

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. 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.

Amy Sloan,

Acting 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****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 and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register 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.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Permit or amendment issuance date
20528-01	0648-XG517	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412 (Responsible Party: Bill Post).	83 FR 61375, November 29, 2018.	March 12, 2019.
22095	0648-XG371	SeaWorld, LLC., 9205 SouthPark Center Loop, Suite 400, Orlando, FL 32819 (Responsible Party: Christopher Dold, DVM).	83 FR 54570, October 30, 2018.	March 13, 2019.
22671	0648-XG517	Conte Anadromous Fish Research Laboratory, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Discipline, 1 Migratory Way, Turners Fall, MA 01376 (Responsible Party: Adria Elskus).	83 FR 61375, November 29, 2018.	March 12, 2019.

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 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 (50 CFR part 216), 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 (50 CFR parts 222–226), as applicable.

Dated: April 11, 2019.

Amy Sloan,

Acting 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–XG957

Permanent Advisory Committee To Advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission; Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a public meeting of the Permanent Advisory Committee (PAC) to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) on June 10, 2019. Meeting topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting of the PAC will be held via conference call on June 10, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (or until business is concluded). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials; comments must be received by June 5, 2019.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be conducted via conference call. For details on how to call in to the conference line or to submit comments, please contact Emily Reynolds, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; telephone: 808–725–5039; email: emily.reynolds@noaa.gov. Documents to be considered by the PAC will be sent out via email in advance of the conference call. Please submit contact information to Emily Reynolds (telephone: 808–725–5039; email: emily.reynolds@noaa.gov) at least 3 days in advance of the call to receive documents via email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Reynolds, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office; 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; telephone: 808–725–5039; facsimile: 808–725–5215; email: emily.reynolds@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*), the Permanent Advisory Committee, or PAC, has been formed to advise the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC. The PAC is composed of: (i) Not less than 15 nor more than 20 individuals appointed by the Secretary of Commerce in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the WCPFC; (ii)

the chair of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Advisory Committee (or the chair's designee); and (iii) officials from the fisheries management authorities of American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (or their designees). The PAC supports the work of the U.S. National Section to the WCPFC in an advisory capacity. The U.S. National Section is made up of the U.S. Commissioners and the Department of State. NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office provides administrative and technical support to the PAC in cooperation with the Department of State. More information on the WCPFC, established under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, can be found on the WCPFC website: <http://www.wcpfc.int>.

Meeting Topics

The purpose of the June 10, 2019, conference call is to discuss outcomes of the 2018 regular session of the WCPFC (WCPFC15), U.S. priorities leading up to the 2019 regular session of the WCPFC (WCPFC16), and potential management measures for tropical tunas and other issues of interest.

Special Accommodations

The conference call is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Emily Reynolds at 808–725–5039 by May 27, 2019.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6902 *et seq.*

Dated: April 11, 2019.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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