

considered to have cleared the EZ if it is visually observed to have left the EZ and has not been seen within the zone for 30 minutes.

17. Visual monitoring must continue for 30 minutes after the use of the acoustic source ceases or the sun sets, whichever is later.

#### D. Monitoring

18. Operators shall work with PSOs to apply mitigation measures and shall recognize the authority of PSOs up to and including stopping work, except where doing so poses a significant safety risk to vessels and personnel.

19. Duties of PSOs include watching for and identifying sea otters, recording observation details, documenting presence in any applicable monitoring zone, identifying and documenting potential harassment, and working with vessel operators to implement all appropriate mitigation measures.

20. A sufficient number of PSOs will be onboard to meet the following criteria: 100 percent monitoring coverage during all daytime periods of seismic activity; a maximum of four consecutive hours on watch per PSO; a maximum of approximately 12 hours on watch per day per PSO; and at least one observer each on the source vessel and support vessel.

21. All PSOs will complete a training course designed to familiarize individuals with monitoring and data collection procedures. A field crew leader with prior experience as a marine mammal observer will supervise the PSO team. New or inexperienced PSOs will be paired with experienced PSOs so that the quality of marine mammal observations and data recording is kept consistent. Resumes for candidate PSOs will be made available for the Service to review.

22. Observers will be provided with reticule binoculars (10×42), big-eye binoculars or spotting scopes (30×), inclinometers, and range finders. Field guides, instructional handbooks, maps and a contact list will also be made available.

#### E. Measures To Reduce Impacts to Subsistence Users

23. Prior to conducting the work, NSF/L-DEO will take the following steps to reduce potential effects on subsistence harvest of sea otters:

- Avoid work in areas of known sea otter subsistence harvest;
- Discuss the planned activities with subsistence stakeholders including Southeast Alaska villages and traditional councils;
- Identify and work to resolve concerns of stakeholders regarding the

project's effects on subsistence hunting of sea otters; and

- If any concerns remain, develop a POC in consultation with the Service and subsistence stakeholders to address these concerns.

#### F. Reporting Requirements

24. NSF/L-DEO must notify the Service at least 48 hours prior to commencement of activities.

25. Reports will be submitted to the Service's MMM weekly during project activities. The reports will summarize project work and monitoring efforts.

26. A final report will be submitted to the Service's MMM within 90 days after completion of work or expiration of the IHA. It will summarize all monitoring efforts and observations, describe all project activities, and discuss any additional work yet to be done. Factors influencing visibility and detectability of marine mammals (*e.g.*, sea state, number of observers, fog, and glare) will be discussed. The report will describe changes in sea otter behavior resulting from project activities and any specific behaviors of interest. Sea otter observation records will be provided in the form of electronic database or spreadsheet files. The report will assess any effects NSF/L-DEO's operations may have had on the availability of sea otters for subsistence harvest and if applicable, evaluate the effectiveness of the POC for preventing impacts to subsistence users of sea otters.

27. Injured, dead, or distressed sea otters that are not associated with project activities (*e.g.*, animals found outside the project area, previously wounded animals, or carcasses with moderate to advanced decomposition or scavenger damage) must be reported to the Service within 24 hours of discovery. Photographs, video, location information, or any other available documentation shall be provided to the Service.

28. All reports shall be submitted by email to [fw7\\_mmm\\_reports@fws.gov](mailto:fw7_mmm_reports@fws.gov).

29. NSF/L-DEO must notify the Service upon project completion or end of the work season.

#### Request for Public Comments

If you wish to comment on this proposed authorization, the applicability of NSF's draft EA to the proposed action, or the proposed adoption of NSF's EA, you may submit your comments by any of the methods described in **ADDRESSES**. Please identify if you are commenting on the proposed authorization, draft EA, or both, make your comments as specific as possible, confine them to issues pertinent to the proposed authorization or draft EA, and

explain the reason for any changes you recommend. Where possible, your comments should reference the specific section or paragraph that you are addressing. The Service will consider all comments that are received before the close of the comment period (see **DATES**).

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will become part of the administrative record for this proposal. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Gregory Siekaniec,**

*Regional Director, Alaska Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will take place.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held as a webinar on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held on-line and via teleconference.

Instructions for accessing the meeting will be posted at [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac). Comments can be sent to Ms. Dionne Duncan-Hughes, Group Federal Officer by email to [gs-faca-mail@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-faca-mail@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John Mahoney, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), USGS, 909 First Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98104; by email at [jmahoney@usgs.gov](mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (206) 220-4621.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552B, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The NGAC provides advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) and Office of Management and Budget Circular A–16. The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC meeting is one of the primary ways that the FGDC collaborates with its broad network of partners. Additional information about the NGAC meeting is available at: [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac).

#### Agenda Topics

- FGDC Update
- GDA Implementation
- NSDI Strategic Plan Information
- Landsat Advisory Group
- Public-Private Partnerships
- NGAC 2021 Activities
- Public Comment

*Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:* The webinar meeting is open to the public and will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 29 and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on June 30. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting should visit [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac) or contact Mr. John Mahoney (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Webinar/conference line instructions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the meeting. Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Mr. John Mahoney (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

*Public Disclosure of Comments:* There will be an opportunity for public comment during both days of the meeting. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the Committee for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by the Committee members, written comments must be provided to John Mahoney (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the committee members before the meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Signed:

**Ivan DeLoatch,**

*Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee: Notice of Nomination Solicitation**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service is soliciting nominations for one member of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (Committee). The Secretary of the Interior will appoint one member from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, or traditional Native American religious leaders. The nominee must be a traditional Indian religious leader.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received by August 9, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address nominations to Melanie O'Brien, Designated Federal Officer, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee, via email [nagpra\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:nagpra_info@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melanie O'Brien, via telephone at (202) 354–2201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee was established by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA) and is regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Review Committee is responsible for:

1. Monitoring the NAGPRA inventory and identification process.

2. Reviewing and making findings related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items.

3. Facilitating the resolution of disputes.

4. Compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains and developing a process for disposition of such remains.

5. Consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters within the scope of the work of the Review Committee affecting such tribes or organizations.

6. Consulting with the Secretary of the Interior in the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA.

7. Making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items.

The Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary may not appoint Federal officers or employees to the Committee. Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders. At least two of these members must be traditional Indian religious leaders. Three members are appointed from nominations submitted by national museum or scientific organizations. One member is appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members.

Members are appointed for 4-year terms and incumbent members may be reappointed for 2-year terms. The Committee's work is completed during public meetings. The Committee attempts to meet in person twice a year and meetings normally last two or three days. In addition, the Committee may also meet by public teleconference one or more times per year.

Members will be appointed as special Government employees (SGEs). Please be aware that members selected to serve as SGEs will be required, prior to appointment, to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report in order to avoid involvement in real or apparent conflicts of interest. You may find a copy of the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following website: <https://www.doi.gov/ethics/special-government-employees/financial-disclosure>. Additionally, after appointment, members appointed as SGEs will be required to meet applicable financial disclosure and ethics training requirements. Please contact 202–208–7960 or