

further communicate with the concerned individuals or community. The Navy would provide project information and clarification of the mitigation measures that will reduce impacts to marine mammals.

Based on the description of the specified activity, the measures described to minimize adverse effects on the availability of marine mammals for subsistence purposes, and the proposed mitigation and monitoring measures, NMFS has preliminarily determined that there will not be an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses from the Navy's proposed activities.

Endangered Species Act

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species, in this case with NMFS' Alaska Regional Office (AKRO).

NMFS OPR is proposing to authorize take of ringed seals, which are listed under the ESA. OPR has requested a section 7 consultation with the AKRO for the issuance of this IHA. The Navy has also requested a section 7 consultation with AKRO for ICEX Study Area activities. OPR will conclude the ESA consultation prior to reaching a determination regarding the proposed issuance of the authorization.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to the Navy for conducting submarine training and testing activities in the Arctic Ocean beginning in February 2024, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed IHA can be found at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-military-readiness-activities>.

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses, the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of this notice of proposed IHA for the proposed ICEX24 activities. We also request comment on the

potential renewal of this proposed IHA as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform decisions on the request for this IHA or a subsequent renewal IHA.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a 1-time, 1-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activity section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond 1 year from expiration of the initial IHA); and

- The request for renewal must include the following:

- (1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take); and

- (2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

- Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the proposed renewal timeframe does not significantly alter the agency's initial impact findings, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: December 4, 2023.

Catherine Marzin,

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and opportunity to comment.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management, will hold an in-person public meeting to solicit input on the performance evaluation of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve. NOAA also invites the public to submit written comments.

DATES: NOAA will hold an in-person public meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. eastern. NOAA will consider all relevant written comments received by Friday, February 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *In-Person Public Meeting:* Provide oral comments during the in-person public meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. eastern at the Sapelo Island Visitor Center, 1766 Landing Road Southeast, Darien, GA 31305.

- *Email:* Send written comments to Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, at Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov. Include "Comments on Performance Evaluation of Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve" in the subject line of the message.

NOAA will accept anonymous comments; however, the written comments NOAA receives are considered part of the public record, and 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 comments. Comments that are not related to the performance evaluation of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve or that contain profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ralph Cantral, Evaluator, NOAA Office for Coastal Management, by email at Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov or by phone at (843) 474-1357. Copies of the previous evaluation findings, reserve management plan, and reserve site profile may be viewed and downloaded at <https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/evaluations/>. A copy of the evaluation notification letter and most recent progress report may be obtained upon request by contacting Ralph Cantral.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 315(f) of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) requires NOAA to conduct periodic evaluations of federally approved national estuarine research reserves. The evaluation process includes holding one or more public meetings, considering public comments, and consulting with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. During the evaluation, NOAA will consider the extent to which the State of Georgia has met the national objectives, and has adhered to the management program approved by the Secretary of Commerce, the requirements of section 315(b)(2) of the CZMA, and the terms of financial assistance under the CZMA. When the evaluation is complete, NOAA's Office for Coastal Management will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the final evaluation findings.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1461.

Keelin Kuipers,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****Implementation of the National Spectrum Strategy**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public input.

SUMMARY: The White House released a Presidential Memorandum (PM), *Modernizing United States Spectrum Policy and Establishing a National Spectrum Strategy*, and the *National Spectrum Strategy* (Strategy), on November 13, 2023. The PM tasks the Secretary of Commerce, through the

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), with publishing an Implementation Plan for the Strategy within 120 days after its release. NTIA welcomes public input on the implementation of the Strategy and is providing the opportunity to submit written comments and/or request meetings with NTIA staff regarding the implementation plan.

DATES: Parties should submit written comments no later than January 2, 2024. Parties requesting meetings should do so as soon as practicable.

ADDRESSES: All written inputs and any requests for meetings should be sent to NSSImplementationplan@ntia.gov. Responders should include a page number on each page of their submissions. Please do not include in your input information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal or business information. All comments received are part of the public record and generally will be posted to the NTIA website without change. All personally identifiable information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted may be publicly accessible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please direct questions regarding this Notice to John Alden, Telecommunications Specialist, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA, at (202) 482-8046 or jalden@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; or press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA serves as the President's principal advisor on telecommunications policies and manages the use of the radio-frequency spectrum by federal agencies. See 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2). NTIA is interested in public views on implementing the Strategy, with a focus on the next 1-3 years, as such inputs allow NTIA and other federal agencies to benefit from expertise and viewpoints outside the federal government. These views will be considered in developing the implementation plan, which is intended to help accelerate U.S. leadership in wireless communications and other spectrum-based technologies and to unlock innovations that benefit the American people.

America is increasingly dependent on secure and reliable access to radio frequency spectrum. Sufficient access to spectrum is vital to national security, critical infrastructure, transportation, emergency response, public safety, scientific discovery, economic growth, competitive next-generation communications, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Increased spectrum access will also advance U.S.

innovation, connectivity, and competition, create high-paying and highly skilled jobs, and produce improvements to the overall quality of life. Access to more spectrum, in short, will help the United States continue to lead the world in advanced technology and enhance our national and economic security.

Spectrum access, however, must be managed responsibly and efficiently. NTIA jointly manages the nation's spectrum resources with the Federal Communications Commission. NTIA is welcoming public input from interested stakeholders to help inform the development of an implementation plan for the Strategy, which is needed for the U.S. to bolster investment in spectrum-related innovative technologies and plan effectively for its current and future spectrum needs.

Sean Conway,

Deputy Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**In re Amazon.Com, Inc.**

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Commission meeting; Oral Argument—open to the public; remainder of the meeting is closed to the public.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC" or "Commission") will meet on Thursday, December 14, 2023, in Hearing Room 420 of the Headquarters Building of the CPSC for an Oral Argument in *In the Matter of Amazon.com, Inc.*, CPSC Docket No. 21-2. The public is invited to attend and observe the open portion of the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: Oral argument is scheduled for December 14, 2023 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. A live webcast of the meeting can be viewed at the following link: <https://cpsc.webex.com/webcast/register/rd3a8cbdeac231e01896d8d56252d109>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alberta Mills, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7479.