DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD296

Endangered Species; File No. 18604

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a scientific research permit to take green and hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research has been issued to Allyson L. González or Amy Sloan, (301) 427–8401;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman or Courtney Smith, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 20, 2014 and October 9, 2014, notice was published in the Federal Register (79 FR 28899 and 79 FR 61057, respectively) that a request for a scientific research permit to take green and hawksbill sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 13, 2015.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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RIN 0648–XD694

Marine Mammals; File No. 18662

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a scientific research permit to take marine mammals (excluding walrus) is authorized to be received, imported, and exported for purposes had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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 had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.).

The permit authorizes the applicant to receive, import, and export specimen materials for comparative research on the physiology and other biological aspects of marine mammals. Unlimited samples from up to 200 individual cetaceans and 200 individual pinnipeds (excluding walrus) are authorized to be received, imported, or exported annually on an opportunistic basis from other permitted sources (legal subsistence harvests and legal commercial fishing operations; stranded animals in foreign countries; captive animals; and other permitted research in the U.S. and abroad). Samples collected from stranded animals in the U.S. and received under separate authorization may be exported and re-imported. No takes of live animals are permitted. The permit is valid through March 31, 2020.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 14, 2015.

Julia 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

RIN 0648–XD887

Marine Mammals; File No. 19444

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Richard Breezy Wynn, 7216 Wellington Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial or educational photography

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