also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed 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 Courtney Smith, (301)427–8401.

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

The permit No. 15324, issued on May 18, 2011 (76 FR 30309), authorizes the permit holder to take spotted (Phoca largha), ringed (Phoca hispida), bearded (Erignathus barbatus), and ribbon seals (Histriophoca fasciata) for scientific research purposes in the Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort seas of Alaska. The purpose of this research is to monitor the status and health of each species by analyzing biological samples (e.g., blood, blubber, skin, muscle, and whiskers) from the subsistence harvest and live captured seals, and by documenting movements and habitat use by tracking animals with satellite transmitters. The permit holder is also authorized to harass non-target seals of each species and for a limited number of research-related mortalities.

Additional biological samples can be imported from Russia, Canada, Svalbard (Norway) and exported to Canada for analyses. The permit is valid through December 31, 2016.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to include authorization for several methodological changes: (1) Adding takes by harassment during aerial and vessel surveys as a method to monitor seal distribution relative to changes in sea ice; (2) increasing number of takes by incidental harassment during seal captures; (3) the use of additional sedative drugs as injectable immobilizing agents during currently permitted capture activities; and (4) the use of remote dart-delivery as a method for capturing bearded seals. The expiration date of the permit would not change.

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: April 1, 2014.

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

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

**First Responder Network Authority Board Special Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting of the First Responder Network Authority.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) will hold a Special Meeting via telephone conference (teleconference) on April 8, 2014.

**DATES:** The Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Special Meeting will be conducted via teleconference. Members of the public may listen to the meeting by dialing toll-free 1–800–369–1868 and using passcode “FirstNet.” Due to the limited number of ports, attendance via teleconference will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), created FirstNet as an independent authority within the NTIA. The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet’s operations. As provided in Section 4.08 of the FirstNet Bylaws, the Board through this Notice provides at least two days’ notice of a Special Meeting of the Board to be held on April 8, 2014. The Board may, by a majority vote, close a portion of the Special Meeting as necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, or to discuss legal matters affecting FirstNet, including pending or potential litigation. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

**Matters to Be Considered:** After a majority vote, the Board intends to close the Special Meeting to discuss subjects covered under 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2). No other matters are scheduled to be discussed. The agenda topics are subject to change.

**Time and Date:** The Special Meeting will be held on April 8, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The times and dates are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet for the most up-to-date information.

**Other Information:** The teleconference for the Special Meeting is open to the public. On the date and time of the Special Meeting, members of the public may call toll-free 1–800–369–1868 and use passcode “FirstNet” to listen to the meeting. If you experience technical difficulty, please contact Corey Ray by telephone (202) 482–4809; or via email Corey.Ray@firstnet.gov. Public access will be limited to listen-only. Due to the limited number of ports, attendance via teleconference will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Records:** NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet.

Dated: April 1, 2014.

Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel.