# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

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In re:

**Proposed Waiver and Regulations Governing** the Taking of Eastern North Pacific Gray Whales by the Makah Indian Tribe

Docket No. 19-NMFS-0001 ) RIN: 0648-BI58 and RIN: 0648-XG584

# FIRST DECLARATION OF STEVE STONE

1. I am a Fishery Biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) within the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In that role I have assisted in the agency's process regarding the proposed waiver and regulations captioned above, including the procurement of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) services as required by agency regulations at 50 CFR 228.

2. Attached as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of the most recent Interagency Agreement entered into by NMFS and the United States Coast Guard whereby NMFS has secured the Coast Guard's ALJ services for the above-captioned matter. The Agreement is set to expire on September 30, 2019 (i.e, the end of fiscal year 2019). Absent a modification extending that end date, NMFS's allocated funds will no longer be available for use past September 30, 2019.

3. Given the temporal proximity of the existing hearing schedule for the above matter to the end date of the Agreement, the potential the ALJ may need additional time to draft

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his recommended decision or the parties potential need to file post-hearing briefs, and the potential for schedule changes, NMFS began evaluating the feasibility of modifying the Agreement so that the ALJ services and associated, allocated funds might continue to be available beyond fiscal year 2019.

4. I have determined that any modification to the Agreement would need to be completed prior to the current expiration date of September 30, 2019.

5. On May 30, 2019, I began the process to modify the Agreement. At this time, I expect to be able to modify the Agreement so that the ALJ's services and funds remaining available for use under the Agreement will continue to be available past September 30, 2019.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Steve Stone

Dated: June 2, 2019

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1.		Requesting Agency of Products/Services	Servicing Agency Providing Products/Services
	Name	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NMFS	U.S. Coast Guard Office of Administrative Law Judge
	Address	7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg #1 Seattle WA 98115	2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.E., Stop 7000 Washington DC 20593-7000
2. Servic	cing Agency	Agreement Tracking Number (Optional)	
3. Assist	ed Acquisiti	on Agreement Yes 🗖 No 🔽	
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5. Agree	ement Period	Start Date 10-01-2017 End Date 09-30-20 MM-DD-YYYY MM-DD-	2019 of IAA or effective cancellation date
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Note: Spe	ecific advanc	e amounts will be captured on each related Order.	

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11. Requesting	Agency's Sci	one (State and/or list atta	chments that support Requesting Agency's Scope.)
ALJ hearing se	ervices and c	ase management funct	tions with respect to an on-the-record formal rulemaking addressing d regulations to govern that take pursuant to Section 101(3)(A) and 103
See Attachmer	nt A to WCR	-1716	
12. Roles & Re responsibilities	sponsibilities	for the Requesting Age sting Agency and the Ser	<b>ncy and Servicing Agency</b> (State and/or list attachments for the roles and vicing Agency.)
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13. Restrictions (Optional) (State and/or attach unique requirements and/or mission specific restrictions specific to this IAA).

**14.** Assisted Acquisition Small Business Credit Clause (The Servicing Agency will allocate the socio-economic credit to the Requesting Agency for any contract actions it has executed on behalf of the Requesting Agency.)

**15. Disputes:** Disputes related to this IAA shall be resolved in accordance with instructions provided in the Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) Volume I, Part 2, Chapter 4700, Appendix 10; Intragovernmental Business Rules.

16. Termination (Insert the number of days that this IAA may be terminated by written notice by either the Requesting or Servicing Agency.)

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If this agreement is canceled, any implementing contract/order may also be canceled. If the IAA is terminated, the agencies shall agree to the terms of the termination, including costs attributable to each party and the disposition of awarded and pending actions.

If the Servicing Agency incurs costs due to the Requesting Agency's failure to give the requisite notice of its intent to terminate the IAA, the Requesting Agency shall pay any actual costs incurred by the Servicing Agency as a result of the delay in notification, provided such costs are directly attributable to the failure to give notice.

