

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XC072]

Marine Mammals; File No. 26314

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the St. George Traditional Council, P.O. Box 940, St. George Island, AK 99591 (Responsible Party: Mark Merculief) has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 26314 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 26314 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Young or Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216); the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226); and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to conduct research on pinnipeds to fulfill the co-

management agreement between the St. George Traditional Council and NMFS for northern fur seals and Steller sea lions on St. George Island, Alaska. Take activities involve ground survey, aerial survey by an unmanned aircraft system, vessel survey, observation, and photography. Animals may also be harassed during disentanglement of northern fur seals covered under the applicant’s Marine Mammal Stranding Agreement. In addition, samples may be collected, imported, or exported from subsistence harvests or beach-cast pinnipeds, or opportunistically encountered unidentified cetacean and pinniped carcasses. Take numbers include up to 2,600 northern fur seals, 350 Steller sea lions, 260 harbor seals, and up to 100 each unidentified cetacean and pinniped carcasses. The permit would be valid for five years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 14, 2022.

Amy Sloan,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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; Developing, Testing, and Evaluating Methods for Transitioning the Brief Vulnerability Overview Tool (BVOT) to NWS Weather Forecasting Office Operations

AGENCY: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 August 16, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–XXXX 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 Nicole Kurkowski, R2O Team Lead, DOC/NOAA/NWS/OSTI, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301–427–9104, nicole.kurkowski@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a request for a new collection of information. The data collection is sponsored by DOC/NOAA/National Weather Service (NWS)/Office of Science and Technology Integration (OSTI). Currently, NOAA lacks data and data collection instruments that can capture local, knowledge-based, weather-hazard vulnerability information from NWS Weather Forecasting Office (WFO) meteorologists and their County Warning Area (CWA)-based core partners (especially, their county-based emergency managers (EMs). The CWA boundaries are the counties/zones for which each WFO is responsible for issuing forecasts and warnings. Without this vulnerability information, WFO-level meteorologists’ situational awareness of the greatest concerns of and risks to local communities often suffer. In addition, during situations where a WFO must rely on a back-up office due to a WFO being affected by severe weather conditions (e.g., having to shelter, losing power due to the impacts of a hurricane, tornado outbreak, etc.), back-up WFOs rarely have the situational awareness of the critical areas of concern to local core partners and, thus, are less able to communicate mission critical messaging to those core partners. Without this type

of local vulnerability information, NOAA, and the NWS specifically, is limited in its ability to meet its mission of saving lives and property as outlined in the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 (especially Pub. L. 115–25 Sec. 405.d.1.A, 405.d.1.B, Sec 406.c.2.B). This effort aims to advance the Tornado Warning Improvement and Extension Program (TWIEP)’s goal to “reduce the loss of life and economic losses from tornadoes through the development and extension of accurate, effective, and timely tornado forecasts, predictions, and warnings, including the prediction of tornadoes beyond one hour in advance (Pub. L. 115–25)”. This work addresses NOAA’s 5-year Research and Development Vision Areas (2020–2026) Section 1.4 (FACETs). This effort also advances the NWS Strategic Plan (2019–2022) “Transformative Impact-Based Decision Support Services (IDSS) and Research to Operations and Operations to Research (R2O/O2R). The Brief Vulnerability Overview Tool (BVOT) would contribute to the NWS Weather Ready Nation (WRN) Roadmap (2013) Sections 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.8, and 3.1.4. In addition, because the BVOT is “hazard agnostic”—it is used to collect vulnerabilities based on different weather hazards and can be organized to display those vulnerabilities only related to those specific hazards that are relevant to an NWS WFO at any given moment—it can be seen to help advance a number of hazard-specific congressional laws including (but, not limited to) those related to tsunamis (Pub. L. 109–424 Sec. 5.b.4, 5.c.2, 5.c.3, Sec. 6; Pub. L. 115–25 Sec. 505.c.5.B and Sec. 505.d.1) and the recently introduced TORNADO Act (S.3817 Sec. 3.b.6.C).

This study will assess the feasibility of NWS WFOs working with their local core partners to collect local known vulnerability points associated with specific types of weather hazards in order to populate a simple (but agile) GIS shapefile that can be used to provide WFO-level meteorologists with situational awareness of the vulnerabilities of greatest concern in their CWAs. This vulnerability awareness tool—the Brief Vulnerability Overview Tool (BVOT)—has been designed by researchers at the University of Oklahoma’s Center for Applied Social Research (CASR) and Center for the Analysis and Prediction of Storms (CAPS), and it would permit NWS WFOs to work closely with their core partners to collect initial vulnerability points and to update those points in an efficient manner that would

require little training and little effort through the use of widely available, simple online data collection methods.

Research participants will include adult (age 18+) NWS WFO meteorologists and their core partners (primarily the county emergency managers (EMs)) from four WFOs around the country. Participants will be asked to participate in a number of background interviews. In addition, they will be asked to complete an online (Qualtrics) survey assessing the attachment, trust, and knowledge of WFO meteorologists and their core partners. This survey will be conducted pre-/post-study in order to identify changes over time. Participants will also be asked to contribute to and learn how to maintain and use a Brief Vulnerability Overview Tool (BVOT)—a GIS shapefile-based way of collecting and displaying local, *known* vulnerability points within the existing operational environment of NWS WFOs.

