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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XA377

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 and 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 via email to NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan (Permit Nos. 21585-01, 23922, and 23923), Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 23779), and Amy Hapeman (Permit No. 23672); 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 and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 -- Issued Permits and Permit Amendments

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Issuance Date
21585-01	0648-XA223	Oregon State University, Marine Mammal Institute, 2030 Southeast Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365 (Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.)	85 FR 35415; June 10, 2020	July 30, 2020
23672	0648-XR108	Environmental Investigation Agency, P.O. Box 53343, Washington DC 20009 (Responsible Party: Allan Thornton)	85 FR 16329; March 23, 2020	July 27, 2020
23779	0648-XA235	Allyson Hindle, Ph.D., University of Nevada Las Vegas, 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, MS 4004 Las Vegas, NV 89154	85 FR 36837; June 18, 2020	July 27, 2020
23922	0648-XA219	University of California, 35 Medical Center way, San Francisco, CA 94131 (Responsible Party: Alexander Pollen, Ph.D.)	85 FR 35266; June 9, 2020	July 27, 2020
23923	0648-XA220	Eugene DeRango, Bielefeld University, Department of Animal Behaviour, Morgenbreede 45, Bielefeld, Germany	85 FR 35416; June 10, 2020	July 27, 2020

Permit No. 23672 was issued on July 27, 2020; the permit takes effect on April 1, 2021 and is valid through December 1, 2022.

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 permits were 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 MMPA 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 ESA of 1973, as amended (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.

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