

Mississippi Sound, Chandeleur Sound, Breton Sound (including the Louisiana Marsh area), Lake Borgne, Lake Pontchartrain, Mobile Bay, and adjacent waters of the north central Gulf of Mexico. The LOC expires on November 30, 2018.

**File No. 18218:** Issued to the Dolphin Research Center [Responsible Party: Armando Rodriguez], 58901 Overseas Hwy., Grassy Key, FL 33050 on November 25, 2013, for close vessel approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, and focal follows of bottlenose dolphins in the Middle Keys, FL. Specifically, the study area ranges from the southeast side of Lignumvitae Key to the northeast side of Pigeon Key, out to 2.5 miles offshore on the Atlantic side, and 5 miles offshore on the Gulf side. The objectives of the research are to: (1) Study population demographics in the Middle Keys, (2) augment two on-going photo-identification studies in the Lower Keys and Upper Keys, (3) contribute to the Gulf of Mexico Dolphin Identification System (GoMDIS), and (4) provide baseline information on this population. The LOC expires on November 30, 2018. On July 7, 2014, the LOC was modified to slightly expand the study area on the Gulf side of the Keys to include Bamboo and Tripod Banks. The LOC expires on November 30, 2018.

**File No. 14219:** Issued to Tara Cox, Ph.D., Savannah State University, PO Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404 on February 23, 2009, to conduct close approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, passive acoustics, and focal follows of coastal and offshore bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic and pantropical spotted dolphins, short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), beaked whales (*Mesoplodon* spp.; *Ziphius* spp.), and Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*) in estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and South Carolina. The research investigates foraging ecology, social structure, and population structure, including begging behaviors and interactions between bottlenose dolphins and shrimp trawls. On January 30, 2014, the expiration date of the LOC was extended until March 1, 2015. This LOC was subsequently terminated on February 28, 2014, when a new LOC (File No. 18605) was issued to Dr. Cox.

**File No. 13729:** Issued to the Wild Dolphin Project, 612 N. Orange Ave. Ste. #A-12, Jupiter, Florida 33458, on February 13, 2009. The LOC authorizes close approach, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of 13 cetacean species within the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) from southern Martin County, FL to the Florida Keys, and in

the adjacent Atlantic Ocean from the coast to 20 miles into the Gulf Stream. The objectives of the research are to: (1) Study abundance, distribution, and residency of bottlenose dolphins in the ICW of Palm Beach County, FL, (2) determine species diversity, abundance, and distribution of cetaceans offshore of Palm Beach County, FL, (3) study Atlantic spotted dolphins inhabiting waters along the Florida Keys and compare data with the Bahamas population. On February 24, 2014, the LOC was modified to extend the expiration date until February 28, 2015.

**File No. 18605:** Issued to Tara Cox, Ph.D., Savannah State University, PO Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404 on February 28, 2014, to conduct close approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, passive acoustics, and focal follows of coastal and offshore bottlenose dolphins, Atlantic and pantropical spotted dolphins, short-finned pilot whales, beaked whales, and Risso's dolphins in estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and South Carolina. The study is designed to continue research on dolphin-human interactions related to coastal fisheries, foraging ecology, and social structure of the local bottlenose dolphins. The LOC expires on March 1, 2019.

**File No. 14590:** Issued to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory [Principal Investigator: Peter Boveng, Ph.D.], 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, on July 24, 2009. The LOC authorizes aerial surveys of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardii*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leuca*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) along the entire coast of Alaska south of Cape Newenham, at the northern end of Bristol Bay. The results of the surveys form the basis of the NMFS Stock Assessment Reports and provide information on the haul-out behavior and habitat requirements of harbor seals in Alaska. On April 14, 2014, the expiration date of the LOC was extended until August 1, 2015.

**File No. 18715:** Issued to William McGlaun, Texas Sealife Center, 14220 South Padre Island Drive, TX 78418 on June 26, 2014, for close vessel approach, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins to estimate population abundance in south and central Texas. Specifically, the study area includes the internal bays and estuaries along the Texas Coast from Keller Bay to South Bay. The LOC expires on July 1, 2019.

**File No. 18859:** Issued to the National Ocean Service Center for Coastal

Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research [Responsible Party: Patricia A. Fair, Ph.D.], 219 Fort Johnson Rd., Charleston, SC 29412, on August 25, 2014, for close vessel approach, photo-identification, behavioral observations, and focal follows of bottlenose dolphins. The studies may occur in the Charleston Harbor area, primarily in portions of the main channels and creeks of the Ashley, Cooper, and Wando Rivers. The research will continue monitoring dolphins in the area with the objective of analyzing their site fidelity and local contaminant exposure. In addition, the study will quantify the effects of a 2016 harbor deepening project on the dolphins' distribution, abundance and behavior. The LOC expires on August 31, 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 are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: December 16, 2014.

**Julia 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

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 14097

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 14097-04 has been issued to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.), Protected Resources Division, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit amendment 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 Hapeman or Courtney Smith, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 2, 2014 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 18527) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 14097-03 to conduct research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit amendment has been issued 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 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).

Permit No. 14097-05 authorizes the SWFSC to conduct scientific research on five pinniped species, 57 cetacean species, and five sea turtle species in U.S. territorial and international waters of the Pacific, Southern, Indian, and Arctic Oceans for three projects. Cetacean surveys are conducted to determine the abundance, distribution, movement patterns, and stock structure of cetaceans. These studies are conducted through vessel surveys, aerial surveys, small plane photogrammetry, photo-identification, biological sampling, radio tagging, and satellite tagging. The amendment to the permit authorizes: (1) A subset of humpback whales to be biopsy sampled multiple times annually in the Southern Ocean, and (2) extends the duration of the permit by 12 months. The permit amendment is valid through June 30, 2016.

A supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) for the permit. Based on the analysis in the SEA, NMFS determined that issuance of the amended permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on December 17, 2014.

As required by the ESA, issuance of the permit amendment was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was

applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 22, 2014.

**Julia Harrison,**

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## **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

### **Procurement List; Addition and Deletions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Addition to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds a service to the Procurement List that will be provided by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 1/29/2015

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 10800, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Addition**

On 11/21/2014 (79 FR 69434-69435), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agency to provide the services and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractor, the Committee has determined that the service listed below is suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification**

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organization that will provide the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing a small entity to provide the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

#### **End of Certification**

Accordingly, the following service is added to the Procurement List:

#### **Service**

*Service Type/Location:* Grounds Maintenance Service, US Coast Guard, Townsends Inlet Recreational Facility, 8101 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City, NJ.

*NPA:* Fedcap Rehabilitation Services, Inc., New York, NY.

*Contracting Activity:* Dept of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Base Portsmouth, Portsmouth, VA.

#### **Deletions**

On 11/21/2014 (79 FR 69434-69435), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed deletions from the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification**

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the products deleted from the Procurement List.

#### **End of Certification**

Accordingly, the following products are deleted from the Procurement List: