



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF027]

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, permit amendments, and permit modifications have been issued 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., (File Nos. 26663, 28847 and 28860), Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (File No. 28850), and Erin Markin, Ph.D., (File Nos. 24016, 28617, and 28803); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit, permit amendment, or permit modification 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 <https://www.federalregister.gov> and search for the file number provided in table 1 below.

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

File No.	Version No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Issuance Date
24016	02	0648-XE712	Jason Kahn, Ph.D., NMFS, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910	90 FR 22062, May 23, 2025	July 7, 2025
26663	02	0648-XE738	Alaska Whale Foundation, PO Box 1927, Petersburg, AK 99833 (Responsible Party: Andy Szabo, Ph.D.)	91 FR 20283, May 13, 2025	July 1, 2025
28617	N/A	0648-XE822	Matthew Balazik, Ph.D., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 251 John Tyler Memorial Highways, Henrico, VA 23231	90 FR 15563, April 14, 2025	July 1, 2025
28727	N/A	0648-XE711	Amandine Gamble, Ph. D., Cornell University, 606 Tower Road, Ithaca, NY 14853	90 FR 14247, March 31, 2025	July 8, 2025
28803	N/A	0648-XE709	Jacob Steinberg, CosmoVision Media Group, 64 Kenilworth Drive East, Stamford, CT 06902	90 FR 15709, April 15, 2025	June 25, 2025
28847	N/A	0648-XE869	Allyson Hindle, Ph.D., University of Nevada Las Vegas, 4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154	90 FR 20626, May 15, 2025	June 25, 2025
28850	N/A	0648-XE718	Cascadia Research Collective, 218 ½ West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501 (Responsible Party: John Calambokidis)	90 FR 17779, April 29, 2025	June 27, 2025
28860	N/A	0648-XE837	British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Natural History and Factual Productions Ltd. and BBC Studios Americas Inc., Bridgewater House, Counterslip, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6BX, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Sarah Conner)	90 FR 20463, May 14, 2025	June 25, 2025

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.

Dated: July 23, 2025.

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