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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**[RTID 0648-XA040]**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments or modifications 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:** Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. **17305-01**), Sara Young (Permit No. **22678**), Shasta McClenahan (Permit No. **18638-01**), Amy Hapeman (Permit No. **22281**), Erin Markin (Permit No. **23200**), and Malcolm Mohead (Permit Nos. **22671-01 and 23096**); 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 Table 1 below.

**Table 1 -- Issued Permits, Permit Amendments, and Permit Modifications**

Permit No.	RIN/RTID	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
17305-01	0648-XD52	Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314 (Responsible Party: Kathleen Dezio)	80 FR 7419; February 10, 2015	January 7, 2020
18638-01	0648-XD52	NMFS' Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle WA (Responsible Party: John Bengtson)	80 FR 7419; February 10, 2015	December 31, 2019
22281	0648-PR-A002	Kristen Hart, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, Wetland and Aquatic Research Center, Davie Field Office, 3321 College Ave., Davie, FL 33314	84 FR 29503; June 24, 2019	January 13, 2020
22671-01	0648-XR072	U.S. Geological Survey, Conte Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory, 1 Migratory Way, Tuner Falls, MA 01376 (Responsible Party: Adria Elskus)	84 FR 67720; December 11, 2019	January 31, 2020
22678	0648-XR063	NMFS' Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle WA (Responsible Party: John Bengtson)	84 FR 57404; October 25, 2019	December 20, 2019
23096	0648-XR072	University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, 180 E. Green Street, Athens, GA 30602 (Responsible Party: Dale Greene)	84 FR 67720; December 11, 2019	January 31, 2020
23200	0648-XR072	University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403 (Responsible Party: Frederick Scharf)	84 FR 67720; December 11, 2019	January 31, 2020

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: February 7, 2020.

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