

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Notice of Receipt of the Makah Tribe's Permit Request for a Ceremonial and Subsistence Hunt of Eastern North Pacific Gray Whales**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Makah Indian Tribe has applied in due form for a permit for a ceremonial and subsistence hunt of eastern North Pacific (ENP) gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*).

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received on or before May 5, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic copies of the application and supporting documents may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/makah-tribe-permit-application-hunt-gray-whales>. Comments on the permit application, including written data and views, may be submitted electronically, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2025–0025, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal <https://www.regulations.gov>. To submit comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, enter NOAA–NMFS–2025–0025 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the “Comment Now” icon on the right of that line.

- **Mail:** Comments on the application should be addressed to: NMFS West Coast Region, Protected Resources Division, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98117.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept

anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request electronically via the method above or by email (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). The request must be received on or before April 18, 2025 and should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be advisable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grace Ferrara, NMFS West Coast Region Protected Resources Division, by email at [MakahPermit.WCR@noaa.gov](mailto:MakahPermit.WCR@noaa.gov) or by phone at 206–526–6172.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking of ENP gray whales by the Makah Indian Tribe off the coast of Washington State (50 CFR part 216, subpart J). The applicant, the Makah Indian Tribe, proposes to conduct a ceremonial and subsistence hunt consistent with the purposes of the MMPA and the regulations at 50 CFR part 216, subpart J. The Tribe proposes using both traditional methods (e.g., a wooden canoe and harpoon) and modern methods (motorized vessels and rifles) to conduct the hunt, in order to balance the preservation of traditional cultural methods with maximizing the safety, efficiency, and humaneness of the hunt. The duration of the requested permit is 28 months, lasting from July 1, 2025 through October 31, 2027. The Tribe proposes to conduct training and hunting activities between July 1st and October 31st in 2025 and 2027. In each of those two years, the Tribe requests a maximum of 142 ENP gray whales to be approached, a maximum of 12 to be subjected to unsuccessful strike attempts or training harpoon throws, a maximum of 2 to be struck, and a maximum of 1 to be landed. All proposed hunting and training activities would take place in the Makah Tribe's usual and accustomed fishing grounds west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line as defined by 50 CFR 216.112.

For more information on the proposed method of taking, including the training and certification procedures for the members of the whaling crew, refer to the permit application and supporting materials available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/document/makah-tribe-permit-application-hunt-gray-whales>. Section

104 of the MMPA governs the issuance of permits for the taking of marine mammals, and outlines specific procedures and timelines under which the permitting process must be conducted (16 U.S.C. 1374). NMFS is required to invite interested parties to submit written comments, data, or views within thirty days of the publication of a notice of receipt of a permit application in the **Federal Register** (50 CFR 216.33(d)(4)). Here, we have afforded interested parties forty-five days to submit comments, data, or views by mail, email, or through the [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) portal. Due to the timeline set forth under Section 104, we anticipate we will be unable to extend this comment period beyond forty-five days.

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 proposed issuance of the requested permit and resulting effects have been thoroughly evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the Makah Tribe Request to Hunt Gray Whales (NMFS 2023). The FEIS is available electronically at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2023-11/makah-waiver-feis-110923.pdf>.

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

Dated: March 14, 2025.

**Catherine Marzin,**

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

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**CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Schools of National Service Commitment Form**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service, operating as AmeriCorps, has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Schools of National Service Commitment Form for review and

approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the individual and office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section by April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling Emily Smith at 202–606–3464 or writing to [EmSmith@americorps.gov](mailto:EmSmith@americorps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2024 at Vol. 89 100471. This comment period ended February 10, 2025. No public comments were received from this Notice.

*Title of Collection:* Schools of National Service Commitment Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 3045–0143.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Businesses and Organizations.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 200.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 100.

*Abstract:* The Schools of National Service initiative, formerly the Segal Education Award Matching Program,

helps higher education and post-secondary institutions connect with AmeriCorps alumni. To qualify as a School of National Service, the institution must complete a commitment form, committing to provide one or more incentives to AmeriCorps members and alumni seeking to attend their institution. This collection allows AmeriCorps and the institution to enhance the educational opportunities available to AmeriCorps alumni because of their service. AmeriCorps is seeking to revise the commitment form to add checkbox options for career and technical education (CTE) and other program types the institution may offer; add checkbox options for whether programs are offered online, in person, or both; and add a field for the institution to indicate whether it offers benefits to senior citizens and at what age eligibility begins. The revision would also delete the entry for the percentage of education award that the institution will match for AmeriCorps alumni it accepts for admission to the institution. AmeriCorps also seeks to continue using the currently approved information collection until the revised information collection is approved by OMB. The currently approved information collection is due to expire on March 31, 2025.

**Rhonda Taylor,**

*Acting Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Conclusion of the Renewal of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement With the Government of the Italian Republic

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating concluding the renewal of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Agreement with the Government of the Italian Republic. DoD had a similar agreement with Italy, signed on October 20, 2008. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf

of the Ministry of Defense of the Italian Republic or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Comments must be received April 18, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments by email to [jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jeffrey.c.grover.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeff Grover, telephone 703–380–9783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Agreements with 28 qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP Agreement is to promote rationalization, standardization, interchangeability, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These Agreements provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP Agreements generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the Agreement, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 4862 and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 4863 do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end