



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Space Commerce
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Subject: NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs License Inquiry

Dear Ms. Lane:

Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 960.5(a), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) has reviewed your Initial Contact Form, submitted on March 30, 2026, concerning the proposed Protocatcher system ("the system"). Under the authority of the Secretary of Commerce under 51 U.S.C. § 60101 *et seq.*, as delegated, and 15 C.F.R. Part 960, we have determined that the system as described in your Initial Contact Form qualifies for a licensing exemption under 15 C.F.R. § 960.2(b). This determination was made based upon your representation that the system's remote sensing instrument will be used in the place of navigation sensors used to detect the sun/Earth horizon.

If the factual circumstances of the information provided change, please submit a new Initial Contact Form, as the operation of the system may require a license. Additionally, please contact CRSRA regarding any future systems you may plan to operate in order to obtain a licensing determination on that specific system and its mission.

Please refer any questions regarding this determination by email to CRSRA@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah C. Brothers, Ph.D.
Director, Commercial Remote
Sensing Regulatory Affairs

cc: crsra@noaa.gov