



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XA919

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, Ph.D. (Permit Nos. 19257-01 and 20341-01), Carrie Hubard (Permit No. 23078), Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 23447), Sara Young (Permit Nos. 23554 and 23858), Malcolm Mohead (Permit Nos. 24016 and 24020), and Jordan Rutland (Permit No. 25417) 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 activities, 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
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19257-01	0648-XE061	Ann M. Zoidis, Cetos Research Organization, 11 Des Isle Avenue, Bar Harbor, ME 04609	80 FR 59736; October 2, 2015	January 29, 2021
20341-01	0648-XE773	Craig Matkin, North Gulf Oceanic Society, 3430 Main Street, Suite B1, Homer, AK 99603	82 FR 11180; February 21, 2017	February 11, 2021
23078	0648-XA106	Marilyn Mazzoil, Dolphin Census Inc., 9611 U.S. Highway 1, #382, Sebastian, FL 32958	85 FR 20251; April 10, 2020	February 8, 2021
23447	0648-XA489	Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA, 22314 (Responsible Party: Kathleen Dezio)	85 FR 58340; September 18, 2020	February 16, 2021
23554	0648-XA606	Colleen Reichmuth, Ph.D., Long Marine Laboratory, Institute of Marine Sciences Address at the University of California at Santa Cruz, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060	85 FR 71633; November 10, 2020	February 16, 2021
23858	0648-XA468	NMFS' Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: John Bengtson, Ph.D.)	85 FR 56220; September 11, 2020	February 25, 2021
24016	0648-XA558	Jason Kahn, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910	85 FR 65030; October 14, 2020	January 28, 2021
24020	0648-XA558	Michael Stangl, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, 3002 Bayside Drive, Dover, DE 19901	85 FR 65030; October 14, 2020	January 28, 2021
25417	0648-XA786	Silverback Films, 1 St. Augustine's Yard, Gaunts Lane, Bristol BS1 5DE, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Edward Charles)	86 FR 1481; January 8, 2021	February 24, 2021

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 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.

Dated: March 5, 2021.

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Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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