

conservation value, if any. Based on the above circumstances, per 50 CFR 424.12(a)(1), we conclude that a designation of critical habitat is not prudent.

Although we have made this “not prudent” determination, the areas occupied by chambered nautilus under U.S. jurisdiction will continue to be subject to conservation actions implemented under section 7(a)(1) of the ESA, as well as consultation pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the ESA for Federal activities that may affect the chambered nautilus, as determined on the basis of the best available information at the time of the action. Through the consultation process, we will continue to assess effects of Federal actions on the species and its habitat.

Additionally, we remain committed to promoting the recovery of the chambered nautilus through both domestic and international efforts. As noted in the proposed and final rules (82 FR 48948, October 23, 2017; 83 FR 48976, September 28, 2018, respectively), the most significant threat to the chambered nautilus is overutilization through commercial harvest to meet the demand for the international nautilus shell trade. The international nautilus shell trade has led to the serial depletion and extirpation of local nautilus populations and has been largely unregulated, particularly in Indonesia, Philippines, and China, despite some prohibitions. However, in October 2016, the member nations to CITES, including the United States, agreed to add all nautilus species to Appendix II of CITES (effective January 2017). This listing means increased protection for the chambered nautilus and other nautilus species, but still allows legal and sustainable trade. Export of nautilus products now requires CITES permits or re-export certificates that ensure the products were legally acquired and that the Scientific Authority of the State of export has advised that such export will not be detrimental to the survival of that species in the wild.

We continue to evaluate the effectiveness of the CITES Appendix II listing of the chambered nautilus to determine whether there is a need for additional protective measures for the species. For example, we have preliminarily reviewed the information in the CITES Trade Database (<https://trade.cites.org/>) for the years since the nautilus listing went into effect. The CITES trade database shows that the United States imported 11,322 nautilus shells from the Philippines and 372 jewelry products containing nautilus shells from various countries (Mexico,

Indonesia, and the Philippines) in 2017. In 2018, there were no reported imports of nautilus products into the United States and only trade in pre-convention specimens occurred. We will continue to monitor the CITES trade database as we evaluate the effectiveness of the CITES Appendix II listing.

Additionally, the CITES Review of Significant Trade (defined in Resolution Conf. 12.8 (Rev. CoP13)) was designed to identify species that may be subject to unsustainable levels of international trade, and to identify problems and solutions concerning effective implementation of the Convention. As of October 2019, the chambered nautilus has not been identified by CITES as a species that may be subject to unsustainable levels of international trade (<http://sigtrade.unep-wcmc.org/>).

We will continue to work towards the conservation and recovery of the chambered nautilus, both on a domestic and global level, including with our international partners. Specifically, we will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to continue to monitor the CITES import and export requirements; evaluate CITES implementation for sustainable trade in the chambered nautilus; and monitor the status of the species to ensure that the chambered nautilus is conserved and can eventually be delisted from the ESA.

References

A complete list of all references cited herein is available upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: January 23, 2020.

Samuel D. Rauch III,
Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Regulatory Programs, National Marine
Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XR089]

Marine Mammals; File No. 23640

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Wall to Wall Productions, Edgecumbe Hall, Richmond Hill, Bristol, BS8 1AT, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: James Hemming) has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before February 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: These documents are available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. 23460 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shasta McClenahan or Carrie Hubbard, (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.*) and the regulations governing the taking of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film marine mammals in California and Oregon to obtain footage for a wildlife documentary on parental behavior including courtship, mating, birthing, and weaning. Up to 1,200 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), 400 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), 20 Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), 20 Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*; Eastern distinct population segment), 15 gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), 75 long-beaked (*Delphinus capensis*) or short-beaked common dolphins (*D. delphis*), and 25 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) may be filmed from land, vessels, unmanned aircraft systems, or underwater divers. The permit would expire on March 31, 2021.

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: January 24, 2020.

Julia Marie Harrison,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Commerce.

Title: Limited Access Death Master File Certification Form (Certification Form).

OMB Control Number: 0692-0013.

Form Number(s): NTIS FM161.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: NTIS expects to receive approximately 250 applications and renewals for certification every year for access to the Limited Access Death Master File.

Average Hours per Response: 2.5 hours.

Burden Hours: 625 (250 × 2.5 hours = 625 hours).

Needs and Uses: NTIS issued a final rule establishing a program through which persons may become eligible to obtain access to Death Master File (DMF) information about an individual within three years of that individual's death. The final rule was promulgated under Section 203 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, Public Law 113-67 (Act). The Act prohibits the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) from disclosing DMF information during the three-year period following an individual's death (Limited Access DMF), unless the person requesting the information has been certified to access the Limited Access DMF pursuant to certain criteria

in a program that the Secretary establishes. The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out Section 203 to the Director of NTIS.

The final rule requires that a Person seeking access to the Limited Access DMF establish a legitimate fraud prevention interest or legitimate business purpose pursuant to a law, governmental rule, regulation, or fiduciary duty. The Certification Application Form collects information that NTIS will use to evaluate whether the respondent qualifies to receive the Limited Access Death Master File under the rule.

Affected Public: Members of the public seeking certification or renewal of certification for access to the Limited Access Death Master File under the final rule for the "Certification Program for Access to the Death Master File."

Frequency: Once a year.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Sheleen Dumas,

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

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Technical Guidelines Development Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

ACTION: Notice of conference call meeting.

DATES: Friday, February 7, 2020, 1:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT).

ADDRESSES: EAC Technical Guidelines Development Committee Conference Call.

To listen and monitor the event as an attendee:

1. Go to: <https://zoom.us/j/407367407?pwd=c0RKTTRkeWMvSEE5SWRXUWYzTG1rdz09>.

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abFOYE5rh>. For assistance: Contact the host, Steve Uyak at suyak@eac.gov.

Purpose: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Technical Guidelines Development Committee will conduct a conference call to discuss Voluntary Voting System Guidelines and Usability Requirements.

Agenda: The Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) will discuss the Voluntary Voting System Guidelines 2.0 (VVSG 2.0) Technical Requirements and goals for 2020, and will vote on recommending the requirements to the EAC's Acting Executive Director.

Draft VVSG Requirements can be found at the TWiki page link: <https://collaborate.nist.gov/voting/bin/view/Voting/VVSG20DraftRequirements>. The most current version of the draft VVSG 2.0 Requirements is clearly marked at the top of the page to ensure the latest version is the topic of discussion at the time of the meetings. As stated in the disclaimer (and in each document), the Requirements are in a draft state and are not yet ready for final posting in their current form. These are provided "as is" for facilitating our on-going discussions, but do not yet represent an official or final version.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jerome Lovato, Telephone: (301) 563-3919.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may submit relevant written statements to the Technical Guidelines Development Committee with respect to the meeting no later than 10:00 a.m. EDT on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Statements may be sent via email to facaboard@eac.gov, via standard mail addressed to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 1335 East West Highway, Suite 4300, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or by fax at 301-734-3108.