

Dated: December 10, 2024.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R7-ES-2024-0148;  
FXES111607MRG01-245-FF07CAMM00]

#### Marine Mammal Protection Act; Permit Applications and Issuances

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of permit  
applications; notice of issuance of  
permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service (FWS), invite public  
comment on applications for permits to  
conduct certain activities involving  
marine mammals for which the FWS  
has jurisdiction under the Marine  
Mammal Protection Act. In addition, we  
announce permits that we have issued  
recently in response to prior  
applications.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments  
on the new permit applications by  
January 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Obtaining Documents:*

- *Application Materials:* The  
applications, application supporting  
materials, and any comments and other  
materials that we receive are available  
for public inspection at [https://  
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) in FWS-R7-ES-  
2024-0148.

- *Issued Permits:* To access materials  
pertaining to the permits we have  
issued, see Permits Issued by the  
Service under **SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION**.

*Submitting Comments on the  
Applications:* You may submit  
comments containing written data or  
views concerning the taking or  
importation proposed in each  
application by one of the following  
methods:

- *Internet:* [https://  
www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Search for and  
submit comments on Docket No. FWS-  
R7-ES-2024-0148.

- *U.S. mail:* Public Comments  
Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R7-  
ES-2024-0148; U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
Service Headquarters, MS: PRB/3W;  
5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA  
22041-3803.

For more information, see Public  
Comment Procedures under  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Charles Hamilton, via email at  
[r7mmmregulatory@fws.gov](mailto:r7mmmregulatory@fws.gov) or by  
telephone at 9072012;7862012;3800.  
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international calls to the point-of-  
contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Background

With some exceptions, the Marine  
Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as  
amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et  
seq.*), prohibits the take and importation  
of marine mammals and marine  
mammal products absent Federal  
authorization. In carrying out our  
responsibilities under the MMPA, we,  
the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
(FWS), may authorize such activities via  
permits after receipt of an application  
and verification that MMPA statutory  
and regulatory requirements are met.

Section 104(c) of the MMPA specifies  
the conditions for authorizing the taking  
or importation of a marine mammal for  
purposes of scientific research, public  
display, photography, or enhancing the  
survival or recovery of a species or stock  
under the MMPA.

This notice provides information  
about two aspects of the MMPA  
permitting process: application and  
issuance. At section II, we provide the  
public with notice of and the  
opportunity to comment on applications  
that we have received from entities or  
individuals to conduct certain activities  
with marine mammals for which the  
FWS has jurisdiction under the MMPA.  
At section III, we announce recently  
issued MMPA permits to entities or  
individuals in response to prior  
applications.

#### II. Applications Available for Public Review

To help us carry out our conservation  
responsibilities for affected species, and  
in consideration of section 104(c) of the  
MMPA, we invite the public and local,  
State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to  
comment on the applications listed  
below before final action is taken.  
Concurrent with publishing this notice  
in the **Federal Register**, we are  
forwarding copies of these marine  
mammal applications to the Marine

Mammal Commission and the  
Committee of Scientific Advisors for  
their review.

#### A. Permit Applications Received

We invite comments on the following  
applications:

Applicant: Seattle Aquarium Society,  
Seattle, WA; Permit No. PER12241375

The applicant requests a scientific  
research permit to conduct surveys of  
northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris  
kenyonii*) off the coast of Washington  
State using a camera-mounted  
unmanned aircraft system. This  
information will increase the accuracy  
of population estimates and allow better  
understanding of the temporal and  
spatial distribution of otters in the area.  
This notification covers activities to be  
conducted by the applicant over a 5-  
year period.

Applicant: Ben Hamilton, Windfall  
Films, San Antonio, TX; Permit No.  
PER12101045

The applicant requests a permit to  
conduct commercial photography and  
filming of northern sea otters (*Enhydra  
lutris kenyonii*) in the wild. This  
notification covers activities to be  
conducted in the Sitka Sound area of  
southeast Alaska by the applicant  
between 2024 and 2026.

#### B. Public Comment Procedures

##### 1. How Do I Comment on Permit Applications?

Before issuing any requested permit,  
we will take into consideration any  
information that we receive during the  
public comment period.

You may submit your comments and  
materials by one of the methods in  
**ADDRESSES**. We will not consider  
comments sent by email, or to an  
address not in **ADDRESSES**. We will not  
consider or include in our  
administrative record comments that we  
receive after the close of the comment  
period (see **DATES**).

When submitting comments, please  
specify the name of the applicant and  
the permit number at the beginning of  
your comment. Provide sufficient  
information to allow us to authenticate  
any scientific or commercial data you  
include. The comments and  
recommendations that will be most  
useful and likely to influence agency  
decisions are: (a) Those supported by  
quantitative information or studies; and  
(b) those that include citations to, and  
analyses of, the applicable laws and  
regulations.

2. May I review comments submitted by others?

You may view public comments at <https://www.regulations.gov> unless our allowing so would violate the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) or other Federal law.

3. Who will see my comments?

If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Moreover, all submissions from organizations or

businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

*C. Next Steps for Submitted Applications*

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed above in this notice, we will publish a subsequent notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [https://](https://www.regulations.gov)

[www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for “12345A”.

**III. Permits Issued by the Service**

We have issued permits to conduct certain activities involving marine mammals and marine mammal products in response to prior permit applications that we received. This notice informs the public that the FWS has issued the permits listed in table 1.

The permittees’ original permit application materials, along with public comments we received during public comment periods for the applications, are available for review. To locate the application materials and received comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for the appropriate permit number (e.g., PER12345) or docket number (e.g., FWS-R7-ES-2020-0004) provided in table 1.

TABLE 1—PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT

Permit No.	Applicant	Permit issuance date	Docket No.
PER6413229	Matson’s Laboratory	6/20/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.
14762C	National Park Service, Juneau	6/20/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.
9061181	Windfall Films Limited	6/20/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.
041309	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Marine Mammals Management Office.	6/20/24	FWS-HQ-IA-2023-0022.
0046206	North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management.	6/21/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.
5955318	Jason Roehrig, MeatEater Films	7/11/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.
MA82088B	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Polar Bear Program.	7/11/24	FWS-R7-ES-2024-0004.

**IV. Authority**

We issue this notice under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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**John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System; Availability of Final Revised Maps for Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, and New York**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Coastal Barrier Resources Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to review the maps of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) at least once every 5 years and make any minor and technical modifications to the boundaries of the CBRS to reflect changes in the size or location of any unit as a result of natural forces since the unit was last mapped. We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have conducted this review for CBRS units in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, and the Great Lakes region of New York. This notice announces the findings of our review and the availability of final revised maps for 89 CBRS units in these five States.

**DATES:** Changes to the CBRS depicted on the final revised maps, dated December 29, 2023, become effective on December 19, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** For information about how to get copies of the maps or where to go to view them, see Availability of Final Maps and Related Information, below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Katie Niemi, Coastal Barriers

Coordinator, via telephone at 703-358-2071 or email at [CBRA@fws.gov](mailto:CBRA@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background and Methodology**

Background information on the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA; 16 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS), as well as information on the 5-year review effort and the methodology we used to produce the revised maps, can be found in a notice we published in the **Federal Register** on November 22, 2022 (87 FR 71352).

**Announced Map Modifications**

This notice announces modifications we made to the maps for several CBRS