

JUSTIFICATION FOR NO MATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities 50 CFR 18.27 and 50 CFR Part 18, Subparts J and K

OMB Control Number 1018-0070

This nonsubstantive change request submission is in response to OMB's Terms of Clearance applied to the 2020 submission (OMB concluded 01/15/2021) for 1018-0070, "Incidental Take of Marine Mammals During Specified Activities, 50 CFR 18.27 and 50 CFR 18, Subparts J and K." OMB's Terms of Clearance requested the Service update our incidental take website to include clear instructions for the public that include the info that is needed to submit an incidental take request (ITR) and where (what website or email address) to submit the request to online, along with the privacy act and paperwork reduction act information and an estimate of the burden hours expected to submit an ITR. We made no other changes to the previously submitted information.

The updated website and instructions can be accessed at <https://www.fws.gov/alaska/pages/incidental-take-authorizations-applicant-instructions>.

With this documented compliance with OMB's Terms of Clearance, the Service requests OMB grant the remaining 2 years of the regular 3-year approval and update the collection's expiration date to be 01/31/2024.