

The Committee will review statements of work and terms of reference for upcoming assessments and discuss the Committee’s scope and name change.

Council Session II, Thursday, March 5, 3:45 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, March 6, 2026, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Council will receive an update on progress on the Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation from the SEFSC and review the Council’s response to Executive Order 14276 in 2025. The Council will review its workplan, topics for the spring meeting of the Outreach and Communication Advisory Panel, and upcoming meetings for the year. The Council will review reports from the committees that met during the week and discuss any other business as needed.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: February 13, 2026.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF514]

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Courtney Smith, Ph.D. (File No. 26599), Sara Young (File No. 28810), Erin Markin, Ph.D. (File No. 29010), and Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (File No. 29182); 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 had been submitted. 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 Federal Register notice	Issuance date
26599	01	0648–XC426 ..	Florian Graner, Ph.D., Sea-Life Productions, 4021 Beach Drive, Free-land, WA 98249.	87 FR 65040, October 27, 2022.	December 9, 2025.
28810	N/A	0648–XE875 ..	NMFS Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (Responsible Party: Nancy Friday).	90 FR 35284, July 25, 2025.	January 9, 2026.
29010	01	0648–XF251 ..	Caribbean Oceanic Restoration and Education Foundation, 2608 Fish Bay, St. John, VI 00830 (Responsible Party: Rebecca Gibbel, DVM).	90 FR 52357, November 20, 2025.	January 22, 2026.
29182	N/A	0648–XF380 ..	Shayna Orens, Cornell University, 235 Hungerford Hill Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.	90 FR 57952, December 15, 2025.	January 23, 2026.

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 permits 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.

Dated: February 13, 2026.

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Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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