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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XG128]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits, including an amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits 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.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*.

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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 had been submitted. 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

File No.	Version No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous **Federal Register** Notice	Issuance Date

25739	01	0648-XB277	New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 (Responsible Party; Vikki Spruill)	86 FR 56900, October 13, 2021	October 20, 2026
29126	N/A	0648-XG048	U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management, 4611 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 300, 2nd Floor, St. Thomas, VI 00802 (Responsible Party: Marlon Hibbert)	91 FR 57862, September 11, 2026	October 20, 2026
29716	N/A	0648-XF918	ABR, Inc. Environmental Research and Services, P.O. Box 80410, Fairbanks, AK 99708 (Responsible Party: Adrian Gall, Ph.D.)	91 FR 46897, July 27, 2026	October 13, 2026

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 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: November 10, 2026.

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