

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all of the required information and warrants further

consideration. The EFP would allow federally permitted fishing vessels to fish outside fishery regulations in support of exempted fishing activities proposed by the Coonamessett Farm Foundation, Inc. (CFF). Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 16, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments by the following method:

- Email: [nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.efp@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line "Investigation of baiting practices on seabird bycatch in gillnets."

All comments received are a part of the public record and may be posted for public viewing without change. All

personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "anonymous" as the signature if you wish to remain anonymous).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ashley Trudeau, Fishery Resource Management Specialist, [ashley.trudeau@noaa.gov](mailto:ashley.trudeau@noaa.gov), 978-281-9252.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant submitted a complete application for an EFP to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. This EFP would exempt the participating vessels from the following Federal regulations:

TABLE 1—REQUESTED EXEMPTIONS

CFR citation	Regulation	Need for exemption
50 CFR 648.11, but not to include § 648.11(l)(3).	Monitoring Coverage .....	The vessels participating in this EFP have limited deck space and/or life raft capacity and cannot accommodate both an observer and a project scientist. As stated in § 648.11(l)(3), the participating vessels are still required to submit pre-trip notifications.

**Project Narrative**

CFF is requesting an EFP in support of a study aimed at better understanding how demersal gillnet baiting practices influence shearwater bycatch off the coast of Cape Cod. In the subject fishery, vessels harvest and process skates, and then use the skate racks to bait gillnets that are deployed to target dogfish, which can result in bycaught seabirds. This EFP would be issued for the second year of a 2-year study. In the project's first year, experimental fishing produced preliminary findings that baiting after gillnet deployment increased target catch while reducing seabird bycatch. In this second year of sampling, the project team proposes to conduct additional trials to ensure collection of a balanced dataset, with additional trials comparing the effects of baiting before and after deployment.

Sampling for this study would begin on July 1, 2025, and end by November 15, 2025. Under the EFP, five participating vessels would be exempt from Northeast Fishery Observer Program monitoring coverage due to limited space on vessels and life rafts needed to accommodate CFF personnel during research trips. No other exemptions are needed to perform this project. Vessels will target dogfish using 6.5-inch (16.5-cm) mesh gillnets set in

strings consisting of 12 nets each. Of the 12 nets, half will utilize either forward baiting (baiting nets before setting) or after baiting (baiting nets after setting), and the remaining nets will not include bait. The vessels are expected to spend approximately 25 days on the water on Georges Bank, southeast of Cape Cod, with approximately two vessels fishing per day. A maximum of 50 vessel trips will be taken, with 1 gillnet set per trip and a soak time ranging from 45 minutes to 3 hours. CFF intends to use retained and discarded catch weights to assess the effect that different baiting treatments have on catch. Any entangled seabird will be documented in detail. CFF intends to use cameras to quantify behavior and abundance of seabird species in the study area. The results may help researchers determine if high levels of seabird bycatch correlate with specific gillnet baiting strategies.

CFF, or contracted scientific personnel, will accompany vessels on trips under the EFP. Legal catch will be landed for sale. If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the

proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 20, 2025.

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*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED****Procurement List; Deletions**

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

**ACTION:** Additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action deletes product(s) and service(s) to the Procurement List that were furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Date added to and deleted from the Procurement List:* June 29, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to submit comments contact: Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 489-1322, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Deletions**

On 4/25/2025 (90 FR 17423), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product(s) and service(s) listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification*

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the product(s) and service(s) deleted from the Procurement List.

*End of Certification*

Accordingly, the following product(s) and service(s) are deleted from the Procurement List:

*Product(s)*

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 7920-01-215-6568—Cloth, Synthetic Shammy, Assorted Colors, 15" x 15"*

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Industries for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Inc., West Allis, WI

*Contracting Activity:* STRATEGIC ACQUISITION CENTER, FREDERICKSBURG, VA

*Contracting Activity:* GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI, FORT WORTH, TX

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 9905-01-661-2140—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Yellow*

*9905-01-661-2150—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Orange*  
*9905-01-661-2151—Flag, Marking, 4" x 5", 21" Staff, Fluorescent Pink*

