

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6433–N–02]

Request for Information Regarding Iron, Steel, Construction Materials, and Manufactured Products Used in Housing Programs Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

ACTION: Extension of comment period for request for information.

SUMMARY: On February 13, 2024, the Department of Housing and Urban Development published in the **Federal Register** a document titled, “Request for Information Regarding Iron, Steel, Construction Materials, and Manufactured Products Used in Housing Programs Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act.” (RFI) The request for comment provided for a 60-day comment period, which ended on April 15, 2024. HUD has determined that a 45-day extension of the comment period is appropriate to allow interested persons additional time to provide responses. HUD is interested in comments relating to the domestic market for products required in housing infrastructure projects that are compliant with the Build America Preference (BAP), especially those detailing domestic materials sourcing, market readiness, other product supply considerations, and whether specific housing products or their components are manufactured in the United States.

DATES: The comment period for the request for comment published on February 13, 2024, at 89 FR 10090, is extended to June 17, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the request for information. Copies of all comments submitted are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov. To receive consideration as public comments, comments must be submitted through one of two methods, specified below. All submissions must refer to the above docket number and title.

1. *Electronic Submission of Comments.* Interested persons may submit comments electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. HUD strongly encourages commenters to submit comments electronically. Electronic submission of comments allows the commenter maximum time to prepare and submit a comment, ensures timely

receipt by HUD, and enables HUD to make them immediately available to the public. Comments submitted electronically through the www.regulations.gov website can be viewed by other commenters and interested members of the public. Commenters should follow the instructions provided on that site to submit comments electronically.

2. *Submission of Comments by Mail.* Comments may be submitted by mail to the Regulations Division, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 10276, Washington, DC 20410–0500.

No Facsimile Comments. Facsimile (FAX) comments will not be accepted.

Public Inspection of Comments. All properly submitted comments and communications submitted to HUD will be available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays at the above address. Due to security measures at the HUD Headquarters building, an advance appointment to review the submissions must be scheduled by calling the Regulations Division at (202) 708–3055 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

Copies of all submissions are available for inspection and downloading at www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Faith Rogers, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 10126, Washington, DC 20410–5000, at (202) 402–7082 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech and communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>. HUD encourages submission of questions about this document be sent to BuildAmericaBuyAmerica@hud.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Build America, Buy America Act (BABA), enacted on November 15, 2021, establishes a domestic procurement preference, the BAP, which HUD must implement to ensure that iron, steel, manufactured products, and

construction materials used for infrastructure projects are produced in the United States. HUD has worked to develop an implementation plan across its Federal Financial Assistance (FFA) programs, including publishing a “Request for Information Relating to the Implementation of the Build America, Buy America Act” on June 1, 2022. In furtherance of its implementation plan, HUD published in the **Federal Register** a document titled “Request for Information Regarding Iron, Steel, Construction Materials, and Manufactured Products Used in Housing Programs Pursuant to the Build America, Buy America Act.” The request for information solicits comment input to improve HUD’s understanding of the current state of the domestic market for products required in housing infrastructure projects.

While the request for information originally provided for a 30-day comment period, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget’s Made in America Office HUD has determined that extending the public comment period by an additional 45 days will better allow the public to submit comments that will help HUD gather information necessary to fully implement the BAP. Thus, HUD is extending the date for public comment until June 17, 2024.

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INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Hybrid with public attendance held virtually.

STATUS: Meeting of the Board of Directors, partially closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Management team updates.

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Call to Order
- Overview of Meeting Rules by General Counsel
- Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2023 meeting
- Discussion of management team updates, including FY24 and FY25 budgets, grants management system update, core funding update, fellowships update
- Adjournment

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Nicole Stinson, Associate General Counsel, (202) 683-7117 or generalcounsel@iaf.gov.

For Dial-in Information contact: Nicole Stinson, Associate General Counsel, generalcounsel@iaf.gov.

The Inter-American Foundation is holding this meeting under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b and 22 CFR 1004.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004; FXES111607MRG01-245-FF07CAMM00]

Marine Mammal Protection Act; Permit Applications and Issuances

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), invite public comment on applications for permits to conduct certain activities involving marine mammals for which the Service has jurisdiction under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). In addition, we announce permits that we have issued recently in response to prior applications.

DATES: We must receive comments on the new permit applications by June 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents:

- *Application Materials:* The applications, application supporting materials, and any comments and other materials that we receive are available for public inspection at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.

- *Issued Permits:* To access materials pertaining to the permits we have issued, see Permits Issued by the Service under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Submitting Comments on the Applications: You may submit comments containing written data or views concerning the taking or importation proposed in each

application by one of the following methods:

- *Internet:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

For more information, see Public Comment Procedures under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Hamilton, via email at r7mmmregulatory@fws.gov or by telephone at 907-786-3800 or 1-800-362-5148. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

With some exceptions, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), prohibits the take and importation of marine mammals and marine mammal products absent Federal authorization. In carrying out our responsibilities under the MMPA, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), may authorize such activities via permits after receipt of an application and verification that MMPA statutory and regulatory requirements are met.

Section 104(c) of the MMPA 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.

This notice provides information about two aspects of the MMPA permitting process: application and issuance. At section II, we provide the public with notice of and the opportunity to comment on applications that we have received from entities or individuals to conduct certain activities with marine mammals for which the Service has jurisdiction under the MMPA. At section III, we announce recently issued MMPA permits to entities or individuals in response to prior applications.

II. Applications Available for Public Review

To help us carry out our conservation responsibilities for affected species, and in consideration of section 104(c) of the MMPA, we invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on the applications listed below before final action is taken. Concurrent with publishing this notice in the **Federal Register**, we are forwarding copies of these marine mammal applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

A. Permit Applications Received

We invite comments on the following applications:

Applicant: Matson's Laboratory, Manhattan, MT; Permit No. PER6413229

The applicant requests a permit to import teeth from up to 200 legally harvested Atlantic walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus rosmarus*) from Canada. After analysis, Matson's Lab will provide information on animal ages to be used by governmental authorities in Canada to inform population abundance estimation and survival analyses, along with ensuring that legal harvest of walrus is sustainable and well managed. Once the laboratory analysis is complete, samples will be exported (returned) to Canada. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.

Applicant: Jason Roehing/MeatEater Inc., Bozeman, MT, Permit No. 5955318

The applicant requests a permit to conduct commercial photography and filming of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant during the period March through May 2024.

Applicant: North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife, Utqiagvik, AK, Permit No. 0046206

The applicant requests a reissuance of their scientific research permit to (1) collect tissue samples from dead polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) and Pacific walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus rosmarus*); (2) conduct aerial surveys to detect carcasses of polar bears and Pacific walrus; and (3) conduct noninvasive sampling for eDNA. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a 5-year period.