

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Enterprises Advisory Council (MBEAC) will hold a meeting to discuss the work of its four subcommittees as well as to have a topical discussion on issues pertinent to the MBEAC's mission.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. eastern daylight time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Herbert Clark Hoover Building of the U.S. Department of Commerce, located at 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joann J. Hill, primary Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-4826; email: [Jhill@mbda.gov](mailto:Jhill@mbda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Additional Detail:* The Minority Business Enterprises Advisory Council (MBEAC) will hold a meeting to receive a briefing on recommendations for policy and/or policy recommendations from the four MBEAC subcommittees: Access to Contracts, Access to Capital, Access to Global Markets, and Data Repository. Additionally, the MBEAC will provide feedback on ideas and recommendations that relate to barriers to entrepreneurship, ways to overcome those barriers, and opportunities to expand access to resources to grow and scale socially or economically disadvantaged businesses.

*Background:* The MBEAC is a non-discretionary advisory committee established pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 9571-73 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. chapter 10. The MBEAC's objective is to provide the Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development with consensus advice from the public and private sector on a range of policy issues that affect socially or economically disadvantaged businesses, with duties including, but not limited to: identifying barriers to entrepreneurship and business growth; providing insight to relevant data, research, and policy alternatives; and serving as a source of knowledge and information on developments in areas of the economic and social life of the United States that affect socially or economically disadvantaged businesses.

Agenda: The agenda for the October 29, 2024, MBEAC meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome and introduction of council members
2. Discussion of MBEAC subcommittee recommendations

3. Discussion of barriers to entrepreneurship and access to resources
4. Public comment period
5. Adjournment

The meeting is open to the public. Public seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify Nikia Young at [nyoung@mbda.gov](mailto:nyoung@mbda.gov) by 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, October 24, 2024, to pre-register for clearance into the building. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five (5) business days in advance of the meeting. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. A designated amount of time, from 2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m., will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the MBEAC's activities at <http://www.mbda.gov/main/MBEAC-submit-comments>. Any written comments received by 5 p.m. EDT on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, will be transmitted to the Council prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members on a rolling basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joann J. Hill, at (202) 482-4826, or [Jhill@mbda.gov](mailto:Jhill@mbda.gov), at least five (5) days before the meeting date. Copies of the MBEAC meeting minutes will be available to the public upon request.

Dated: September 13, 2024.

**Eric J. Morrissette,**

*Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development, Performing the delegated duties of the Under Secretary Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Permits for Incidental Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2024, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

*Title:* Permits for Incidental Taking of Endangered or Threatened Species.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0230.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission [extension of a current information collection].

*Number of Respondents:* 35.

*Average Hours per Response:* 80 hours for a permit application (including Habitat Conservation Plans), 1 hour for transfer of an incidental take permit, 8 hours for a permit report, 30 minutes for a Certificate of Inclusion (when applicable), and 10 hours for a watershed plan (when applicable).

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 427.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. In 1982, Congress revised the ESA to allow permits authorizing the taking of endangered species incidental to otherwise lawful activities. The corresponding regulations (50 CFR part 222.222) established procedures for persons to apply for such a permit. In addition, the regulations set forth specific reporting requirements for such permit holders.

The regulations contain three sets of information collections: (1) applications for incidental take permits, (2) applications for certificates of inclusion, and (3) reporting requirements for permits issued. Certificates of inclusion are only required if a general permit is issued to a representative of a group of potential permit applicants, rather than requiring each entity to apply for and receive a permit.

The required information is used to evaluate the impacts of the proposed activity on endangered species, to make the determinations required by the ESA prior to issuing a permit, and to establish appropriate permit conditions.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

**Frequency:** 1 application per a permit, annual permit reporting, and 24-hour Interaction Reports.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

**Legal Authority:** ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0230.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Science Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** This is to notify the public that the meeting of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) is canceled in its entirety.

**DATES:** September 11, 2024 from 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. ET.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Casey Stewart, Executive Director, SSMC3, Room 11360, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone Number: 240–381–0833; Email: [noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.scienceadvisoryboard@noaa.gov); or visit the SAB website at <https://sab.noaa.gov/current-meetings/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting was announced in the **Federal**

**Register** on August 15, 2024, Volume 89, Number 158, page 66355.

**David Holst,**

*Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Initiation of a 5-Year Review for the Chinese River Dolphin

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the initiation of a 5-year review for the Chinese river dolphin, also called the Baiji or the Yangtze River dolphin, (*Lipotes vexillifer*). NMFS is required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to conduct 5-year reviews to ensure that the listing classifications of species are accurate. The 5-year review must be based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We request submission of any such information on the Indus River dolphin, particularly information on the status, threats, and recovery of the species that has become available since the previous review in 2017.

**DATES:** To allow us adequate time to conduct this review, we must receive your information no later than December 2, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2024–0111, by the following method:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic information via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter NOAA–NMFS–2024–0111 in the Search box. Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

**Instructions:** Information sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the specified period, may not be considered by NMFS. All information received is a part of the public record

and will generally be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous submissions (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Parsons, NOAA Affiliate, [Chris.Parsons@noaa.gov](mailto:Chris.Parsons@noaa.gov), tel. (301) 427–8400 (main office).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This notice announces the initiation of our review of the Chinese River dolphin (*Lipotes vexillifer*), listed as endangered under the ESA. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires that we conduct a review of listed species at least once every 5 years. The species was previously reviewed in 2017. The regulations in 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing species currently under active review. On the basis of such reviews under section 4(c)(2)(B), we determine whether any species should be removed from the list (i.e., delisted) or reclassified from endangered to threatened or from threatened to endangered (16 U.S.C. 1533(c)(2)(B)). As described by the regulations in § 424.11(e), the Secretary of Commerce shall delist a species if the Secretary determines, based on consideration of the factors and standards set forth in paragraph (c) of that section, that the best scientific and commercial data available substantiate that: (1) the species is extinct; (2) the species has recovered to the point at which it no longer meets the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; (3) new information that has become available since the original listing decisions shows the listed entity does not meet the definition of an endangered species or a threatened species; or (4) new information that has become available since the original listing decision shows the listed entity does not meet the definition of a species. Any change in Federal classification would require a separate rulemaking process.

Background information on the species is available on the NMFS website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/chinese-river-dolphin>.

#### Public Solicitation of New Information

To ensure that the review is complete and based on the best available