DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XA176

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 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: Shasta McClenahan (Permit No. 19497-01), Sara Young (Permit No. 23273), Amy Hapeman (Permit No. 18881-01); 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.

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<th>Permit No.</th>
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<td>18881-01</td>
<td>0648-XD711</td>
<td>Texas Sealife Center 14225 S Padre Island Dr. Corpus Christi, Texas 78418 (Responsible Party: Timothy Tristan, D.V.M.).</td>
<td>80 FR 24902; May 1, 2015</td>
<td>April 24, 2020</td>
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<td>19497-01</td>
<td>0648-XE009</td>
<td>University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine, 2015 SW 16th Ave, Gainesville, FL, 32610 (Responsible Party: Michael Walsh D.V.M.).</td>
<td>80 FR 52453; August 31, 2015</td>
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<td>23273</td>
<td>0648-XR091</td>
<td>Michelle Shero, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 266 Woods Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543</td>
<td>85 FR 11051; February 26, 2020</td>
<td>April 13, 2020</td>
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Table 1 -- Issued Permits and Permit Amendments

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.


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