*Authorized Source of Supply:* West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, San Angelo, TX  
*Contracting Activity:* GSA/FSS GREATER SOUTHWEST ACQUISITI, FORT WORTH, TX

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 8415-01-204-2668—Sleeves, Arm, Radioactive Contaminants Protective, Yellow, Universal*

*Contracting Activity:* DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 1005-00-791-5420—Case, Carrying, M60, Olive*  
*Contracting Activity:* DLA LAND AND MARITIME, COLUMBUS, OH

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s): 9330-LL-NO1-0397—Sleeve, Protective*

*Contracting Activity:* NAVSUP FLT LOG CTR PUGET SOUND, BREMERTON, WA

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s):*

*8415-01-228-1323—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, XSS*

*8415-01-228-1324—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, XSL*

*8415-01-228-1325—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, SSR*

*8415-01-228-1326—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, SL*

*8415-01-228-1327—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, MSR*

*8415-01-228-1328—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, ML*

*8415-01-228-1329—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, LSR*

*8415-01-228-1330—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, LL*

*8415-01-228-1331—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, XLS*

*8415-01-228-1332—Overalls, Bib, Cold Weather, ECWCS, Army, Brown, XLL*

*Authorized Source of Supply:* ORC Industries, Inc., La Crosse, WI

*Authorized Source of Supply:* TradeWinds Services, Inc., Merrillville, IN

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Peckham Vocational Industries, Inc., Lansing, MI

*Contracting Activity:* DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

*NSN(s)—Product Name(s):*

*8415-00-177-7992—Socks, Extreme Cold Weather 100% Wool, ECWCS, White, Small*

*8415-00-177-7993—Socks, Extreme Cold Weather 100% Wool, ECWCS, White, Medium*

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Dawn Enterprises, Inc., Blackfoot, ID

*Contracting Activity:* DLA TROOP SUPPORT, PHILADELPHIA, PA

*Service(s)*

*Service Type:* Janitorial/Custodial

*Mandatory for:* Department of Veteran Affairs, VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System, Pahrump Community Outpatient Clinic, Pahrump, NV

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, NV

*Contracting Activity:* VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 262-NETWORK CONTRACT OFFICE 22

*Service Type:* Janitorial/Custodial

*Mandatory for:*

*VA Data Center (Diablo Site), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: East Clinic (La Canada), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: Central Clinic (Delta Point), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: North Clinic (Nucleus Plaza), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: Northwest Clinic, Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: Southeast Clinic (Ambulatory Procedures), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: Southwest Clinic (South Jones), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Outpatient Clinic: West Clinic (Rancho/Palomino), Las Vegas, NV*

*VA Warehouse, 1841 E. Craig Road, Las Vegas, NV*

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Opportunity Village, Las Vegas, NV

*Contracting Activity:* VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, 262-NETWORK CONTRACT OFFICE 22

*Service Type:* Laundry Service

*Mandatory for:* US Marine Corps, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, GA

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Dothan, AL

*Contracting Activity:* DEPT OF THE NAVY, COMMANDER

*Service Type:* Janitorial/Custodial

*Mandatory for:* Department of Veterans Affairs, National Acquisition Center, Building 37, Hines, IL

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Jewish Child and Family Services, Chicago, IL

*Contracting Activity:* VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Service Type:* Janitorial/Custodial

*Mandatory for:* Department of Veterans Affairs, Hines Information and Technology Center, Hines, IL

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Jewish Child and Family Services, Chicago, IL

*Contracting Activity:* VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, ACQUISITION OPERATION SERVICE (049A3)

*Service Type:* Supply and Warehousing Service

*Mandatory for:* Department of Veterans Affairs, Service Distribution Center, Building 37, Hines, IL

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Jewish Child and Family Services, Chicago, IL

*Contracting Activity:* VETERANS AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Service Type:* Shelf Stocking, Custodial & Warehousing

*Mandatory for:* Defense Commissary Agency, Bangor Naval Base Kitsap Commissary, Silverdale, WA

*Authorized Source of Supply:* Peninsula Services, Bremerton, WA

*Contracting Activity:* DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY (DECA), DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

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