



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### **Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Site Characterization Surveys off the Coast of Massachusetts; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; modified proposal of an incidental harassment authorization; request for comments on modified proposed authorization and possible renewal; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the **DATES** section of the notice of modified proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA) for take of marine mammals incidental to marine site characterization surveys in coastal waters of Massachusetts published in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2021. This action is necessary to notify the public of the end date of the public comment period, which was inadvertently omitted from the notice. This document corrects that omission; all other information is unchanged.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Written comments should be submitted via email to [ITP.Pauline@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Pauline@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period.

Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-)

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert Pauline, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

NMFS published a notice of a modified proposed IHA in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2021 (86 FR 27393), based on a request from Mayflower Wind Energy LLC (Mayflower) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to site characterization surveys off the coast of Massachusetts in the area of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0521) and along potential submarine cable routes to landfall locations at Falmouth, Massachusetts and near Narragansett Bay. The information in the notice of modified proposed IHA is not repeated here. As published, the notice of modified proposed IHA (86 FR 27393; May 20, 2021) omitted the **DATES** section including the closing date of the comment period.

**Correction**

In the **Federal Register** of May 20, 2021, in FR Doc. 2021-10551, on page 27394, in the first column, correct the **DATES** section to read as follows:

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than June 21, 2021.

The closing date for public comments regarding the notice of modified proposed IHA published on May 20, 2021 (86 FR 27393) in the **Federal Register** is June 21, 2021.

Dated: June 2, 2021.

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