



To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups:

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

**TITLE:** Land Survey Activities, Aleutian Islands, AK, June - July, 2015.

**LOCATION:** A small, remote island in the Eastern Aleutians Archipelago, AK

**SUMMARY:** We, the National Marine Fisheries Service, propose to issue an Incidental Harassment Authorization (Authorization) to Bureau of Land Management for the taking, by Level B harassment, of small numbers of marine mammals, incidental to conducting land survey activities in the Eastern Aleutians Archipelago, June - July, 2015.

We prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) titled, *Proposed Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to the Bureau of Land Management to Take Marine Mammals by Harassment Incidental to Land Survey Activities within the Eastern Aleutian Islands Archipelago, Alaska, June – July, 2015*, and prepared an independent Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Based on its review of the record, including the EA and FONSI, we determined that issuance of the Authorization will not result in any significant direct, indirect, or cumulative impact to any element of the human environment. We do not anticipate that take by injury (Level A harassment), serious injury, or death will occur; nor have we authorized take by Level A harassment. We have further determined that this activity will result in a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks.

**RESPONSIBLE**

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All beneficial and adverse impacts of the action have been addressed to reach the conclusion of no significant impacts. Accordingly, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for this action is not necessary. We enclose for your information a copy of the FONSI prepared by us and supporting documentation.

Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this FONSI, we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents.

Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

*for* Patricia A. Montanio  
NOAA NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure