

permit. There will be no non-target species taken incidentally under this permit because the permit would only cover import, export, and possession of samples from dead animals or live animals taken legally under other permits. A permit is requested for a five-year period.

*File No. 17305:* The Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums members participate in multiple research and husbandry programs to study and enhance the health and biology of both wild marine mammals and those in public display, research, and stranding facilities. To achieve this objective, a permit to import/export parts and specimen samples (hard and soft parts) collected from all species of marine mammals (pinnipeds except walrus, and cetaceans) under the jurisdiction of the NMFS is required. Specimens and parts will come from individual animals (up to 700 cetaceans and 400 pinnipeds) already taken under separate authorization, i.e., those maintained in Alliance member facilities, as well as animals taken by authorized research projects or subsistent hunts in the U.S. and internationally, and bycatch or stranded animals in foreign countries. Import and export of parts and samples authorized by this permit will result in no additional takes of individual animals. Topics of particular interest include diseases of marine mammals, pathology, health diagnostics, endocrinology, effects of environmental contaminants, immunology, toxicology, stock structure, distribution, age determination, reproduction, feeding habits and nutrition. This application is a continuation of the work done under Permit No. 1076–1789. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

*File No. 18727:* The University of Alaska Museum of the North functions as an archive for scientific specimens of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries and is a major repository of marine mammal material from the Arctic and North Pacific oceans. Under the proposed permit, the applicant would (1) import/export marine mammal parts (bones and organ tissue samples) from dead beach-cast carcasses, (2) receive/archive and export samples of marine mammals taken by Alaskan Native subsistence hunters, and (3) receive, import/export specimens from scientists in academic, federal, and state institutions involved in marine mammal research under their own permits. Unlimited samples from up to 1,240 pinnipeds (35 species; excluding walrus) and 1,700 cetaceans (81 species) would be collected, received, imported, or exported

annually. Import/export activities would occur world-wide. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the requested permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

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 activities proposed are 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: October 24, 2014.

**Julia Harrison,**

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Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program Science Plan

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Ocean Service (NOS) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) publishes this notice to announce the availability of the Draft Science Plan for the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this draft document must be submitted by December 15, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft Science Plan for the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program will be available at <http://restoresciencescienceprogram.noaa.gov/>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the Draft Science Plan. Electronic comments on the Draft Science Plan can be submitted via email ([noaarestorescience@noaa.gov](mailto:noaarestorescience@noaa.gov)). Written comments can be submitted to Becky Allee at NOAA OCM, Gulf of Mexico Division, Bldg. 1100, Rm 232, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact: Becky

Allee, ([becky.allee@noaa.gov](mailto:becky.allee@noaa.gov), 228–688–1701).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA is publishing this notice to announce the availability of the Draft Science Plan for the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program for public comment. The draft plan will be posted for public comment on October 30, 2014. All interested parties are encouraged to provide comments. The Draft Science Plan is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in the final version.

Section 1604 of the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act) establishes the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Science, Observation, Monitoring, and Technology program (Science Program) to be administered by NOAA and to carry out research, observation, and monitoring to support the long-term sustainability of the ecosystem, fish stocks, fish habitat, and the recreational, commercial, and charter fishing industry in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Draft Science Plan for the NOAA RESTORE Act Science Program lays out the path forward for the program. The plan establishes ten Long-Term Research Priorities that will guide how the program will invest its funds. Additionally, the plan provides information on how the program will be administered and the partners with which the program will leverage future opportunities.

The plan is organized in three sections. Section I provides background on legislative requirements; the vision, mission, and outcomes of the program; program, geographic, and research scope; approach to engagement; and rationale and development of priorities. Section II describes the ten long-term research priorities identified for the program. Also included in Section II are management needs that drive the priority, related outcomes, and anticipated outputs as well as a list of example activities. Section III describes the program structure and administration; defines program management; consultation and coordination; program parameters; eligibility for funding opportunities; scientific integrity; and data and information sharing.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the Draft Science Plan. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the document, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any

shortcoming noted within the draft documents, please propose specific remedies.

Please adhere to the instructions detailed below for preparing and submitting your comments on the Draft Science Plan. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Please format your comments into the following three sections: (1) Background information about yourself; (2) overview or general comments; and (3) specific comments. Section one should include background information about yourself including: your name(s), organization(s), area(s) of expertise, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address(s). Section two should consist of overview or general comments on the document and should be numbered. Section three should consist of comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs, or lines in the document and should identify the page and line numbers to which they apply. Please number and print identifying information at the top of all pages.

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#### Other Information

*Administrative Procedure Act:* Notice and comment are not required under the Administrative Procedure Act, (5 U.S.C. 553), or any other law, for notices relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)). Because notice and comment is not required, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

*Paperwork Reduction Act:* Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. This notice involves no collection of information, although the FFO that NOAA anticipates issuing in fall 2014 will have such a requirement.

Dated: October 16, 2014.

**Mary C. Erickson,**

*Director, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 29, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-Mail:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0028 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Cain, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-8946; or by email to [Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov](mailto:Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov) with "Paperwork" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999 (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*, certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. It is also mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for recordal of the insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.* The

purpose of requiring both the insignia and the recordation is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers and to protect against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, or counterfeit fasteners.

The insignia may be either a unique alphanumeric designation that the USPTO will issue upon request or a trademark that is registered at the USPTO or is the subject of an application to obtain a registration. After a manufacturer submits a complete application for recordal, the USPTO issues a Certificate of Recordal. These certificates remain active for five years. Applications to renew the certificates must be filed within six months of the expiration date or, upon payment of an additional surcharge, within six months following the expiration date.

If a recorded alphanumeric designation is assigned by the manufacturer, the designation becomes "inactive," and the new owner must submit an application to reactivate the designation within six months of the date of assignment. If the recordal is based on a trademark application or registration, and that registration is assigned, the recordal becomes "inactive" and cannot be reactivated. Instead, the new owner of the trademark application or registration must apply for a new recordal. Manufacturers who record insignia must notify the USPTO of any changes of address.

This information collection includes one form, the Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO-1611), which provides manufacturers with a convenient way to submit a request for the recordal of a fastener insignia or to renew or reactivate an existing Certificate of Recordal. Use of Form PTO-1611 is not mandatory, and applicants may instead prepare requests for recordal using their own format.

The public uses this information collection to comply with the insignia recordal provisions of the FQA. The USPTO uses the information in this collection to record or renew insignias under the FQA and to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection. The public may download the Fastener Insignia Register from the USPTO Web site.

##### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO.

##### III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0028.

Form Number(s): PTO-1611.