

harassment from 1,485 to 2,970. Even in consideration of the increased estimated numbers of take by Level B harassment, the impacts of these lower severity exposures are not expected to adversely impact the fitness of any individuals, and, therefore no impacts are expected to adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival. Further, the proposed take amount of common dolphin still would be of small numbers relative to the population size (3.2 percent) as take is less than one third of the species or stock abundance which is considered by NMFS to be small numbers. In conclusion, there is no new information suggesting that our effects analysis or negligible impact finding for common dolphins should change.

Based on the information contained here and in the referenced documents, NMFS has preliminarily reaffirmed the following: (1) the required mitigation measures will affect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the proposed authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the proposed authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; and (4) Bay State Wind's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes as no relevant subsistence uses of marine mammals are implicated by this action, and (5) appropriate monitoring and reporting requirements are included.

### Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS OPR consults internally whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

For the initial IHA, NMFS Office of Protected Resources authorized the incidental take of four species of marine mammals which are listed under the ESA, including the North Atlantic right, fin, sei, and sperm whale, and determined that these activities fall within the scope of activities analyzed in Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office's programmatic consultation regarding geophysical surveys along the U.S. Atlantic coast in the three Atlantic Renewable Energy Regions (completed

June 29, 2021; revised September 2021). This modification of the IHA does not modify or change any take of listed species and therefore the prior determination remains unchanged.

### National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the modification of an IHA) with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has preliminarily determined that the issuance of the modified IHA continues to qualify to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

We will review all comments submitted in response to this notice prior to concluding our NEPA process or making a final decision on the IHA request.

### Proposed Authorization

As a result of these preliminary determinations, NMFS proposes to modify the IHA to Bay State Wind for incidental take of marine mammals associated with marine site characterization surveys off the coast of Rhode Island and Massachusetts effective from the date of issuance until October 5, 2025. The only change is an increase in the authorized take by Level B harassment of common dolphins from 1,485 to 2,970. The previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. A draft of the proposed modified IHA can be found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-other-energy-activities-renewable>.

### Request for Public Comments

We request comment on our proposed modification of the IHA for Bay State Wind's marine site characterization surveys. We also request comment on the potential for 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 our final decision on the request for MMPA authorization.

Dated: December 5, 2024.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-C-2024-0054]

### Anti-Piracy Symposium

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of symposium.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) seeks to improve intellectual property (IP) enforcement and reduce IP crime and infringement (USPTO 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Objectives 3.3 and 3.4). As part of this effort, the USPTO will bring interested stakeholders together for an Anti-Piracy Symposium on Thursday, January 23, 2025, held at the USPTO in person and virtually.

**DATES:** The symposium will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Interested parties wishing to attend the symposium in person must register by Thursday, January 16, 2025. Registration for remote attendance will be available through January 23, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The symposium will be held in person at the USPTO in the Clara Barton Auditorium (South), 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The symposium will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodation, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should communicate their needs at least seven business days prior to the symposium to Velica Dunn in the USPTO's Office of Policy and International Affairs at 571-272-9300, [Velica.Dunn@uspto.gov](mailto:Velica.Dunn@uspto.gov), or by postal mail addressed to: Mail Stop OPIA, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22314-1450, ATTN: Velica Dunn. Attendees joining in person should arrive at least a half hour prior to the start of the symposium and must present valid government-issued photo identification upon arrival.

The symposium will also be available in a virtual format for those wishing to attend remotely. Prior to the

symposium, information on how to register for in-person and remote attendance will be posted on the Office of Policy and International Affairs (OPIA) section of the USPTO website, <https://www.uspto.gov/about-us/organizational-offices/office-policy-and-international-affairs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Holly Lance, USPTO, Office of Policy and International Affairs, at [holly.lance@uspto.gov](mailto:holly.lance@uspto.gov). Please direct media inquiries to the Office of the Chief Communications Officer, USPTO, at 571-272-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The core copyright industries—which include film and television, music, publishing, and video games—employ 9.6 million American workers and account for 3.79% of the entire U.S. workforce. These industries generate \$1.8 trillion of value to the U.S. GDP, which is 7.76% of the U.S. economy. See International Intellectual Property Alliance, Copyright Industries in the U.S. Economy, 2022 report, available at [https://www.iipa.org/files/uploads/2022/12/IIPA-Report-2022\\_Interactive\\_12-12-2022-1.pdf](https://www.iipa.org/files/uploads/2022/12/IIPA-Report-2022_Interactive_12-12-2022-1.pdf).

Copyright piracy threatens the success of these industries and the Americans they employ, costing the U.S. economy at least \$29.2 billion in lost revenue annually and reducing employment in the motion picture and television industry between 230,000 and 560,000 jobs. See David Blackburn, Ph.D., Jeffrey A. Eisenach, Ph.D., David Harrison, Jr., Ph.D., NERA Economic Consulting and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Impacts of Digital Video Piracy on the U.S. Economy, June 2019, available at <https://www.theglobalipcenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Digital-Video-Piracy.pdf>.

Digital technologies have shifted the way we consume copyrighted content and have created new opportunities for criminal syndicates to source customers and drive revenue away from lawful owners. At the same time, technologies like artificial intelligence offer a tremendous opportunity to combat piracy and trace the source of unauthorized content.

The USPTO will facilitate a discussion to examine the challenges piracy poses and identify potential solutions.

Interested members of the public are invited to attend the Anti-Piracy Symposium on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The program will include briefings on recent copyright case law, the latest tools and techniques for investigating and

addressing copyright piracy, and international copyright piracy updates.

**Katherine K. Vidal,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. CPSC-2012-0030]**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of Collection; Comment Request; Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Carpets and Rugs**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval of information collection requirements for manufacturers and importers of carpets and rugs in the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs and the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs, issued under the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA). The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously approved the collection of information under control number 3041-0017. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on March 31, 2025. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of this collection of information from OMB.

**DATES:** Submit comments on the collection of information by February 10, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2012-0030, within 60 days of publication of this notice by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit through this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. The Commission typically does not accept

comments submitted by email, except as described below.

*Mail/hand delivery/courier/written submissions:* CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may, however, submit comments by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: <http://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you may email them to [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert Docket Number CPSC-2012-0030 into the "Search" box, and follow the prompts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Gillham, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 504-7791, or by email to: [pra@cpsc.gov](mailto:pra@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CPSC seeks to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

*Title:* Standard for the Flammability of Carpets and Rugs (FF-1-70), 16 CFR 1630, and Standard for the Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs (FF 2-70), 16 CFR 1631.

*OMB Number:* 3041-0017.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of collection.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Affected Public:* Manufacturers and importers of carpets and rugs.

*General Description of Collection:* Under the FFA, the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs (16 CFR part 1630) and the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs (16 CFR part 1631) establish requirements to reduce the flammability of carpets and rugs. 15 U.S.C. 1191-1204. The standards' provisions include requirements for testing and recordkeeping for manufacturers and importers who furnish guarantees subject to the carpet and rug flammability standards. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement