

There is one marine mammal species (Arctic ringed seal) with confirmed occurrence in the study area that is listed as threatened under the ESA. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office of Protected Resources Division issued a Biological Opinion on September 13, 2022 under section 7 of the ESA, on the issuance of an IHA to ONR under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA by the NMFS Permits and Conservation Division. The Biological Opinion concluded that the action is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Arctic ringed seals, and is not likely to destroy or adversely modify Arctic ringed seal critical habitat.

### Proposed Renewal IHA and Request for Public Comment

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to issue a Renewal IHA to ONR for conducting Arctic Research Activities in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas from September 14, 2023 to September 13, 2024, provided the previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed and final initial IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act>. We request comment on our analyses, the proposed Renewal IHA, and any other aspect of this notice. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

Dated: August 24, 2023.

**Catherine Marzin,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and

Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum management policy matters.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held September 21, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Verizon Technology and Policy Center, 1300 I St. NW, Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005. Public comments may be emailed to [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov) or mailed to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio Richardson, Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 482-4156 or [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov); and/or visit NTIA's website at <https://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The Committee provides advice to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information on needed reforms to domestic spectrum policies and management in order to: license radio frequencies in a way that maximizes public benefits; keep wireless networks as open to innovation as possible; and make wireless services available to all Americans. See Charter at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/csmac-charter-2021.pdf>.

This Committee is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. app. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Committee visit: <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

**Matters to Be Considered:** The planned meeting for Thursday, September 21, 2023, will include updates on the progress CSMAC subcommittees are making in addressing topics they are addressing, specifically the Citizens Broadband Radio Service, 6G wireless systems, and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) improvements. NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may address the Committee regarding the agenda items. See *Open Meeting and Public Participation Policy*, available at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The meeting time and the agenda topics are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA's website, <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the Verizon Technology and Policy Center, 1300 I St. NW, Suite 500 East, Washington, DC 20005. Individuals requiring accommodations are asked to notify Mr. Richardson at (202) 482-4156 or [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov) at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

**Status:** Interested parties are invited to join the teleconference and to submit written comments to the Committee at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee in advance of the meeting are strongly encouraged to submit their comments in Microsoft Word and/or PDF format via electronic mail to [arichardson@ntia.gov](mailto:arichardson@ntia.gov). Comments may also be sent via postal mail to Commerce Spectrum Management Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4600, Washington, DC 20230. It would be helpful if paper submissions also include a compact disc (CD) that contains the comments in one or both of the file formats specified above. CDs should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date in order to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Committee but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. Additionally, please note that there may be a delay in the distribution of comments submitted via postal mail to Committee members.

**Records:** NTIA maintains records of all Committee proceedings. Committee records are available for public inspection at NTIA's Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents including the Committee's charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and reports are available on NTIA's website at <http://www.ntia.gov/category/csmac>.

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