

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. We issue these permits under section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Information about the applications for the permits listed in this notice is available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, by phone at 703-358-2185, via email at [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov), or via the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals in response to permit applications that we

received. Section 104(c) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), specifies the conditions for authorizing the taking or importation of a marine mammal for purposes of scientific research, public display, or enhancing the survival or recovery of a species or stock under the MMPA, providing that certain conditions are met. A permit may be issued for public display purposes to applicants which offers a program for education or conservation purposes that meets professionally recognized standards of the public display community, for which the applicant's facilities are open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis and that access to the facilities is not limited or restricted other than by charging of an admission fee. A permit may be issued for scientific research

purposes when the taking is required to further a bona fide scientific purpose and does not involve unnecessary duplication of research. This notice only informs the public that, after going through a review of the submitted application, the Service has determined that all the issuance criteria of the MMPA have been met.

**Availability of Documents**

The permittees' original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., 12345C) provided in the following table:

**Marine Mammals**

Permit No.	ePermit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date
672624 .....	N/A .....	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) .....	December 7, 2020.
73634A .....	N/A .....	Seward Association for the Advancement of Marine Science dba Alaska Sealife Center.	December 8, 2020.

**Authorities**

We issue this notice under the Marine Mammal Protection Act as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations.

**Brenda Tapia,**

*Supervisor, Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** The Legal Services Corporation's (LSC) Board of Directors will meet Monday, November 22, 2021. The meeting will commence at 4:30 p.m., Eastern time, continuing until the conclusion of the Board's agenda.

**PLACE:**

*Public Notice of Virtual Meeting.*

LSC will conduct the November 22, 2021 meeting virtually via Zoom.

*Public Observation:* Unless otherwise noted herein, the Board meeting will be open to public observation. Members of the public who wish to participate remotely in the public proceedings may do so by following the directions provided below.

**Directions for Open Sessions**

*Monday, November 22, 2021*

- To join the Zoom meeting by computer, please use this link:
  - <https://lsc-gov.zoom.us/j/94947300234?pwd=a1FxFxNlNlUldDaHdwWEFfOGYzSzltUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 949 4730 0234
  - Passcode: 112221
- To join the Zoom meeting with one tap from your mobile phone, please dial:
  - +13017158592,,94947300234# US (Washington DC)
  - +13126266799,,94947300234# US (Chicago)
  - Passcode: 112221
- To join the Zoom meeting by telephone, please dial any of the following numbers:
  - +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington, DC)
  - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
  - +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)
  - +1 408 638 0968 US (San Jose)
  - +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
  - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
  - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
  - Meeting ID: 949 4730 0234
  - Passcode: 112221

Once connected to Zoom, please immediately mute your computer or telephone. Members of the public are asked to keep their computers or telephones muted to eliminate background noise. To avoid disrupting the meetings, please refrain from

placing the call on hold if doing so will trigger recorded music or other sound.

From time to time, the Chair may solicit comments from the public. To participate in the meeting during public comment, use the 'raise your hand' or 'chat' functions in Zoom and wait to be recognized by the Chair before stating your questions and/or comments.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Meeting Schedule**

1. Approval of agenda
2. Consider and act on the Board of Directors' transmittal letter to accompany the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period of April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021
3. Public comment
4. Consider and act on other business
5. Consider and act on adjournment of meeting

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Jessica Wechter, Special Assistant to the President, at (202) 295-1626. Questions may also be sent by electronic mail to [wechterj@lsc.gov](mailto:wechterj@lsc.gov).

*Non-Confidential Meeting Materials:* Non-confidential meeting materials will be made available in electronic format at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on the LSC website, at <https://www.lsc.gov/about-lsc/board-meeting-materials>.

Dated: November 11, 2021.

**Jessica L. Wechter,**

*Special Assistant to the President, Legal Services Corporation.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Determination of the Acting OMB Director Regarding the Revised Safer Federal Workforce Task Force Guidance for Federal Contractors and the Revised Economy & Efficiency Analysis

**AGENCY:** Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Director of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) determines that compliance by Federal contractors and subcontractors with the COVID-19 workplace safety protocols detailed in the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force (“Safer Federal Workforce Task Force” or the “Task Force”) guidance (the “Guidance”) to be issued on November 10, 2021, will promote economy and efficiency in Federal contracting by reducing absenteeism and decreasing labor costs for contractors and subcontractors working on or in connection with a Federal Government contract, and the Director approves the guidance. This notice accordingly rescinds and supersedes the Director’s prior notice issued on September 24, 2021.

