

above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests a five-year permit to investigate the foraging ecology, habitat requirements, vital rates, and effects of natural and anthropogenic factors for ribbon seals (*Phoca fasciata*), spotted seals (*P. largha*), ringed seals (*P. hispida*), harbor seals (*P. vitulina*), and bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) in the North Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean and coastal regions of Alaska. The applicant requests permission to capture up to 150 of each ice-associated seal species (ribbon, spotted, ringed and bearded) per year and up to 250 harbor seals annually for measurement of body condition, collection of tissue samples (blood, blubber, muscle, skin, hair, vibrissae, swab samples), attachment of telemetry devices, and other procedures as described in the application. Up to 10 animals of each species would be intentionally recaptured each year for retrieval of instruments and additional sample collection. The applicant requests permission to harass an additional 3,000 of each ice associated seal species and 5,500 harbor seals annually incidental to capture activities or during collection of feces and other samples from haul-out substrate. The applicant requests allowance for unintentional mortality of five individuals of each species per year.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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 2, 2010.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Funds Availability; Extension of Application Closing Deadline for Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) Projects.

SUMMARY: NTIA announces that the closing deadline for the submission of applications for Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) projects under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) is extended until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on March 26, 2010. There are no changes to the application filing window for Public Computer Center (PCC) and Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) projects.

DATES: All applications for funding CCI projects must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on March 26, 2010. All applications for funding PCC and SBA projects must be submitted by 5 p.m. EDT on March 15, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries regarding BTOP, contact Anthony Wilhelm, Director, BTOP, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., HCHB, Room 4887, Washington, DC, 20230; Help Desk email: BroadbandUSA@usda.gov, Help Desk telephone: 1-877-508-8364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 22, 2010, NTIA published a Notice of Funds Availability (Second NOFA) and Solicitation of Applications in the Federal Register announcing general policy and application procedures for the second round of BTOP funding. 75 FR 3792 (2010). In the Second NOFA, NTIA established an application window for BTOP projects

beginning February 16, 2010 at 8 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) through March 15, 2010 at 5 p.m. EDT (application closing deadline).

NTIA announces this extension in the application closing deadline for CCI projects in the interest of ensuring that BTOP funding is made available in the most equitable manner. The complexity of preparing an infrastructure proposal that is truly comprehensive in scope and satisfies the CCI funding priorities outlined in the Second NOFA warrant reconsideration of the application closing deadline for CCI projects to facilitate the necessary coordination among the various stakeholders involved in or benefiting from the project. Additionally, there are a number of applicants whose infrastructure applications have been actively under consideration for funding in Round One. This extension of the application closing deadline will give those CCI applicants that are not selected for a Round One award additional time to strengthen the quality of their Round Two applications and maximize their opportunity to apply for BTOP funding.

All other requirements for CCI projects set forth in the Second NOFA remain unchanged. There are no changes to the requirements or application deadlines for PCC and SBA projects.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their application early to avoid last minute congestion on the electronic intake system. However, early submission will not confer any advantage or priority in review.

Dated: March 2, 2010.

Lawrence E. Strickling,

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Pasta from Italy: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Cho or Jolanta Lawska, AD/