17. Assisted Acquisition Agreements – Requesting Agency's Organizations Authorized To Request Acquisition Assistance for this IAA. (State or attach a list of Requesting Agency's organizations authorized to request acquisition assistance for this IAA.)

**18.** Assisted Acquisition Agreements – Servicing Agency's Organizations authorized to Provide Acquisition Assistance for this IAA. (State or attach a list of Servicing Agency's organizations authorized to provide acquisition for this IAA.)

**19. Requesting Agency Clause(s)** (Optional) (State and/or attach any additional Requesting Agency clauses.) See Attachment A to WCR-1716

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20. Servicing Agency Clause(s) (Optional) (State and/or attach any additional Servicing Agency clauses.)

21. Additional Requesting Agency and/or Servicing Agency Attachments (Optional) (State and/or attach any additional Requesting Agency and/or Servicing Agency attachments.)

#### 22. Annual Review of IAA

By signing this agreement, the parties agree to annually review the IAA if the agreement period exceeds one year. Appropriate changes will be made by amendment to the GT&C and/or modification to any affected Order(s).

#### **AGENCY OFFICIAL**

The Agency Official is the highest level accepting authority or official as designated by the Requesting Agency and Servicing Agency to sign this agreement. Each Agency Official must ensure that the general terms and conditions are properly defined, including the stated statutory authorities, and, that the scope of work can be fulfilled per the agreement.

The Agreement Period Start Date (Block 5) must be the same as or later than the signature dates.

Actual work for this IAA may NOT begin until an Order has been signed by the appropriate individuals, as stated in the Instructions for Blocks 37 and 38.

23.	Requesting Agency	Servicing Agency
Name		
	Barry A. Thom	Megan H. Allison
Title	Regional Administrator	Director of Judicial Administration
Telephone Number(s)	(503) 231-6266	(202) 372-4440
Fax Number		
Email Address	barry.thom@noaa.gov	megan.h.allison@uscg.mil
SIGNATURE	Suff Rumsey Scott M 1365888341 Date 2018 04 25 14 23 42 -07'00'	Megan H. Allison
Approval Date		06-28-20

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## ATTACHMENT A WCR-1716

### **OBJECTIVES**

The Department of Commerce does not maintain a pool of Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) to preside over formal rulemakings under the Administrative Procedures Act (U.S.C. §§ 556 & 557). The objective of this Agreement, therefore, is to specify the use of services by U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Office (USCG ALJ) to perform hearing services and case management functions with respect to an on-the-record formal rulemaking addressing the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) waiver of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) prohibition on take and regulations to govern that take pursuant to Sections 101 (3)(A) and 103 of the MMPA. The USCG ALJ shall perform all adjudicatory functions which are required by an ALJ under Chapter 5 of Title 5 with respect to any marine resource conservation law or regulation administered by the Secretary of Commerce acting through NOAA.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (1) NMFS:
  - a. Forward hearing requests, preliminary pleading and all necessary or associated documents per 50 C.F.R. § 228.4;
  - b. Provide adequate copies of any pertinent laws and regulations needed upon request for the ALJ to conduct the hearing;
  - c. Issue a final decision by the Assistant Administrator for NMFS once the ALJ has made a recommended decision in accordance with 50 C.F.R. § 228.20.

# (2) USCG ALJ:

- a. Control and conduct the assigned case in accordance with NMFS procedural regulations found at 50 C.F.R. § 228 et seq.;
- b. Make arrangements for the use of a courtroom to hold the hearing in Seattle, WA.;
- c. Receive the request for hearing, witness and exhibit lists; associated transmittal memoranda, and other case referral information and documents forwarded by NMFS;
- d. Enter case information in a database control system and maintain accurate case files and continuously track case status;
- e. Issue a notice of case assignment identifying the assigned ALJ, orders or notices for pre-hearing conferences and other procedural matters as provided by NMFS regulations;
- f. Immediately forward the case file to the assigned ALJ for adjudication;
- g. Distribute and service decisions and all other documents issued by the ALJ as required by NMFS regulations. Copies of pre-trial and other preliminary

decisions issued pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 228.20 will be sent to NOAA's Office of General Counsel Northwest (GCNW). Copies of the recommended decision (50 C.F.R. § 228.20) will be sent to NOAA's Assistant Administrator, NOAA's Office of General Counsel for Fisheries (GCF) and GCNW;

