

implement the shutdown measure identified in 6(c)(i).

(iii) If a SRKW enters the ZOI undetected, in-water pile driving or pile removal shall be suspended until the SRKW exits the ZOI to avoid further level B harassment.

(iv) WSF shall implement shutdown measures if the number of any allotted marine mammal takes reaches the limit under the IHA, if such marine mammals are sighted within the vicinity of the project area and are approaching the Level B harassment zone during pile removal activities.

7. Monitoring:

(a) Protected Species Observers: WSF shall employ qualified protected species observers (PSOs) to monitor the 120 dB_{rms} re 1 µPa zone of influence (ZOI) for marine mammals. Qualifications for marine mammal observers include:

(i) Visual acuity in both eyes (correction is permissible) sufficient for discernment of moving targets at the water's surface with ability to estimate target size and distance. Use of binoculars will be required to correctly identify the target.

(ii) Experience or training in the field identification of marine mammals (cetaceans and pinnipeds).

(iii) Sufficient training, orientation or experience with the construction operation to provide for personal safety during observations.

(iv) Ability to communicate orally, by radio or in person, with project personnel to provide real time information on marine mammals observed in the area as necessary.

(v) Experience and ability to conduct field observations and collect data according to assigned protocols (this may include academic experience).

(vi) Writing skills sufficient to prepare a report of observations that would include such information as the number and type of marine mammals observed; the behavior of marine mammals in the project area during construction, dates and times when observations were conducted; dates and times when in-water construction activities were conducted; and dates and times when marine mammals were present at or within the defined ZOI.

(b) Monitoring Protocols: PSOs shall be present on site at all times during pile removal and driving.

(i) A range finder or hand-held global positioning system device will be used to ensure that the 120 dB_{rms} re 1 µPa Level B behavioral harassment ZOI is monitored.

(ii) A 20-minute pre-construction marine mammal monitoring will be required before the first pile driving or pile removal of the day. A 30-minute

post-construction marine mammal monitoring will be required after the last pile driving or pile removal of the day. If the constructors take a break between subsequent pile driving or pile removal for more than 30 minutes, then additional pre-construction marine mammal monitoring will be required before the next start-up of pile driving or pile removal.

(iii) If marine mammals are observed, the following information will be documented:

(A) Species of observed marine mammals;

(B) Number of observed marine mammal individuals;

(C) Behavioral of observed marine mammals;

(D) Location within the ZOI; and

(E) Animals' reaction (if any) to pile-driving activities.

(iv) During vibratory pile removal and driving, one land-based biologist would monitor the area from the terminal work site, and one monitor will move among a number of access points along the southern Sinclair Inlet shore. Binoculars shall be used during marine mammal monitoring.

(v) WSF shall contact the Orca Network and/or Center for Whale Research to find out the location of the nearest marine mammal sightings.

(vi) WSF shall also utilize marine mammal occurrence information collected by the Orca Network using hydrophone systems to maximize marine mammal detection in the project vicinity.

8. Reporting:

(a) WSF shall provide NMFS with a draft monitoring report within 90 days of the conclusion of the construction work. This report shall detail the monitoring protocol, summarize the data recorded during monitoring, and estimate the number of marine mammals that may have been harassed.

(b) If comments are received from the NMFS Northwest Regional Administrator or NMFS Office of Protected Resources on the draft report, a final report shall be submitted to NMFS within 30 days thereafter. If no comments are received from NMFS, the draft report will be considered to be the final report.

9. This Authorization may be modified, suspended or withdrawn if the holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein or if the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals, or if there is an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for subsistence uses.

10. A copy of this Authorization and the Incidental Take Statement must be in the possession of each contractor who performs the construction work at the Bremerton Ferry Terminals.

11. WSF is required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to NMFS' Biological Opinion.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NMFS is currently preparing an Environmental Assessment, pursuant to NEPA, to determine whether or not the issuance of the proposed IHA may have a significant effect on the human environment. This analysis will be completed prior to the issuance or denial of the IHA.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

The humpback whale and the Southern Resident stock of killer whale are the only marine mammal species currently listed under the ESA that could occur in the vicinity of WSF's proposed construction projects. NMFS' Permits and Conservation Division has initiated consultation with NMFS' Protected Resources Division under section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA to WSF under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. Consultation will be concluded prior to a determination on the issuance of an IHA.

Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to authorize the take of marine mammals incidental to WSF's Bremerton Ferry Terminal construction projects, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: November 27, 2013.

Donna S. Wieting,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

First Responder Network Authority Board Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Open Public Meeting of the First Responder Network Authority.

SUMMARY: The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene open public meetings of the Board Committees on December 16, 2013.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 16, 2013 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. There will be sequential meetings of FirstNet's four committees: (1) Governance and Personnel Committee; (2) Finance, Audit and Budget Committee; (3) Planning and Technology Committee; and (4) Outreach Committee.

ADDRESSES: FirstNet's committee members will meet in Grand Ballroom 1 of the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0016; email uzoma@firstnet.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that four Board committees of the FirstNet Board are scheduled to meet on December 16, 2013, in Denver, Colorado.

Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet's operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

Matters To Be Considered: NTIA will post a detailed agenda for each committee meeting on its Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>, prior to December 16, 2013. The agenda topics are subject to change. The committees may, by a majority vote, close a portion of their meetings as necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, or to discuss legal matters affecting FirstNet,

including pending or potential litigation. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

Time and Date: The meetings of the Governance and Personnel Committee, the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, the Planning and Technology Committee and the Outreach Committee will be held on December 16, 2013, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. The times are subject to change.

Place: Board members will meet in Grand Ballroom 1 of the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207. Please refer to NTIA's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet> for the most current information.

Other Information: These meetings are open to the public and press. Given the space limitations of the meeting room, members of the public wishing to attend the meetings in person will be directed to Crystal Ballroom 1 of the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207, where they can observe the meetings by video. The meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, at (202) 482-0016 or uzoma@firstnet.gov at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

The meetings will also be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's Web site at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet> for webcast instructions and other information. If you have technical questions regarding the webcast, please contact Charles Franz at cfranz@ntia.doc.gov.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet>.

Dated: November 27, 2013.

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Deputy Chief Counsel.

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ACTION: Notice of Open Public Meeting of the First Responder Network Authority.

SUMMARY: The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will convene an open public meeting on December 17, 2013.

DATES: The Board meeting will be held on December 17, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Grand Ballroom 1 of the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; Telephone (202) 482-0016; email uzoma@firstnet.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the FirstNet Board has scheduled a meeting on December 17, 2013, in Denver, Colorado.¹

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Matters to Be Considered: NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>, prior to the meeting on December 17. The agenda topics are subject to change. The Board may, by a majority vote, close a portion of the meeting as necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, or to discuss legal matters affecting FirstNet, including pending or potential litigation. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

¹ On November 9, 2012, NTIA published a notice in the *Federal Register* noting that a public meeting of the FirstNet Board would be held on December 17, 2013, in Boulder, Colorado, and that NTIA would publish a future notice for this meeting. 77 FR 67342 (Nov. 9, 2012). This notice provides an update to the date, time, and location information for the Board's December 17, 2013 meeting.

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