

Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our analyses, the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of this notice of proposed IHA for the proposed ARA. We also request comment on the potential renewal of this proposed IHA as described in the paragraph below. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform decisions on the request for this IHA or a subsequent renewal IHA.

On a case-by-case basis, NMFS may issue a one-time, one-year renewal IHA following notice to the public providing an additional 15 days for public comments when (1) up to another year of identical or nearly identical activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activities section of this notice is planned or (2) the activities as described in the Description of Proposed Activities section of this notice would not be completed by the time the IHA expires and a renewal would allow for completion of the activities beyond that described in the *Dates and Duration* section of this notice, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond one year from expiration of the initial IHA).

- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: July 20, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Draft Environmental Assessment for the Installation of a High Frequency Radar at Hightower Park in Satellite Beach, Florida

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the installation of a high frequency radar at Hightower Park in Satellite Beach, Florida. We are making the environmental assessment available to the public for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EA is available online at <https://ioos.noaa.gov/hightower-beach-park>.

If you wish to comment on the Draft EA, please send comments via email to U.S. IOOS Office at hightowerbeachpark@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mequela Moreno, U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), Regions Budget & Policy Division, by email mequela.moreno@noaa.gov, by phone 240–533–9433, or by mail at 1315 East West-Highway, SSMC3, 2nd Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA's U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Program Office has prepared a draft environmental assessment of potential impacts for the installation of a high frequency radar (HFR) at Hightower Beach Park, in the City of Satellite Beach, Florida.

The HFR would be installed south and shoreward of the parking lot at Hightower Beach Park, approximately 100 ft. (30 meters) away. Coordinates: Latitude: 28.194372° N; Longitude: 80.594403° W (WGS 84 datum).

The proposed action at Hightower Beach Park HFR installation is part of a large, on-going initiative to fill HFR coverage gaps along the southeast coastline. HFR systems measure the speed and direction of ocean surface

currents in near real time. The HFR systems are managed by Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) and the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®), which is a national-regional partnership working to provide new tools and forecasts to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect our environment. IOOS was created by the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11), and amended by the Coordinated Ocean Observation and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–271, Title I), codified at (33 U.S.C. 3601–3610).

Surface current mapping is integral to research, supporting oceanographic, fisheries, and meteorological forecasting activities. Surface current mapping is also vital for U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue activities, monitoring and tracking hazardous materials, monitoring water quality, including tracking harmful algal blooms, and supporting marine navigation.

IOOS proposes that the installation and operation of the HFR would have no significant impact on the environment. The EA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), as well as the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11), as amended by the Coordinated Ocean Observation and Research Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116–271, Title I), codified at (33 U.S.C. 3601–3610).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.