

TABLE 1—TAKE ANALYSIS <sup>1</sup>—Continued

| Species                           | Authorized take | Abundance <sup>2</sup> | Percent abundance |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Pantropical spotted dolphin ..... | 0               | 50,209                 | n/a               |
| Spinner dolphin .....             | 0               | 2,991                  | n/a               |
| Striped dolphin .....             | 0               | 16,102                 | n/a               |
| Fraser's dolphin .....            | 0               | 1,665                  | n/a               |
| Risso's dolphin .....             | 0               | 1,974                  | n/a               |
| Blackfish <sup>5</sup> .....      | 0               | 9,535                  | n/a               |
| Short-finned pilot whale .....    | 0               | 3,277                  | n/a               |

<sup>1</sup> Scalar ratios were not applied in this case due to brief survey duration.

<sup>2</sup> Best abundance estimate. For most taxa, the best abundance estimate for purposes of comparison with take estimates is considered here to be the model-predicted abundance (Garrison *et al.*, 2023). For Rice's whale, Atlantic spotted dolphin, spinner dolphin, and Risso's dolphin, the estimated SAR abundance estimate is used.

<sup>3</sup> Modeled take of two increased to account for potential encounter with a group of average size (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006).

<sup>4</sup> Modeled take of 24 increased to account for potential encounter with a group of average size (Maze-Foley and Mullin, 2006).

<sup>5</sup> The "blackfish" guild includes melon-headed whales, false killer whales, pygmy killer whales, and killer whales.

Based on the analysis contained herein of Fugro's proposed survey activity described in its LOA application and the anticipated take of marine mammals, NMFS finds that small numbers of marine mammals will be taken relative to the affected species or stock sizes (*i.e.*, less than one-third of the best available abundance estimate) and therefore the taking is of no more than small numbers.

#### Authorization

NMFS has determined that the level of taking for this LOA request is consistent with the findings made for the total taking allowable under the incidental take regulations and that the amount of take authorized under the LOA is of no more than small numbers. Accordingly, we have issued an LOA to Fugro authorizing the take of marine mammals incidental to its geophysical survey activity, as described above.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE448]

#### Request for Nominations to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Consultative Committee

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is seeking nominations for qualified individuals to be appointed

to serve as members of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Consultative Committee. The purpose of this body is to ensure that the interests of U.S. stakeholders are considered in the development of positions and policy relative to U.S. participation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO). Self-nominations will be accepted.

**DATES:** Nominations will be accepted at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations electronically to Shannah Jaburek, at the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office via email at [Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov](mailto:Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shannah Jaburek by email at [Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov](mailto:Shannah.Jaburek@noaa.gov), or by phone at 978-282-8456; or Patrick E. Moran by email at [Pat.Moran@noaa.gov](mailto:Pat.Moran@noaa.gov), or by phone at 301-427-8370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NAFO is an international regional fisheries management organization that coordinates scientific study and cooperative management of the fisheries resources of the northwest Atlantic Ocean, excluding salmon, tunas/marlin, whales, and sedentary species (*e.g.*, shellfish). NAFO was established in 1979 by the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries. The United States acceded to the Convention in 1995 and has participated actively in NAFO since that time. In 2005, NAFO launched a reform effort to amend the Convention in order bring it more in line with the principles of modern fisheries management. As a result of these efforts, the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries entered into force in May 2017.

NAFO currently has 13 Contracting Parties, including Canada, Cuba, Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands

and Greenland), European Union, France (in respect of St. Pierre and Miquelon), Iceland, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and the United States.

16 U.S.C. 5607 provides that the Secretaries of Commerce and State shall jointly establish a NAFO Consultative Committee (NCC) to advise the Secretaries of Commerce and State on issues related to the NAFO Convention. Membership in the NCC is open to representatives from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the States represented on those Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the fishing industry, the seafood processing industry, and others knowledgeable and experienced in the conservation and management of fisheries in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. Members are appointed to a 2-year term and are eligible for reappointment. The NCC is exempted from the Federal Advisory Committee Act with respect to carrying out their consultation and advisory functions under 16 U.S.C. 5601 *et seq.* NCC members are invited to attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Commissioners and, at such meetings, are given an opportunity to be heard on proposed programs of study and investigation, reports, recommendations, and regulations of issues relating to the Act and proceedings of NAFO. In addition, NCC members may attend all public meetings of the NAFO Commission and any other meetings to which they are invited.

If you are interested in becoming or nominating a member of the NCC, please contact Shannah Jaburek or Patrick E. Moran (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section) for additional details. The NAFO Annual Meeting is held in September of each year. Additional information about NAFO and the annual meetings can be

found at: <https://www.nafo.int/Meetings/AM>.

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**Alexa Cole,**

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Trade, and Commerce National Marine  
Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF027]

### 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 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](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., (File Nos. 26663, 28847 and 28860), Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (File No. 28850), and Erin Markin, Ph.D., (File Nos. 24016, 28617, and 28803); 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 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 <https://www.federalregister.gov> and search for the file number provided in table 1 below.

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

| File No.    | Version No. | RTID       | Applicant   | Previous <b>Federal Register</b> notice | Issuance date  |
|-------------|-------------|------------|---|---|----------------|
| 24016 ..... | 02          | 0648–XE712 | Jason Kahn, Ph.D., NMFS, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.   | 90 FR 22062, May 23, 2025.              | July 7, 2025.  |
| 26663 ..... | 02          | 0648–XE738 | Alaska Whale Foundation, P.O. Box 1927, Petersburg, AK 99833 (Responsible Party: Andy Szabo, Ph.D.).  | 91 FR 20283, May 13, 2025.              | July 1, 2025.  |
| 28617 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE822 | Matthew Balazik, Ph.D., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 251 John Tyler Memorial Highways, Henrico, VA 23231.  | 90 FR 15563, April 14, 2025.            | July 1, 2025.  |
| 28727 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE711 | Amandine Gamble, Ph.D., Cornell University, 606 Tower Road, Ithaca, NY 14853.   | 90 FR 14247, March 31, 2025.            | July 8, 2025.  |
| 28803 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE709 | Jacob Steinberg, CosmoVision Media Group, 64 Kenilworth Drive East, Stamford, CT 06902.   | 90 FR 15709, April 15, 2025.            | June 25, 2025. |
| 28847 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE869 | Allyson Hindle, Ph.D., University of Nevada Las Vegas, 4505 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154.  | 90 FR 20626, May 15, 2025.              | June 25, 2025. |
| 28850 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE718 | Cascadia Research Collective, 218½ West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501 (Responsible Party: John Calambokidis).  | 90 FR 17779, April 29, 2025.            | June 27, 2025. |
| 28860 ..... | N/A         | 0648–XE837 | British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Natural History and Factual Productions Ltd. and BBC Studios Americas Inc., Bridgewater House, Counterslip, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6BX, United Kingdom (Responsible Party: Sarah Conner). | 90 FR 20463, May 14, 2025.              | June 25, 2025. |

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE979]

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of a proposed evaluation and pending determination; request for comments.