

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise covered by this review. Because the respondents' weighted-average dumping margins or importer-specific assessment rates are zero in the final results of review, we intend to instruct CBP to liquidate entries without regard to antidumping duties.<sup>6</sup> The final results of this administrative review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by the final results of this review and for future deposits of estimated duties, where applicable.<sup>7</sup>

In accordance with Commerce's "automatic assessment" practice, for entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which Meghmani and Navapad did not know that their merchandise was destined for the United States, we will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the all-others rate established in the original less-than-fair value (LTFV) investigation (*i.e.*, 27.48 percent)<sup>8</sup> if there is no rate for the intermediate company(ies) involved in the transaction.

Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of these final results of this review in the **Federal Register**. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

### Cash Deposit Requirements

The following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon publication in the **Federal Register** of these final results of administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for the companies listed above will be equal to the weighted-average dumping margin established in these final results of this administrative review (*i.e.*, 0.00 percent); (2) for merchandise exported by producers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in a prior completed segment of the proceeding, the cash deposit rate will continue to be

the company-specific rate published in the completed segment for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or another completed segment of this proceeding, but the producer is, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate established for the most recent completed segment for the producer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other producers or exporters will continue to be 27.48 percent, the all-others rate established in the less-than-fair-value investigation.<sup>9</sup> These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Notification To Importers

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during the POR. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in Commerce's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties, and/or an increase in the amount of antidumping duties by the amount of the countervailing duties.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

### Notification to Interested Parties

Commerce is issuing and publishing the final results of this review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5).

Dated: January 10, 2025.

**Steven Presing,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Availability of Final Guidance on Designation of New Regional Ocean Partnerships

**AGENCY:** Office for Coastal Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final guidance regarding the designation of new regional ocean partnerships.

**SUMMARY:** Under the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (NDAA), coastal States (including Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa), Indian Tribes (as defined in the final guidance), and other entities may form new partnerships and apply to NOAA (as delegated) for designation as a regional ocean partnership (ROP). ROPs coordinate the management of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. After inviting Tribal consultation and careful consideration of public comments, NOAA announces the final guidance on designating new ROPs under the NDAA. **ADDRESSES:** Copies of the final designation guidance document may be found on NOAA's Office for Coastal Management website at [https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/\\_pdf/rop-designation-guidance-final.pdf](https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/rop-designation-guidance-final.pdf).

A summary of comments received and NOAA's responses to the comments may be found at: [https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/\\_pdf/rop-designation-guidance-comments.pdf](https://coast.noaa.gov/data/coasthome/funding/_pdf/rop-designation-guidance-comments.pdf).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joshua Lott, Office for Coastal Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910; ATTN: Regional Ocean Partnership Designation Guidance. Phone: (202) 670-3826; or Email: [rop.iija@noaa.gov](mailto:rop.iija@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ROPs are regional organizations voluntarily convened by coastal States and Indian Tribes, and designated by NOAA, as delegated, per the NDAA, to coordinate the management of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. These partnerships work in collaboration with other governments (including Tribal, Federal, and local) and stakeholders to address ocean and coastal issues of common concern in that region.

<sup>6</sup> See *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101, 8102 (February 14, 2012).

<sup>7</sup> See section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act

<sup>8</sup> See *Order*, 69 FR 77989.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

There are four existing ROPs: the Gulf of Mexico Alliance, the Northeast Atlantic Regional Ocean Council, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean, and the West Coast Ocean Alliance. Section 10102(b)(3) of the NDAA, codified at 16 U.S.C. 1468(b)(3), designates these four entities as regional ocean partnerships; as such, the designation guidance and application process for new partnerships does not apply to them.

The final designation guidance includes elements, specified in the NDAA, that must be included in an application for a new ROP; the manner in which the application must be submitted to NOAA; and funding eligibility for new ROPs. Applications for new ROPs must identify the members that will comprise the new ROP, identify the governing body of the new ROP, identify the purposes and functions of the new ROP, and be formally submitted by all state governors and Tribal government leaders.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1468.

**Jeffrey L. Payne,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Marine Geophysical Survey in the Northwest Gulf of Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the University of Texas at Austin (UT) to incidentally harass marine mammals during survey activities associated with a marine geophysical survey in coastal waters off Texas in the northwest (NW) Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from January 13, 2025 through January 12, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents, as well as a list of the references cited in this document, may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rachel Wachtendonk, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The MMPA prohibits the “take” of marine mammals, with certain exceptions. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are proposed or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed IHA is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for taking for subsistence uses (where relevant). Further, NMFS must prescribe the permissible methods of taking and other “means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact” on the affected species or stocks and their habitat, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance, and on the availability of the species or stocks for taking for certain subsistence uses (referred to in shorthand as “mitigation”); and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of the takings. The definitions of all applicable MMPA statutory terms used above are included in the relevant sections below and can be found in section 3 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1362) and NMFS regulations at 50 CFR 216.103.

##### Summary of Request

On July 25, 2024, NMFS received a request from UT for an IHA to take

marine mammals incidental to a marine geophysical survey in coastal waters off Texas in the NW GOM. The application was deemed adequate and complete on September 24, 2024. UT’s request is for take of bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic spotted dolphins, and rough-toothed dolphins, by Level B harassment only. Neither UT nor NMFS expect serious injury or mortality to result from this activity and, therefore, an IHA is appropriate. There are no changes from the proposed IHA to the final IHA.

##### Description of Activity

Researchers from UT plan to conduct a low-energy marine seismic survey using airguns as the acoustic source from the research vessel (R/V) Brooks McCall (McCall) or similar vessel operated by TDI-Brooks International. The planned survey will occur within Texas State waters in the NW GOM from approximately January to April 2025. The planned survey will occur within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States and in Texas State waters, in water depths less than 30 meters (m). To complete this high resolution 3D (HR3D) seismic survey, the McCall will tow a 2-airgun array with a total discharge volume of ~210 cubic inches (in<sup>3</sup>) at a depth of 3–4 meters (m), with a shot interval of 12.5 m (5–10 seconds (s)) as the primary acoustic source. The airgun array receiver will consist of four 25-m-long solid-state hydrophone streamers, spaced 10 m apart. Approximately 4,440 km of seismic acquisition is planned. The airgun array will introduce underwater sounds that may result in take, by Level B harassment only, of marine mammals.

A detailed description of the planned marine geophysical survey is provided in the **Federal Register** notice for the proposed IHA (89 FR 91340, November 19, 2024). Since that time, no changes have been made to the planned activities. Therefore, a detailed description is not provided here. Please refer to that **Federal Register** notice for a detailed description of the specific activity.

##### Comments and Responses

A notice of NMFS’ proposal to issue an IHA to UT was published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2024 (89 FR 91340). That notice described, in detail, UT’s activity, the marine mammal species that may be affected by the activity, and the anticipated effects on marine mammals. In that notice, we requested public input on the request for authorization described therein, our analyses, the proposed authorization, and any other aspect of the notice of