

have a negligible impact on the marine mammal species and stocks present in these action areas, provided that additional mitigation and monitoring measures are implemented.

ESA

There are six ESA-listed marine mammal species, three sea turtle species, and a fish species that are listed as endangered under the ESA with confirmed or possible occurrence in the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT Range Complexes: Humpback whale, North Atlantic right whale, blue whale, fin whale, sei whale, sperm whale, loggerhead sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle, the Kemp's ridley sea turtle, and the shortnose sturgeon.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA, NMFS has begun consultation internally on the issuance of the modified LOAs under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA for these activities. Consultation will be concluded prior to a determination on the issuance of the modified LOAs.

NEPA

NMFS participated as a cooperating agency on the Navy's Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEIS's) for the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT Range Complexes. NMFS subsequently adopted the Navy's EIS's for the purpose of complying with the MMPA. For the modification of the LOAs, which include TDFDs, but also specifically add monitoring and mitigation measures to minimize the likelihood of any additional impacts from TDFDs, NMFS has determined that there are no changes in the potential effects to marine mammal species and stocks as a result of the proposed mine neutralization training activities using TDFDs. Therefore, no additional NEPA analysis will be required, and the information in the existing EIS's remains sufficient.

Preliminary Determination

Based on the analysis contained herein of the likely effects of the specified activity on marine mammals and their habitat and dependent upon the implementation of the mitigation measures, NMFS preliminarily finds that the total taking from Navy mine neutralization training exercises utilizing TDFDs in the VACAPES, JAX, and CHPT Range Complexes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks. NMFS has proposed issuance of three modifications to the LOAs to allow takes of marine mammals incidental to the Navy's mine neutralization training exercises using TDFDs, provided that the proposed improvements to the

monitoring and mitigation measures are implemented.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

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Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure, Eighth Edition

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To provide information on trademark examination policy and procedure, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued the eighth edition of the *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure* ("TMEP"), and made available an archived copy of the seventh edition, on October 15, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The USPTO prefers that any suggestions for improving the form and content of the TMEP be submitted via electronic mail message to tmtmep@uspto.gov. Written comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Commissioner for Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1451, marked to the attention of Editor, *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure*, or by hand delivery to the Trademark Assistance Center, Concourse Level, James Madison Building-East Wing, 600 Dulany Street Alexandria, Virginia, marked to the attention of Editor, *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure*.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 15, 2011, the USPTO issued the eighth edition of the TMEP, which provides USPTO trademark examining attorneys, trademark applicants, and attorneys and representatives for trademark applicants with a reference on the practices and procedures for prosecution of applications to register marks in the USPTO. The TMEP contains guidelines for examining attorneys and materials in the nature of

information and interpretation, and outlines the procedures which examining attorneys are required or authorized to follow in the examination of trademark applications.

The eighth edition incorporates USPTO trademark practice and relevant case law reported prior to September 1, 2011. The policies stated in this revision supersede any previous policies stated in prior editions, examination guides, or any other statement of USPTO policy, to the extent that there is any conflict. The eighth edition also includes a collaboration tool, offered through a program called IdeaScale®, which permits the user community to provide public comments that are accessible to both the user community and the Office. The collaboration tool is currently open to Chapters 500, 900, and 1900. The eighth edition of the TMEP may be viewed or downloaded free of charge from the USPTO Web site at <http://tess2.uspto.gov/tmdb/tmep/>.

An archived copy of the seventh edition of the TMEP also remains available for reference. Links to the seventh edition, as well as to the fourth, fifth, and sixth editions, are on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/resources/TMEParchives.jsp>.

Dated: November 1, 2011.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: *Time and Date:* Wednesday, November 9, 2011; 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

Matter To Be Considered

Compliance Status Report

The Commission staff will brief the Commission on the status of compliance matters.

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