

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648–XG881

**Marine Mammals; File No. 22686**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service is extending the public comment period associated with the notice of receipt for an application for a permit to import bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) submitted by the Chicago Zoological Society.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before May 16, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related application documents are available for review online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/permit-application-import-3-bottlenose-dolphins-file-no-22686-chicago-zoological-society> or 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. 22686 in the subject line of the email comment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Skidmore and Courtney Smith, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 19, 2019 (84 FR 10044), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published notice of a permit application submitted by the Chicago Zoological Society, Brookfield Zoo (Bill Zeigler, Responsible Party), 3300 Golf Road, Brookfield, IL 60513. The applicant is requesting to import up to three captive born bottlenose dolphins from Dolphin Quest Bermuda to either the Brookfield Zoo in Brookfield, IL or Coral World Ocean Park in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands for public display purposes. The requested duration of the permit is five years.

During the 30-day comment period, NMFS received several requests for a 60 day extension of the public comment period and for a public hearing. NMFS is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days for commenters to review additional information received from the applicant. Regarding the public hearing, NMFS has determined that a public hearing is not warranted as comments and documentation related to this MMPA permit application can be provided in writing.

Dated: April 11, 2019.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****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 or modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or 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:**

Amy Sloan (Permit No. 22095); Erin Markin (Permit Nos. 20340–02 and 20528–01); Malcolm Mohead (Permit Nos. 19641–01, 20347–01, and 22671); and Sara Young (Permit Nos. 14327–01 and 16087) 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](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit or amendment issuance date
14327–01 .....	0648–XP18	National Marine Fisheries Service's Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: John Bengston).	79 FR 51963, September 2, 2014.	March 21, 2019.
16087–02 .....	0648–XA292	National Marine Fisheries Service's Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: John Bengston).	79 FR 64174, October 28, 2014.	March 21, 2019.
19641–01 .....	0648–XG517	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 (Responsible Party: Tom Savoy).	83 FR 61375, November 29, 2018.	March 12, 2019.
20340–02 .....	0648–XG517	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 205 Belle Mead Road, East Setuaket, NY 11733 (Responsible Party: Kim McKown).	83 FR 61375, November 29, 2018.	March 12, 2019.
20347–01 .....	0648–XG517	University of Maine, School of Marine Sciences, 5741 Libby Hall, Room 202A, Orono, ME 04469 (Responsible Party: Gayle Zydlewski).	83 FR 61375, November 29, 2018.	March 12, 2019.