

Public Comment

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

Dated: February 6, 2023.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XC750]

Marine Mammals; File No. 27077

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that WSP Wild Water Productions Limited, St Stephen’s Avenue, Bristol, BS1 1YL, United Kingdom, (Responsible Party: Joanna Barwick) has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial and educational photography on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 13, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 27077 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. The request should set forth

the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard 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 gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) feeding on shrimp in the intertidal zone of Puget Sound, WA. The filming is for a natural history television series, which follows the journey of rivers from source to sea. Up to 180 gray whales may be harassed during filming from vessels, land, unmanned aircraft systems, and snorkelers. If encountered, 70 of each of the following species may be filmed and unintentionally harassed: killer whales (*Orcinus orca*; west coast transient stock), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*). The permit would expire on May 31, 2024.

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: February 3, 2023.

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-XC758]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits, permit amendments, and permit modifications 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (Permit Nos. 26750 and 27029), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 24334-01, 26725, and 26778), Erin Markin, Ph.D., (Permit No. 26727), and Malcolm Mohead (Permit No. 22671-03); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit, permit amendment, or permit modification 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 and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—ISSUED PERMITS, PERMIT AMENDMENTS, AND PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register notice	Issuance date
22671-03	0648-XC548	U.S. Geological Survey, Conte Anadromous Fish Research Lab, 1 Migratory Way, Turners Falls, MA 01376 (Responsible Party: Alexander Haro, Ph.D.).	87 FR 68455, November 15, 2022 ...	January 9, 2023.
24334-01	0648-XC563	Alaska Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802 (Responsible Party: Lori Quakenbush).	87 FR 71303, November 22, 2022 ...	January 25, 2023.
26725	0648-XC502	Florian Graner, Ph.D., 4021 Beach Drive, Freeland, WA 98249.	87 FR 65191, October 28, 2022	January 19, 2023.
26727	0648-XC534	Aaron Lynton, 986 Kupulau Drive, Kihei, HI 96853.	87 FR 67677, November 9, 2022	January 23, 2023.