**DATES:** To be ensured consideration, comments must be received on or before December 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Please be advised OMB will post all comments received that relate to this notice of determination on <https://www.regulations.gov> without making any change to the comments or redacting any information.

All comments posted are available and accessible to the public. So, do not include any information you would not like to be made publicly available, such as Social Security numbers, personal addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses. It is the responsibility of the commenter to safeguard personal information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cristin Dorgelo, 725 17th Street NW,

Email address: [cristin.a.dorgelo@omb.eop.gov](mailto:cristin.a.dorgelo@omb.eop.gov), telephone number: (202) 456-4066. Because of delays in the receipt of regular mail related to security screening, respondents are encouraged to use electronic communications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2 of Executive Order 14042 (“Executive Order 14042” or the “order”) requires that, before Federal contractors and subcontractors must adhere to any guidance from the Task Force, the Director of OMB must approve such guidance and determine that such guidance will promote economy and efficiency in Federal contracting if adhered to by Government contractors and subcontractors. Based on my review of the Task Force’s COVID-19 Workplace Safety: Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors, scheduled for issuance on November 10, 2021 (reproduced in relevant part in Part I below), as well as the economy-and-efficiency analysis presented in Part II below, and exercising the President’s authority under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (see 3 U.S.C. 301) delegated to me through Executive Order 14042, I approve the Guidance and have determined that the COVID-19-workplace safety protocols detailed in that Guidance will promote economy and efficiency in Federal contracting if adhered to by Government contractors and subcontractors. This notice accordingly rescinds and supersedes my prior notice issued on September 24, 2021. 86 FR 53691.

This notice consists of the following sections. Part I consists of revised Guidance from the Task Force. Part II consists of an economic analysis of the COVID-19-workplace safety protocols detailed in such Guidance and the effect on economy and efficiency in Federal procurement. Part III addresses procedural requirements.

#### Part I. Safer Federal Workforce Task Force Guidance

On September 9, President Biden announced his Path Out of the Pandemic: COVID-19 Action Plan. One of the main goals of this science-based plan is to get more people vaccinated. As part of that plan, the President signed Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors, which directs executive departments and agencies, including independent establishments subject to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, 40 U.S.C. 102(4)(A), to ensure that covered contracts and contract-like instruments include a clause (“the clause”) that the

contractor and any subcontractors (at any tier) shall incorporate into lower-tier subcontracts. This clause shall specify that the contractor or subcontractor shall, for the duration of the contract, comply with all guidance for contractor or subcontractor workplace locations published by the Task Force, provided that the Director of OMB approves the Task Force Guidance and determines that the Guidance, if adhered to by covered contractors, will promote economy and efficiency in Federal contracting.

The actions directed by the order will ensure that parties who contract with the Federal Government provide COVID-19 safeguards in workplaces with individuals working on or in connection with a Federal Government contract or contract-like instrument. These workplace safety protocols will apply to all covered contractor employees, including contractor or subcontractor employees in covered contractor workplaces who are not working on a Federal Government contract or contract-like instrument. These safeguards will decrease the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, which will decrease worker absence, reduce labor costs, and improve the efficiency of contractors and subcontractors performing work for the Federal Government.

Pursuant to this Guidance, and in addition to any requirements or workplace safety protocols that are applicable because a contractor or subcontractor employee is present at a Federal workplace, Federal contractors and subcontractors with a covered contract will be required to conform to the following workplace safety protocols:

1. COVID-19 vaccination of covered contractor employees, except in limited circumstances where an employee is legally entitled to an accommodation;
2. Compliance by individuals, including covered contractor employees and visitors, with the Guidance related to masking and physical distancing while in covered contractor workplaces; and
3. Designation by covered contractors of a person or persons to coordinate COVID-19 workplace safety efforts at covered contractor workplaces.

The order also sets out a process for OMB and the Safer Federal Workforce Task Force to update the Guidance for covered contractors, which the Task Force will consider doing based on future changes to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) COVID-19 guidance and as warranted by the circumstances of the pandemic and public health conditions. It also sets out a process for the Federal Acquisition