

a specified time) by which extension requests must be filed to be considered timely. An extension request must be made in a separate, standalone submission; under limited circumstances we will grant untimely filed requests for the extension of time limits, where we determine, based on 19 CFR 351.302, that extraordinary circumstances exist. Parties should review Commerce's regulations concerning the extension of time limits and the *Time Limits Final Rule* prior to submitting factual information in this investigation.³⁶

Certification Requirements

Any party submitting factual information in an AD or CVD proceeding must certify to the accuracy and completeness of that information.³⁷ Parties must use the certification formats provided in 19 CFR 351.303(g).³⁸ Commerce intends to reject factual submissions if the submitting party does not comply with the applicable certification requirements.

Notification to Interested Parties

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Parties wishing to participate in this investigation should ensure that they meet the requirements of 19 CFR 351.103(d) (e.g., by filing the required letters of appearance). Note that Commerce has amended certain of its requirements pertaining to the service of documents in 19 CFR 351.303(f).³⁹

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 702 and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.203(c).

Dated: January 2, 2025.

Abdelali Elouaradia,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

Scope of the Investigation

The product within the scope of this investigation is erythritol, which is a sugar alcohol, commonly referred to as a polyol, typically produced by the fermentation of glucose using enzymes and yeast or yeast-like fungi (though the scope includes erythritol produced using any other feedstock or organism). Erythritol is an organic compound with the molecular formula C₄H₁₀O₄ and a Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number of 149–32–6. Other names for erythritol include *meso*-erythritol, (2R, 3S)-butan-1,2,3,4-tetrol, butane-1,2,3,4-tetrol, or *meso*-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroxybutane.

Erythritol typically appears as a white crystalline, odorless product that rapidly dissolves in water. While erythritol is typically produced in the crystalline form or as a fine powder or in directly compressible form, the scope of this investigation covers all physical forms and grades of erythritol, including organic erythritol.

The merchandise covered by this investigation is classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2905.49.4000. Erythritol may also enter under HTSUS subheading 2106.90.9998. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by this investigation is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE599]

Marine Mammals; File No. 27514–02

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Heather E. Liwanag, Ph.D., California Polytechnic State University, 1 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407–0401, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 27514–01.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 10, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public

Comment” from the “Features” box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 27514–02 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 27514–02 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Sara Young, (301)427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 27514 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 27514, issued on March 21, 2024 (89 FR 27418, April 17, 2024), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) in California, including unintentional harassment of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*). This permit was amended on July 11, 2024, increasing the unintentional harassment for California sea lions and northern fur seals. The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to increase the number of northern elephant seals to be included in the infrared thermography project from 25 to 100 pups/juveniles and 50 adults to 200 non-pups (juveniles and adults of both sexes).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

³⁶ See 19 CFR 351.301; see also *Extension of Time Limits; Final Rule*, 78 FR 57790 (September 20, 2013) (*Time Limits Final Rule*), available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/html/2013-22853.htm>.

³⁷ See section 782(b) of the Act.

³⁸ See *Certification of Factual Information to Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 78 FR 42678 (July 17, 2013) (*Final Rule*); see also frequently asked questions regarding the *Final Rule*, available at https://enforcement.trade.gov/tlei/notices/factual_info_final_rule_FAQ_07172013.pdf.

³⁹ See *Administrative Protective Order, Service, and Other Procedures in Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings*, 88 FR 67069 (September 29, 2023).

Dated: January 3, 2025.

Julia M. Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Announcement of a Recovery Planning Workshop and Request for Information To Inform Recovery Planning for the Beringia Distinct Population Segment of Bearded Seal and the Arctic Ringed Seal

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for information.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to convene a workshop to solicit facts and information from experts to inform recovery planning for the Beringia Distinct Population Segment (DPS) bearded seal (*Erignathus barbatus nauticus*) and the Arctic ringed seal (*Phoca hispida hispida*). We will not be asking for any consensus recommendations on how to recover these species. This workshop will be open to the public. We also request submission of information that might inform the development of the recovery plans.

DATES:

Workshop dates and information: The 2-day recovery planning workshop for the Beringia DPS bearded seal and the Arctic ringed seal will be held Thursday, January 23 through Friday, January 24, 2025. The workshop will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and end each day at 4:30 p.m. Alaska local time. This workshop will also be accessible virtually.

RSVP: If you plan to attend the workshop, virtually or in person, please contact NMFS Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region, at akr.ice.seal.recovery@noaa.gov by January 20, 2025 to receive the meeting link via email. The meeting link will also be posted on our website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/ringed-seal/conservation-management> and <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/bearded-seal/conservation-management>.

Date for information submission:

Please submit information to inform recovery planning via the methods listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section by March 11, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your information, identified by docket number NOAA-NMFS-2024-0151 by either of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Visit <https://www.regulations.gov> and type NOAA-NMFS-2024-0151 in the Search box. Click on the “Comment” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail: Submit written information to Anne Marie Eich, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Records Office, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Instructions: NMFS may not consider comments or other information if sent by any other method, or to any other address or individual. All comments and information received are a part of the public record and NMFS will post the comments for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

Workshop address: BP Energy Center, 1014 Energy Ct., Anchorage, AK 99508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jenna Malek, NMFS Alaska Region, jenna.malek@noaa.gov, (907) 271-1332, or Caroline Cummings, NMFS Alaska Region, caroline.cummings@noaa.gov, (907) 271-1508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS published a final rule listing the Beringia DPS of the *Erignathus barbatus nauticus* subspecies of bearded seal as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on December 28, 2012 (77 FR 76739). NMFS published a final rule listing the Arctic subspecies of ringed seals (*Pusa hispida hispida*) as threatened under the ESA on December 28, 2012 (77 FR 76706). The final listing rules describe the background of the listing action for these species and provide a summary of our conclusions regarding their status. For additional background about these species, the reader is referred to our species web pages (available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/>

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/ringed-seal>) and <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/bearded-seal> and <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/ringed-seal>).

NMFS is required by section 4(f) of the ESA to develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of federally listed species unless the Secretary finds that such a plan will not promote the conservation of the species. Recovery means improvement in the status of listed species to the point at which the species no longer meets the definition of an endangered or threatened species and the protections of the ESA are no longer necessary. The ESA specifies that recovery plans are to include (1) a description of site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan’s goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in the species being removed from the list; and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to carry out the actions and achieve the plan’s conservation goals. Under section 4(f) of the ESA, public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment are also provided during recovery plan development. This notice serves as the first public notice and opportunity for public input early in the process. Once a recovery plan has been drafted, it will be announced in the **Federal Register** and available on our website (see **ADDRESSES** section) for public review and comment before being finalized.

Recovery Planning Workshop Announcement

From January 23 through 24, 2025, NMFS will hold a workshop at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, AK to help inform our recovery planning for the Beringia DPS bearded seal and the Arctic ringed seal (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section). We are inviting experts in specific topic areas, including the species’ biology/ecology, threats to the species and the species’ habitat, and the recovery planning process itself. These experts will help us to identify potential actions to address the threats to the species, identify gaps in knowledge and associated research needs, as well as begin developing recovery criteria for the species. In particular, this workshop will focus on addressing threats stemming from changes in the climate. Identified experts include representatives of the Ice Seal Committee, Federal and State agencies, scientific researchers, individuals from conservation organizations and non-governmental organizations, and the oil and gas industry. Information received at the workshop may be used to inform the