

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Marine Mammals; File No. 21476

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Lars Bejder, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 46-007 Lilipuna Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 21476.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 30, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 21476 from the list of available applications. These documents are also 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. 21476 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: Shasta McClenahan or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 21476 is requested 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 (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act (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).

Permit No. 21476, issued on August 27, 2019 (84 FR 48600; September 16, 2019), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on 32 species of marine mammals including the

following ESA-listed species: blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), bowhead (*Balaena mysticetus*), fin (*B. physalus*), Hawaiian insular false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), sei (*B. borealis*), sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), and Western North Pacific gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*) whales. Authorized research activities include unmanned aerial surveys and vessel surveys in U.S. and international waters of the Pacific Ocean near Hawaii, Alaska, and U.S. territories. Permitted research activities include photography and video recording (above water and underwater), photogrammetry, counts, passive acoustic recording, biological sampling (skin and blubber biopsy, sloughed skin, exhaled air, and feces), and suction-cup tagging.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to: (1) Increase the permitted takes from 2,000 to 4,000 annually for Level B harassment activities for spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) in Hawaii; and (2) increase the number of suction-cup tagging takes from 10 to 20 annually for humpback whale calves in Hawaii from the non-ESA-listed Hawaii distinct population segment. No changes to the permitted objectives, methods, or locations are proposed. The permit expires on August 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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 25, 2020.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Telecommunications and Information Administration****NTIA 2020 Spectrum Policy Symposium**

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will host a virtual, online symposium on September 22, 2020, focusing on national spectrum policy development and the evolution of new techniques and technologies for federal spectrum management including spectrum sharing.

DATES: The symposium will be held on September 22, 2020, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The symposium will be held online and will be accessible from NTIA's public website, <https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2020/2020-spectrum-policy-symposium-webcast>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Alden, Telecommunications Specialist, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA, at (202) 482-8046 or spectrumssymposium@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482-7002; email: press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA serves as the president's principal advisor on telecommunications policies pertaining to the nation's economic and technological advancement and establishes policies concerning use of the radio spectrum by federal agencies. See 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(D). NTIA is hosting a symposium that will focus on developing, implementing and maintaining sustainable, national spectrum policies and spectrum management techniques that will enable the United States to strengthen its global leadership role in the introduction of wireless telecommunications technology, services, and innovation, while also supporting the expansion of existing technologies and the nation's homeland security, national defense, and other critical government missions.

Speakers are expected to include representatives of the Department of Commerce, the Executive Office of the President, the U.S. Congress, Executive Branch agencies, and private sector and other non-government organizations. Prior to the event, NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its website at: <https://www.ntia.gov/other-publication/2020/2020-spectrum-policy-symposium-webcast>.

The symposium is open to the public and members of the press. NTIA asks registrants to provide their first and last names, email addresses, and their organization (optional) for both