

<https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27514 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. 27514 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:

Jennifer Skidmore 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a 5 year permit to study northern elephant seals in California including Piedras Blancas, Gorda, Vandenberg Air Force Base, and the Channel Islands. Research would be conducted year-round on all age classes and both sexes, with increased frequency and effort during the breeding season (December–April). Research will include behavioral observations, acoustics recordings and playbacks, marking, unmanned aircraft systems, capture, measurements, instrumentation, ultrasound, and sampling (blood, scat, urine, swabs, fur, vibrissae) for health monitoring and research. Two unintentional mortality takes are requested per year not to exceed five over the duration of the permit. In addition, salvage, import, export, and receipt of pinniped parts (any species) is requested for scientific research. The following species may also be unintentionally harassed during research: California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*). See the take table for complete numbers of animals requested by species, life stage, and procedure.

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: November 16, 2023.

Julia M. Harrison,

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; Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Application and Reports for Permits

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on August 28, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

Title: Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument Permit Application and Reports for Permits.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0548.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission, extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 411.

Average Hours per Response: Conservation and Management and Education ("general" permits), 5 hours; Special Ocean Use permits, 10 hours; Native Hawaiian Practices permits, 8 hours; Recreation permits, 6 hours; permit modification requests and final reports, 10 hours; and annual reports, 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,343.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) is sponsoring the information collection as described herein. ONMS manages national marine sanctuaries pursuant to the purposes and policies of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA, 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*). President Bush established the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument) through Presidential Proclamation 8031 (Proclamation) dated June 15, 2006, (71 FR 36443, June 26, 2006) under the authority of the Antiquities Act (Act) (54 U.S.C. 320301). The Proclamation reserves all lands and interests in lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI), including emergent and submerged lands and waters, out to a distance of approximately 50 nautical miles (nmi) (93 km) from the islands. The boundaries of the Monument as described in Presidential Proclamation 8031 are 100 miles (160 km) wide and extend approximately 1200 miles (1931 km) around coral islands, seamounts, banks, and shoals. The area includes the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, and the Battle of Midway National Memorial.

The Proclamation includes restrictions and prohibitions regarding activities in the Monument consistent with the authority provided by the Act. The Proclamation prohibits access to the Monument except when passing through the Monument without interruption or as allowed via permit. Vessels passing through the Monument without interruption are required to notify NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service upon entering into and leaving the Monument. Pursuant to the Proclamation, individuals wishing to access the Monument to conduct certain regulated activities must first apply for and be granted a permit. Applicants must also certify compliance with certain vessel monitoring system requirements.

The information submitted in permit applications will, in general, be used at the time the application is submitted to make a final decision on the application. Some of the information may also be used subsequent to the initial decision making to inform management actions or decision making. For example, a survey of a

project location by one permit applicant may be used by the agency in the future to respond to a vessel grounding in the same area in addition to facilitating the agency's decision on that application. Information submitted in a report will be used to periodically assess the permittee's compliance with permit terms and conditions and to assist in evaluating the appropriateness of the permitted activity.

Affected Public: Individuals, non-profit institutions; Federal, State, local, government, Native Hawaiian organizations; business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion. Permittees are required to submit a summary report due 30 days after the expiration of their permit; and an annual report due by December 31st for each year their permit is active.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: 54 U.S.C. 320301 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742f, 16 U.S.C. 742l; 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0548.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following meeting of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National

Cemetery (ACANC). This meeting is open to the public. For more information, please visit: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/ACANC-Meetings>.

DATES: The ACANC will meet on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time in the Multipurpose Room of the Welcome Center at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia 22211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Renea Yates, Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the ACANC, or Mr. Matthew Davis, Alternate Designated Federal Official (ADFO) for the ACANC, Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), Arlington, VA 22211; by email at matthew.r.davis.civ@army.mil; or by phone at 1–877–907–8585.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. 10), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The ACANC provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Army independent advice and recommendations on matters related to ANC, including, but not limited to, cemetery administration, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery. The Secretary of the Army may act on the Committee's advice and recommendations.

Agenda: The Committee will receive a year-in-review briefing regarding ANC, review a road-designation proposal based on the congressional mandate to implement all Naming Commission recommendations, and review a commemorative works proposal for the Protestant and Catholic Chaplains Monuments in the context of Public Law 117–81, Section 584.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, this meeting is open to the public.

Procedures for Attendance and Public Comment: To attend this meeting, contact Mr. Matthew Davis, the ADFO. (See the information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section; email is preferred.) Individuals will be asked to submit their full name, organization, email address, and phone number to attend. Public attendance will be via physical presence.

For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mr. Matthew Davis, the ADFO. (See the information listed in the **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT section; email is preferred.)

Written Comments and Statements: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3), 41 CFR 102–3.105(j), and 41 CFR 102–3.140, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the ACANC either in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or regarding the ACANC's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Matthew Davis, the ADFO. (See the information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section; email is preferred.) Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the ADFO at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the ACANC. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the ACANC until its next meeting. The DFO will review all timely written comments or statements with the ACANC Chairperson and will ensure such comments or statements are provided to all ACANC members before the meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the ACANC is not obligated to allow any member of the public to speak or otherwise address the ACANC during the meeting. Members of the public may be permitted to make verbal comments during these meetings and if allowed, verbal comments may only be made at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, the individual must submit a request to the ADFO with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment. (See the information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section; email is preferred.) The request must be submitted to the ADFO at least three business days before the meeting. The ADFO will log each request in the order received. In consultation with the Chairperson(s), the DFO will determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the ACANC mission and/or to the agenda of this public meeting. Members of the public who asked to make a verbal comment and whose comments are deemed relevant under the process described above will be invited to speak in the order in which the ADFO received their request. The appropriate Chairperson(s)