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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shasta McClenahan (File Nos. 17350, 20523, 20605, 21045, and 21114), Carrie Hubard (File No. 16111 and 20311), Sara Young (File No. 20043), Courtney Smith (File No. 21170), and Jennifer Skidmore (File No. 16580) at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the *Federal Register* on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the Federal Register notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

File No.	RIN	Applicant	Receipt of Application Federal Register Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
16111-02	0648-XA626	John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, Waterstreet Building, Suite 201, 218 ½ West Fourth Ave., Olympia, WA 98501	77 FR 19645; April 2, 2012	July 13, 2017
16580-01	0648-XB158	Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D., University of Alaska Fairbanks, 17101 Pt. Lena Loop Road, Juneau, AK 99801	77 FR 31835; May 30, 2012	July 17, 2017
17350-02	0648-XC067	North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, (Taquilik Hepa, Responsible Party), P.O. Box 69, Barrow, AK 99723	77 FR 36488; June 19, 2012	July 20, 2017
20043	0648-XF153	Whitlow Au, Ph.D., University of Hawaii, P.O. Box 1346, Kaneohe, HI 96744	82 FR 4858; January 17, 2017	July 28, 2017
20311	0648-XF412	NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, (Evan Howell, Ph.D., Responsible Party), 1845 Wasp Boulevard, Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818	82 FR 22498; May 16, 2017	June 30, 2017
20523	0648-XF455	National Museum of Natural History (Kirk Johnson, Ph.D., Responsible Party), P.O. Box 37012, Washington, DC 20013	82 FR 26455; June 7, 2017	July 10, 2017
20605	0648-XF381	Robin Baird, Ph.D., Cascadia Research Collective, 218 1/2 West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501	82 FR 22503; May 16, 2017	July 28, 2017
21045	0648-XF350	Matson Laboratory (Carolyn Nistler, Responsible Party), 135 Wooden Shoe Lane, Manhattan, MT 59741	82 FR 22516; May 16, 2017	June 29, 2017
21114	0648-XF453	The Whale Museum (Jenny Atkinson, Responsible Party), P.O. Box 945, Friday Harbor, WA 98250	82 FR 26455; June 7, 2017	July 25, 2017
21170	0648-XF399	Keith Ellenbogen, Keith Ellenbogen Photography, 795 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215	82 FR 21370; May 8, 2017	July 3, 2017

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**AUTHORITY:** The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: August 15, 2017.

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