- h. Close and certify the case record and forward the case file to GCNW or GCF as directed in the event of a petition for review. In the event that no petition for review is filed, then close the record at the conclusion of the applicable time period and forward the case file to GCNW or GCF as directed;
- i. Maintain a closed docket for this case and refer requests by third parties for records or information pertaining to NOAA's Freedom of Information Act Office for processing.

## ESTIMATED COSTS

The estimated agreement amount is \$99,000. NMFS anticipates to reimburse USCG ALJ for the actual costs of services including:

- Personnel Costs Actual costs of a Chief ALJ, ALJ, attorney, law clerk, and administrative support staff (including docket services and approved contractors, if applicable) billed on an hourly basis per USCG Standard Rate Table as evidenced by time sheets;
- (2) Travel Costs Actual expenses directly relating to the NMFS case as evidenced by travel claims paid;
- (3) Court Reporting and Transcript Costs As evidenced by invoices that exceed the policies of providing free-of-charge hearing transcripts to involved parties or direct costs for expedited transcripts;
- (4) Administrative Expenses Actual costs of mail, overnight delivery, and office supplies used in connection with NMFS' case.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- (1) Nothing herein is intended to conflict with current NMFS and USCG ALJ directives, statutes, or law. If the terms of this agreement are inconsistent with existing directives, statutes, or law, then those portions of the agreement which are determined to be inconsistent shall be invalid, but the remaining terms and conditions not affected by the inconsistency shall remain in full force and effect.
- (2) The parties may amend or modify this agreement. Any amendments or modifications must be in writing and signed by both parties prior to the performance of any modification.

## United States Government Interagency Agreement (IAA) – Agreement Between Federal Agencies Order Requirements and Funding Information (Order) Section

IAA Number WCR-1716 GT&C #

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Servicing Agency's Agreement Tracking Number (Optional)

### PRIMARY ORGANIZATION/OFFICE INFORMATION

24.	Requesting Agency	Servicing Agency		
Primary Organization/Office	National Oceanic and Atmospheric	U.S. Coast Guard, Office of		
Name	Administration, NMFS	Administrative Law Judge		
Responsible Organization/Office	7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg #1	2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave S.E.,		
Address	Seattle WA 98115	Stop 7000 Washington DC 20593-7000		

#### **ORDER/REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION**

25. Order Action (Check One)

✓ New

Modification (Mod) – List affected Order blocks being changed and explains the changes being made. For Example: for a performance period mod, state new performance period for this Order in Block 27. Fill out the Funding Modification Summary by Line (Block 26) if the mod involves adding, deleting or changing Funding for an Order Line.

**Cancellation** – Provide a brief explanation for Order cancellation and fill in the Performance Period End Date for the effective cancellation date.

26. Funding Modification Summary by Line	Line #	Line #	Line #	Total of All Other Lines (attach funding details)	Total
Original Line Funding	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
Cumulative Funding Changes From Prior Mods [addition (+) or reduction (-)]	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
Funding Change for This Mod	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
TOTAL Modified Obligation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Advance Amount (-)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$0.00
Net Modified Amount Due	\$ 0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
27. Performance Period	Start Date	when signed	End	Date 09-30-2	2019
For a performance period mod, ins the start and end dates that reflect t new performance period.		MM-DD-Y	YYY	MM-DD-	YYYY

