§ 218.11 Permissible methods of taking.

(a) Under Letters of Authorization issued pursuant to §§216.106 of this chapter and 218.16, the Holder of the Letter of Authorization may incidentally, but not intentionally, take marine mammals within the area described in §218.10(b), provided the activity is in compliance with all terms, conditions, and requirements of this subpart and the appropriate Letter of Authorization.

(b) The activities identified in §218.10(c) must be conducted in a manner that minimizes, to the greatest extent practicable, any adverse impacts on marine mammals and their habitat.

(c) The incidental take of marine mammals under the activities identified in §218.10(c) is limited to the following species, by the indicated method of take and the indicated number of times:

(1) Level B Harassment:

(i) Bottlenose dolphin (Tursiops truncatus)—150 (an average of 30 annually);

(ii) Pantropical spotted dolphin (Stenella attenuata)—100 (an average of 20 annually);

(iii) Clymene dolphin (S. clymene)—100 (an average of 20 annually);

(iv) Atlantic spotted dolphin (S. frontalis)—310 (an average of 62 annually);

(v) Striped dolphin (S. coeruleoalba)—100 (an average of 20 annually);

(vi) Rissos dolphin (Grampus griseus)—150 (an average of 30 annually);

(vii) Common dolphin (Delphinus delphis)—150 (an average of 30 annually);

(viii) Pilot whales (Globicephala sp.)—100 (an average of 20 annually);

(ix) Dwarf or pygmy sperm whales (Kogia sp.)—15 (an average of 3 annually);

(x) Beaked whales—100 (an average of 20 annually);

(xi) Minke whales (Balaenoptera acutorostrata)—15 (an average of 3 annually).

(2) Level A Harassment (Injury):

(i) Atlantic spotted dolphin—10 (an average of 2 annually).

(ii) [Reserved]

§ 218.12 Prohibitions.

Notwithstanding takings contemplated in §218.11 and authorized by a Letter of Authorization issued under §216.106 of this chapter and §218.16, no person in connection with the activities described in §218.10 may:

(a) Take any marine mammal not specified in §218.11(c);

(b) Take any marine mammal specified in §218.11(c) other than by incidental take as specified in §218.11(c)(1) and (2);