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**Alicia Chambers,**

*NIST Executive Secretariat.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XC450]

**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; National Marine Fisheries Service—Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Dolphin (*i.e.*, dolphinfish or mahi mahi) Management Strategy Stakeholder workshops to be held by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service will hold a series of in-person workshops on November 2 and November 3, 2022.

**DATES:** The workshops will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from

5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. EDT, and on Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting is open to members of the public. The workshop on November 2 will be held at the Montauk Fire Department, 12 Flamingo Ave, Montauk, NY 11954. The workshop on November 3 will be held at the Coastal Institute Building, Room #140, University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882. Those interested in participating should contact Cassidy Peterson (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cassidy Peterson, Management Strategy Evaluation Specialist, NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, phone (910) 708–2686; email: [Cassidy.Peterson@noaa.gov](mailto:Cassidy.Peterson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In collaboration with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, NMFS is embarking on a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) to guide dolphin (*i.e.*, dolphinfish or mahi mahi) management in the jurisdiction. The MSE will be used to develop a management procedure that best achieves the suite of management objectives for the U.S. Atlantic dolphin fishery. Stakeholder input is necessary for characterizing the management objectives of the fishery and stock, identifying any uncertainties in the system that should be built into the MSE analysis, and providing guidance on the acceptability of the proposed management procedures.

Agenda items for the meeting include: developing an understanding of management procedures and management strategy evaluation, developing conceptual management objectives, and clarifying uncertainties that should be addressed within the framework.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Cassidy Peterson (see **FOR**

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 5, 2022.

**Jennifer M. Wallace,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XC452]

**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.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Markin, Ph.D. (Permit No. 26591), Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 26667, 26678, and 26708), and Sara Young (Permit No. 21018); 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](http://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 <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Issuance date
21018–01 ...	0648–XF536 .....	Brent Stewart, Ph.D., Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109.	82 FR 48985; October 23, 2017.	September 26, 2022.
26591 .....	0648–XC141 .....	BBC Natural History and Factual Productions, Ltd., Television Centre, 101 Wood Lane, London, UK W12 7FA.	87 FR 39803; July 5, 2022.	September 2, 2022.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS AND PERMIT AMENDMENTS—Continued

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
26667 .....	0648–XC179 .....	North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management (Taquilik Hepa, Responsible Party), P.O. Box 69, Barrow, AK 99723.	87 FR 43499; July 21, 2022.	September 20, 2022.
26678 .....	0648–XC256 .....	Matson Laboratory (Carolyn Nistler, Responsible Party), 135 Wooden Shoe Lane, Manhattan, MT 59741.	87 FR 48649; August 10, 2022.	September 27, 2022.
26708 .....	0648–XC255 .....	Chicago Zoological Society (Michael J. Adkesson, D.V.M., Responsible Party), 3300 South Golf Road, Brookfield, Illinois 60513.	87 FR 49808; August 12, 2022.	September 28, 2022.

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: October 5, 2022.

**Julia M. Harrison,**  
*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
 Office of Protected Resources, National  
 Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XC451]

**Marine Mammals; File No. 26778**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Wildstar Films Ltd., Embassy House, Queens Avenue, Bristol, BS8 1SB, UK

(Responsible Party: Jennie Hammond), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*; Hawaii distinct population segment).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 14, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** These documents are available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 26778 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Erin Markin, Ph.D., (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to film up to 1,520 humpback whales annually in Hawaiian waters for a natural history series in production for National Geographic and Disney+. The applicant seeks to collect footage of humpback male singers, heat runs, and intimate moments between adult females and their calves. Filming would occur topside from two boats, underwater with a polecam or divers, and aerially using an unmanned aircraft system. Up to 150 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), 100 melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), and 100 short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), 150 spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), and 150 spotted dolphins (*S. attenuata*) would be

unintentionally harassed and filmed annually if they are in the vicinity of whales. The applicant is requesting the permit be valid until December 31, 2024.

It has come to the agency’s attention that the 2016 interim final humpback approach rule (50 CFR 216.19; 81 FR 62010, September 8, 2016) does not explicitly exempt permits issued under section 104(c)(6) of the MMPA from its prohibitions. It is not the agency’s intent to preclude the issuance of permits or authorizations consistent with the requirements of the MMPA. We interpret the rule to allow issuance of these permits. Consistent with this interpretation, it has been our practice to continue to issue section 104(c)(6) permits that are in compliance with the MMPA’s requirements and our review procedures. However, to eliminate any potential ambiguity, we intend to revise the rule to explicitly clarify that photography permits issued under section 104(c)(6) of the MMPA are exempt from the prohibitions on approach.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: October 5, 2022.

**Julia M. Harrison,**  
*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
 Office of Protected Resources, National  
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