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29. Advance Information (Complet	e Block 29 if the Advance Payme	ent for Products/Services was checked "Yes" on the GT&C.)
Total Advance Amount for the Or	der \$[A	Il Order Line advance amounts (Block 28) must sum to this total.]
<b>Revenue Recognition Methodology</b> account for the Requesting Agency's		fy the Revenue Recognition Methodology that will be used to ney's revenue)
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If IPAC is used, the payment method	I must agree with the IPAC Tradi	ing Partner Agreement (TPA).
Requesting Agency Initiated	IPAC Servicing Agency	Initiated IPAC
Credit Card	Other – Explain o	ther payment method and reasoning
33. Billing Frequency (Check One)		
An Invoice must be submitted by reimbursed (i.e., via IPAC transac		oted by the Requesting Agency BEFORE funds are
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34. Payment Terms (Check One)		
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35. Funding Clauses/Instructions (Optional) (State and/or list funding clauses/instructions.)

# 36. Delivery/Shipping Information for Products (Optional) Agency Name

Point of Contact (POC) Name & Title

POC Email Address

Delivery Address /Room Number

POC Telephone Number

Special Shipping Information

#### APPROVALS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

#### **37. PROGRAM OFFICIALS**

The Program Officials, as identified by the Requesting Agency and Servicing Agency, must ensure that the scope of work is properly defined and can be fulfilled for this Order. The Program Official may or may not be the Contracting Officer depending on each agency's IAA business process.

	Requesting Agency	Servicing Agency
Name	Steve Stone	John C. Johns
Title	Fishery Biologist	Managing Attorney Adviser
Telephone Number	(503) 231-2317	(410) 962-7434
Fax Number	8	
Email Address	steve.stone@noga.gov	john.c.johns@uscg.mil
SIGNATURE	Sto Sto	De D
Date Signed	4-24-18	6-28-18

**38.** FUNDING OFFICIALS - The Funds Approving Officials, as identified by the Requesting Agency and Servicing Agency, certify that the funds are accurately cited and can be properly accounted for per the purposes set forth in the Order. The Requesting Agency Funding Official signs to obligate funds. The Servicing Agency Funding Official signs to start the work, and to bill, collect, and properly account for funds from the Requesting Agency, in accordance with the agreement.

	Requesting Agency	Servicing Agency			
Name	Stephanie Coleman	John C. Johns			
Title	BP&E Branch Chief	Allowance Fund Control (AFC) Manager			
Telephone Number	(503) 231-2337	(410) 962-7434			
Fax Number					
Email Address	stephanie.coleman@noaa.gov	john.c.johns@uscg.mil			
SIGNATURE	LEVITCH WILLIAM 1105033407 Date 2018 04 24 13 23 06 07 007	he k			
Date Signed	W. Levitch, Acting 24Apr2018	21-35-13			

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39.	Requesting Agency (Payment Office)	Servicing Agency (Billing Office)		
Name	Rachel LaFond	Russell Gibson		
Title	Accounting Technician	PO1- Storekeeper		
Office Address	20020 Century Blvd., Building CXXI Germantown MD 20874-1143	2703 Martin Luther King Jr., Ave SE, Stop 7000 Washington DC 20593-7000		
Telephone Number	(301) 444-2793	(202) 372-4443		
Fax Number				
Email Address	rachel.lafond@noaa.gov	russell.d.gibson@uscg.mil		
Signature & Date (Optional)				
	f Contacts (POCs) (as determined by each Age TING Office Points of Contact (POCs).			
N	Requesting Agency	Servicing Agency		
Name	Kathryn Schuck			
Title	Budget Analyst			
Office Address	501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200 Long Beach CA 90802			
Telephone Number	(562) 980-4022			
Fax Number				
Email Address	kathryn.schuck@noaa.gov			
Signature & Date (Optional)	a			
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	Sa	laries/Hr	Travel	Total
Judge Attorney Court Reporter	\$ \$ \$		\$ - - 988.52	\$ 53,896.48 35,343.00 9,760.52 99,000.00