2—PROJECT SUMMARY

Project title	Developing an Oceanic Squid Fishery in the Northwest Atlantic.
Project start	08/01/2025.
Project end	12/31/2025.
Project objectives	To assess the viability of developing an offshore squid fishery.
Project location	Waters off the continental shelf. Statistical Areas: 525, 526, 533, 534, 537, and 541 (also possibly 542, 543, 552, 562, 616, 623, and 624).
Number of vessels	3 (2 primary, and 1 back-up).
Number of trips	2.
Trip duration (days)	7.
Total number of days	14.
Gear type(s)	Auto-jigging machines.
Number of tows or sets	60.
Duration of tows or sets	6–12 hours.

Project Narrative

The purpose of this project is to conduct exploratory fishing in waters off the continental shelf to assess resource availability, and promote sustainable fishing opportunities for oceanic squid species. The applicant states that the neon flying squid, valuable in Asian and European markets, was successfully targeted during an exploratory fishing trip off the Eastern Coast of the United States in the late 1990s, and has promise to support a directed fishery.

Under this EFP, participating fishermen would trial automatic jigging machines, paired with high-intensity lighting and a deep-sea anchoring system, to catch unmanaged squid species, and to gauge commercial potential of further equipping fishing vessels to target these species and develop new markets. Two 7-day exploratory fishing trips would occur. Fishing would occur day and night for 5 days during each trip. Vessels would be outfitted with four-six double drummed automatic jigging machines. Each jigging line would be rigged with 10 barbless hooks designed to catch neon flying squid, fished at depths up to 200 meters (m), in waters of total depths between 250–1,500 m. In addition to the jigging machines, fishing operations would include an array of 12 metal halide and 20 high-intensity light-emitting diode deck lights on the surface, and one underwater metal

halide light lowered by a dedicated winch. The vessel would use a deep-sea parachute sea anchor to reduce drift and stabilize the vessel.

CFR research staff would be aboard vessels to oversee fishing and conduct sampling activities. Squid would be identified to the lowest taxonomic level possible, and representative samples would be retained to verify identification. Squid lengths and weights would be recorded for each taxa caught, and the time and location would be recorded to monitor effort. Catch information on all species incidentally caught would be recorded. Unmanaged squid species caught would be retained for sale. *Illex* and longfin squid would be landed within vessel possession limits, although the jig size would be too large for most *Illex* squid, and the depths and distance from shore fished would make catching longfin squid unlikely. The applicant anticipates catching up to 10,000 lb (4,536 kg) of squid per trip.

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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Kelly Denit,
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Termination of Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration

AGENCY: Defense Health Agency (DHA), Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of termination of the DHA’s Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of the termination of the DHA’s Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Demonstration. On November 9, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule announcing the termination of the original Medicare HHVBP Model one year early for home health agencies (HHAs) in the nine original model states. This serves as formal notice that DHA also terminated the HHVBP demonstration applicable in the original nine model states. Due to the limited time this demonstration was active, there was insufficient data to draft a report detailing findings.

DATES: DHA's current HHVBP model ended December 31, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duncan Moskowitz, 303-676-3582, duncan.p.moskowitz.civ@health.mil. Questions regarding payment of specific claims should be addressed to the appropriate TRICARE contractor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On September 25, 2019, the DHA published a **Federal Register** notice ("TRICARE; Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Adoption of Medicare's Home Health Value-Based Purchasing (HHVBP) Adjustments for Reimbursement Under TRICARE's Home Health Prospective Payment System Demonstration") adopting CMS' HHVBP Model as a demonstration for the TRICARE program (84 FR 50416). The purpose of the HHVBP demonstration was to improve the quality and delivery of home healthcare, and incentivize those HHAs that provide higher quality, more efficient care, as well as evaluate the administrative feasibility of adopting HHVBP adjustments under the TRICARE program. It was expected that adoption of the HHVBP model would strengthen the impact of the incentives included within the model by adding TRICARE's market share to CMS'.

DHA's adoption of CMS's HHVBP was consistent with section 705(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017. The adoption of this model established a new value-based demonstration within the TRICARE program, based on CMS' similar model.

The notice stated that DHA's HHVBP demonstration would be effective January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022, unless terminated earlier by CMS or by TRICARE. On November 9, 2021, the CMS published a final rule (86 FR 62240) in the **Federal Register** announcing the termination of the original Medicare HHVBP Model one year early for HHAs in the nine original model states. Director, DHA hereby gives notice that the DHA's original HHVBP demonstration ended December 31, 2021. Due to the limited time this demonstration was active, there was insufficient data for DHA to draft a report detailing the findings of this demonstration and potential next steps.

Dated: June 25, 2025.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: The Army, Navy and Air Force are rescinding their NEPA implementing regulations in separate interim final rules. The Department will make the *Department of Defense National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures* (DoD NEPA Procedures) available on the website listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice on June 30, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) previously issued regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). On February 25, 2025, CEQ issued an interim final rule to remove these regulations. *See Removal of National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations* (90 FR 10610; Feb. 25, 2025). This action was necessitated by and consistent with Executive Order (E.O.) 14154, *Unleashing American Energy* (90 FR 8353; January 20, 2025), in which President Trump rescinded President Carter's E.O. 11991, *Relating to Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality* (42 FR 26967; May 24, 1977), which was the original authority for CEQ's issuance of NEPA implementing regulations. The Military Departments' NEPA implementing procedures had served as a supplement to those CEQ regulations. E.O. 14154 further directed agencies to revise their NEPA implementing procedures consistent with the E.O.; the Military Departments will therefore repeal their respective National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations by June 30, 2025.

The Department will also issue the *Department of Defense National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures* (DoD NEPA Procedures) on June 30, 2025. These procedures will apply to DoD Components including functions for the Army Civil Works programs. These procedures will be

available on <https://www.denix.osd.mil/nepa/>. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will issue separate NEPA implementing regulations for their regulatory functions formerly addressed under title 33 CFR part 320.

The DoD NEPA Procedures provide guidelines for agency procedure and practice with respect to NEPA compliance. The DoD NEPA Procedures do not govern the rights and obligations of any party outside the federal government. Further, nothing contained in the DoD NEPA Procedures is intended or should be construed to limit the Department's other authorities or legal responsibilities.

The DoD NEPA Procedures seek to faithfully implement the recent significant changes to NEPA prescribed by Congress, instruction provided by the President, and guidance provided by the Supreme Court. They streamline and improve efficiency of the environmental review process; expedite project delivery; and ensure that NEPA documents inform and, to the extent appropriate, involve the public, focus on the significant issues that require analysis, and foster informed decision-making based on an understanding of the potential action's environmental impacts. Appendix A to the DoD NEPA Procedures lists categorical exclusions that have been established by DoD Components.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Income Driven Repayment Plan Request for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans and Federal Family Education Loan Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing a revision of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 30, 2025.