The creation of a BVOT provides a number of benefits over and above current efforts within the NWS. These include (1) improved situational awareness for NWS WFO meteorologists; (2) improved spatial awareness of vulnerabilities of greatest concerns to core partners can prompt and fine-tune messaging and Decision Support Services (DSS) provided to these core partners; (3) improved spatial situational awareness for backup offices if an NWS WFO loses its capacity to operate; (4) improved training and orientation for meteorologists who are new to an NWS WFO; (5) providing a structured requirement for maintaining an evolving, “living” database of vulnerabilities that can be shared and equally accessed across the WFO and the NWS; and (6) providing opportunities to improve the trust, communication, and rapport between an NWS WFO and its core partners through the collaborative construction and periodic updating of the BVOT.

II. Method of Collection

Recruitment & Training: Having worked extensively with NWS WFOs and their partner Emergency Managers and core partners in both the Central and Southern regions, the Principle Investigators are familiar with what will be necessary to receive permission to conduct the research efficiently and in a manner that respects and minimizes the necessary effort that will be requested from EMs and core partners (*i.e.*, the non-federal/federally-contracted participants in this study). After recruitment of NWS WFO meteorologists into the study, we will contact their partner EMs and core

partners (generally, this is limited to county EMs, but could include a few municipal or, if relevant, tribal EM partners) to (1) describe the project to them, (2) seek informed consent from them to participate in the study, (3) request that all consented study participants complete the online, pre-/post-NWS-Core Partner Trust survey and background interviews, (4) provide training/orientation modules to all study participants on how to select and map vulnerability data for the BVOT, and (5) develop a timeline for completing the gathering of vulnerability data.

Data Gathering Methods

Background interviews will be conducted virtually using a video conferencing platform (either Zoom or Google Meet). These will be audio-recorded only and will focus on professional background and perceptions of critical decision-making practices related to hazardous weather information and understandings of local vulnerabilities. We expect to only conduct background interviews with a sample of the EMs who are participating in the study.

Trust and Relationship surveys will be administered through an online, Qualtrics survey platform and will be administered at the start of the study and at the end of the study to assess the impact of NWS meteorologists and EMs working together on vulnerability mapping.

An Online Focus Group will be conducted after the BVOT has been built to get feedback about how both NWS meteorologists and EMs perceive the process of building the BVOT, how it could and should be used in the future, and what has been helpful about the BVOT.

Vulnerability Mapping itself will involve using Google Earth Pro or ArcGIS Online to map local, known, discrete, weather hazard-related vulnerabilities in one’s area of responsibility (for the EMs, this is usually at the county level). EM participants are encouraged to limit their time doing this mapping to no more than about 60 minutes in order to ensure that they only focus on those vulnerabilities of greatest concern.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–XXXX.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (New information collection).

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Government (Emergency Managers).

Estimated Number of Respondents: ~140.

Estimated Time per Response: Online Focus Group and Vulnerability Mapping: 1 hour each; Background Interview: 1.5 hours; Trust Surveys: 15 minutes each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 425.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. Ch. 111, Weather Research and Forecasting Information.

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.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Quarterly Public Meeting

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Committee is announcing a virtual public meeting to be held July 21, 2022.

DATES: Register no later than: July 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Angela Phifer, telephone: (703) 798-5873 or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to register to attend a public meeting.

Summary: This notice provides information to access and participate in the July 21, 2022, regular quarterly public meeting of the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission (Commission), via Zoom webinar. The Commission oversees the AbilityOne Program, which provides employment opportunities through Federal contracts for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government. The Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. Chapter 85) authorizes the contracts and established 15 Presidential appointees, including private citizens conversant with the employment interests and concerns of people who are blind or significantly disabled. Presidential appointees also include representatives of Federal agencies. The public meetings include updates from the Commission and staff.

Date and Time: July 21, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.

Place: This meeting will occur via Zoom webinar.

Commission Statement: The Commission invites public comments or suggestions regarding the types of technical assistance that may be provided to AbilityOne-participating nonprofit agencies during future compliance inspections or regulatory assistance visits. The technical assistance is intended to enhance overall compliance and oversight, and/or to support contract performance quality, and/or to enhance the quality of employment in the AbilityOne Program.

Registration: Attendees not requesting speaking time must register not later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Attendees requesting speaking time should register not later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2022, and use the comment fields in the registration form

to specify the intended speaking topic/s. The registration link will be posted on the Commission's home page, www.abilityone.gov, not later than Tuesday, June 21, 2022. During registration, you may choose to submit comments, or you may request speaking time at the meeting. The Commission may invite some attendees who submit advance comments to speak to their comments during the meeting. Comments submitted via the registration link will be reviewed with the Commission members prior to the meeting. Comments posted in the chat box during the meeting will be shared with the Commission members after the meeting.

Personal Information: Do not include any information that you do not want publicly disclosed.

For Further Information Contact: Angela Phifer, (703) 798-5873.

The Commission is not subject to the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552(b); however, the Commission published this notice to encourage the broadest possible participation in its July 21, 2022, public meeting.

Michael R. Jurkowski,

Acting Director, Business Operations.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add product(s) and service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities and deletes service(s) previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before: July 17, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785-6404, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41