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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 or modifications.

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: Erin Markin (File No. 17304-03); Courtney Smith (File No. 21143), Lisa Lierheimer (File No. 21486), Sara Young (File Nos. 20466, 21006, 21018, 21158), and Shasta McClenahan (File Nos. 16609-01, 17115-05 and 20951) 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.regulations.gov and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

File No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
16609-01	0648–XF213	Zoological Society of San Diego (Douglas Myers, Responsible Party), P.O. Box 120551, San Diego, CA 92112	82 FR 37426; August 10, 2017	September 20, 2017
17115-05	0648–XC100	James Lloyd-Smith, University of California, Los Angeles, 610 Charles E. Young Dr. South, Box 723905, Los Angeles, California 90095	77 FR 41171; July 12, 2012	September 12, 2017
17304-03	0648-XC667	Kristen Hart, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, 3205 College Ave., Davie, Florida 33314	82 FR 12806; March 7, 2017	September 5, 2017
20466	0648-XF272	Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Wildlife Conservation, Juneau, AK	82 FR 16995; April 7, 2017	September 20, 2017
20951	0648–XF367	Ann Zoidis, Ph.D., Cetos Research Organization, 11 Des Isle Avenue, Bar Harbor, ME 04609	82 FR 22517; May 16, 2017	September 5, 2017
21006	0648-XF530	Linnea Pearson, California Polytechnic State University, 1 Grand Ave, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407	82 FR 32344; July 13, 2017	September 15, 2017
21018	0648-XF536	Brent Stewart, Ph.D., Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109	82 FR 32789; July 18, 2017	September 27, 2017
21143	0648-XF500	Jeremy Kiszka, Ph.D., Florida International University, 3000 NE 151 st Street, Marine Science Building, Room 250D, North Miami, Florida, 33181	82 FR 31950; July 11, 2017	September 1, 2017
21158	0648-XF592	Robert Garrott, Ph.D., Montana State University, 310 Lewis Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717	82 FR 37574; August 11, 2017	September 25, 2017
21486	0648-XF620	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Worldwide Americas, Inc., on behalf of BBC Natural History Unit, 28 Whiteladies Rd, Bristol, UK, BS8 2LR	82 FR 40144; September 24, 2017	September 27, 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: October 18, 2017.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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