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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

49 CFR Parts 27, 37, 38

[Docket No. OST-2006-23985]

RIN 2105-AD54

Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary (OST), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Department is extending through July 28, 2006, the period for interested persons to submit comments to its proposed rule concerning modifications to the Department's Americans with Disabilities Act and related rules.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 28, 2006. Comments received after this date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the docket number [OST-2006-23985] by any of the following methods: (1) Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (follow the instructions for submitting comments); (2) Web Site: <http://dms.dot.gov> (follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site); (3) Fax: 1-202-493-2251; (4) Mail: Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001; or (5) Hand Delivery: To the Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

You should include the agency name and docket number [OST-2006-23985] or the Regulatory Identification Number (RIN) for this notice at the beginning of your comment. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act section of this document. You may view the public docket through the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management System office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On

February 27, 2006, the Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to amend the Department's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rule and related regulations (71 FR 9761). The proposed amendments concerned a variety of subjects, including rail station platform accessibility and ADA paratransit system requirements. The NPRM also sought comment on several upcoming issues of interest concerning surface transportation accessibility. The comment closing dates were April 28 for the proposed amendments to the ADA and related rules and May 28 for the other issues on which the Department sought comment.

On April 7, 2006, Amtrak, supported by the Association of American Railroads, requested an extension of the comment period through July 28, 2006, citing concerns about the effects of proposed amendments concerning rail station platform accessibility on its statutory obligation to make its stations accessible by 2010.

The Department agrees that an extension of the comment period would be useful to permit Amtrak additional time to assess its situation with respect to rail station accessibility, as it may be affected by the proposed rule. In addition, such an extension will give other parties additional time to consider the issues the NPRM raises and provide thoughtful comments to the Department. Accordingly, the Department finds that good cause exists to extend the comment period on the proposed rule from April 28, 2006, to July 28, 2006. This extension applies to all parts of the NPRM.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 216

[Docket No. 060406098-6098-01; I.D. 030706D]

RIN 0648-AT46

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Coastal Commercial Fireworks Displays at Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, CA

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments. Notice; availability of Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS or Sanctuary) for an authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to permitting professional fireworks displays within the Sanctuary in California waters. By this document, NMFS is proposing regulations to govern that take. In order to issue a Letter of Authorization (LOA) and issue final regulations governing the take, NMFS must determine that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stocks and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stock for taking for subsistence uses.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than May 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application and proposed rule may be submitted using the identifier 030706D, by any of the following methods:

E-mail: PR1.030706D@noaa.gov. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Hand-delivery or mailing of paper, disk, or CD-ROM comments should be addressed to: Stephen L. Leathery, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225.

A copy of the application containing a list of references used in this document may be obtained by writing to the above address, by telephoning the contact listed under **FOR FURTHER**