

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[RTID 0648–XG048]****Endangered Species; File No. 29126; Correction**

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application; correction.

SUMMARY: On July 1, 2026, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** announcing that NMFS had received an application for a permit (File No. 29126) from the Florida Sea Grant, P.O. Box 7640, St. Thomas, VI 00801 [Responsible Party: Logan Williams]. Due to a change in the applicant, that document doesn't reflect the current applicant and address. This document corrects this error. All other information is unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Markin, Ph.D., or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of receipt for a permit (91 FR 39986; July 1, 2026) stated that the applicant was the Florida Sea Grant. After the notice was published and the comment period closed, the applicant requested that NMFS change the applicant to the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), Division of Coastal Zone Management, (Marlon Hibbert, Responsible Party). The DPNR has

reviewed the application and agrees to be the applicant for File No. 29126.

All other information contained in the document is unchanged.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of July 1, 2026, in FR Doc. 2026–13232, on page 39986, in the third column, under the **SUMMARY** heading, the first sentence is corrected to read as follows:

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management, 4611 Tutu Park Mall, Suite 300, 2nd Floor, St. Thomas, VI, 00802 (Marlon Hibbert, Responsible Party) has applied in due form for a permit to take pillar coral (*Dendrogyra cylindrus*) for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

Dated: September 9, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[RTID 0648–XF963]****Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits, including amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits have been issued 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (File Nos. 25740, 25885, and 29287), Amy Hapeman (File No. 25563), Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (File No. 25508), and Jennifer Skidmore (File No. 24054); at (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests had been submitted. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to <https://www.federalregister.gov> and search for the file number provided in table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS

File No.	Version No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
24054	01	0648–XB503	Terrie Williams, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Lab, Center for Ocean Health, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.	86 FR 56900, October 13, 2021.	August 31, 2026.
25508	01	0648–XB173	SeaWorld, LLC, 6240 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821 (Responsible Party: Christopher Dold, DVM).	86 FR 50704, September 10, 2021.	August 27, 2026.
25563	03	0648–XD609	NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: Nancy Friday, Ph.D.).	89 FR 27419, April 17, 2024.	August 11, 2026.
25740	03	0648–XB573	Center for Coastal Studies, 5 Holway Avenue, Provincetown, MA 02657 (Responsible Party: Anne-Marie Runfola).	86 FR 62516, November 10, 2021.	August 10, 2026.
25885	01	0648–XB792	Peter Thielen, D. Eng., Johns Hopkins University, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 20723.	87 FR 7820, February 10, 2022.	August 10, 2026.
29287	N/A	0648–XF860	NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, California 92037 (Responsible Party: David Weller, Ph.D.).	91 FR 39603, June 30, 2026.	August 26, 2026.

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 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.

Dated: September 9, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XF959]

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Northeast Fisheries Science Center Fisheries and Ecosystem Research

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) for authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to fisheries and ecosystem research in the Atlantic Ocean over the course of 5-years from the date of issuance. Pursuant to regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is announcing receipt of the NEFSC's request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals. NMFS invites the public to provide information, suggestions, and comments on the NEFSC's application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than October 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the applications should be addressed to the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS. Physical comments should be sent to 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and electronic comments should be sent to ITP.cockrell@noaa.gov.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

An electronic copy of the NEFSC's application may be obtained online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/marine-mammal-protection/incidental-take-authorizations-research-and-other-activities>. In case of problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce (as delegated to NMFS) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An incidental take authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth.

NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

The MMPA states that the term "take" means to harass, hunt, capture, kill or attempt to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance, which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering (Level B harassment).

Summary of Request

On July 16, 2026, NMFS received an application from the NEFSC requesting authorization for take of marine mammals incidental to their fisheries and ecosystem research activities with a variety of fishing gear in the Atlantic Ocean. We determined the application was adequate and complete on August 26, 2026. The requested regulations would be valid for 5-years (2027–2032). The NEFSC plans to conduct the specified activity along the east coast of the U.S. in the Atlantic Ocean. It is possible that marine mammals may interact with several types of fishing gear proposed for use in the NEFSC's fisheries and ecosystem research, resulting in serious injury and mortality. Therefore, the NEFSC requests authorization to incidentally take marine mammals.

Specified Activities

The Federal Government has a responsibility to conserve and protect living marine resources in U.S. Federal waters and has also entered into a number of international agreements and treaties related to the management of living marine resources in international waters outside the United States. NOAA has the primary responsibility for managing marine fin and shellfish species and their habitats, with that responsibility delegated within NOAA to NMFS.

In order to direct and coordinate the collection of scientific information needed to make informed management decisions, Congress created six Regional Fisheries Science Centers, each a distinct organizational entity and the scientific focal point within NMFS for region-based Federal fisheries-related research. This research is aimed at monitoring fish stock recruitment, abundance, survival and biological rates, geographic distribution of species and stocks, ecosystem process changes,