

Signed at Washington, DC, June 22, 2010.

Paul Piquado,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Elizabeth Whiteman,

Acting Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Incidental Taking of Marine Mammals; Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to the Explosive Removal of Offshore Structures in the Gulf of Mexico

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of letters of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that NMFS has issued a one-year Letters of Authorization (LOA) to take marine mammals incidental to the explosive removal of offshore oil and gas structures (EROS) in the Gulf of Mexico.

DATES: These authorizations are effective from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The application and LOAs are available for review by writing to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3235 or by telephoning the contact listed here (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT*), or online at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>. Documents cited in this notice may be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Goldstein or Jolie Harrison, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301-713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce (who has delegated the authority to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of

marine mammals by United States citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term “take” means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Authorization for incidental taking, in the form of annual LOAs, may be granted by NMFS for periods up to five years if NMFS finds, after notice and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals, and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant). In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means of effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat (i.e., mitigation), and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating rounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations also must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of marine mammals incidental to EROS were published on June 19, 2008 (73 FR 34875), and remain in effect through July 19, 2013. For detailed information on this action, please refer to that **Federal Register** notice. The species that applicants may take in small numbers during EROS activities are bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*), pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), Clymene dolphins (*Stenella clymene*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), Risso’s dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*).

Pursuant to these regulations, NMFS has issued an LOA to ExxonMobil Production Company. Issuance of the LOA is based on a finding made in the preamble to the final rule that the total taking by these activities (with monitoring, mitigation, and reporting measures) will result in no more than a negligible impact on the affected species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses. NMFS also finds that the applicant will meet the

requirements contained in the implementing regulations and LOA, including monitoring, mitigation, and reporting requirements.

Dated: June 24, 2010.

James H. Lecky,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Manufacturing and Services’ Manufacture America Initiative and Events

ACTION: Notice of series of regional events and supportive resources to promote growth and retooling in manufacturing.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration’s Manufacturing and Services Unit is launching a series of regional seminars across the United States titled “Manufacture America: Rethink, Retool and Rebuild to Support Jobs.” Information on federal, state and local resources responsive to U.S. manufacturers’ needs will be available at each event.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Harsh at 202-482-4582 or manufactureamerica@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In this era of increasing global competition and rising input costs, U.S. manufacturers seek new ways to remain competitive. By looking at new markets and emerging and growing industries, and by improving processes and equipment to be more productive, efficient and sustainable, companies can find new ideas to become more competitive.

To make these changes, manufacturers require access to capital, technical assistance, market research and advice, worker training and other resources. Many of these resources are available through federal, state and local government agencies as well as universities.

To address these challenges, the Manufacturing and Services division of the International Trade Administration will hold a series of regional manufacturing-focused programs. Manufacture America will link manufacturers to available resources and share best practices and ideas to help manufacturers retool and renew their businesses by exploring new products, markets, processes and sources of finance.