AMENDMENT TO DIVISION A OF RULES
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At the end of division A (before the short title), insert the following:

SEC. ____ None of the funds made available by this Act may be used—

(1) to allow or authorize the incidental taking of marine mammals under section 101(a)(5)(A) or (D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1371(a)(5)(A) or (D)) for geophysical or geological exploration for oil or gas (as those terms are defined in 30 C.F.R. § 551.1), within the specific geographic region described in “Notice; issuance of five incidental harassment authorizations” published in the Federal Register at 83 Fed. Reg. 63,268;

(2) to provide an opinion from the Secretary of Commerce under section 7(b) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1536(b)), on how any such authorization affects an endangered species or its critical habitat; or
(3) to prepare or supplement an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and its associated regulations, in support of any such authorization.