



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
West Coast Region
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May 19, 2020

Mr. Curt Melcher, Director
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Dear Mr. Melcher:

This letter is in response to three letters from Ms. Sheanna Steingass Marine Mammal Program Leader, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), dated May 15, 2020 and May 18, 2020, requesting, with supporting data, that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) amend Appendix 1 of the 2018 Authorization to add four (4) California sea lions to the list of “predatory” sea lions that are authorized for lethal removal under section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Ms. Steingass’s letters provided information collected by ODFW on four individually identifiable California sea lions observed in the vicinity of Willamette Falls. We reviewed the information and concur that these animals meet the criteria outlined in Condition 1 of the Authorization. Accordingly, Appendix 1 has been amended to include these additional California sea lions, and your agency may therefore permanently remove these animals. A copy of Appendix 1 as amended is enclosed.

Newly Identified Predatory Sea Lions

California Sea Lion Identification Number	Number of Days Observed in the Vicinity of Willamette Falls	Year(s)	Minimum Number of Documented Salmonids Consumed
R10	2	2020	N/A
R11	2	2020	N/A
U902	2	2020	N/A
X520	2	2020	N/A

I look forward to our continued cooperation with the states. Please contact Robert Anderson at (503) 231-2226, if you have any questions or comments related to this correspondence.

Sincerely,

For Barry Thom
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Administrative File: 151416WCR2017PR00255

APPENDIX 1 - 2018 MMPA Section 120 Authorization – Willamette Falls - November 14, 2018. Amendment 10, May 19, 2020

PREDATORY CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS AUTHORIZED FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Appendix Date</u>	<u>Appendix Id.</u>	<u>aka</u>	<u>Mark Date</u>	<u>Mark Type</u>	<u>Removal Date</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
162	11/14/2018	C038	B391	4/16/2014	brand		
16	11/14/2018	C257		3/15/2002	brand		
W1	11/14/2018	C942		4/24/2009	brand		
W2	11/14/2018	U190		8/29/2011	brand		
W3	11/14/2018	U449		2/25/2014	brand		
120	11/14/2018	C010	B355	3/31/2011	brand		
W4	11/14/2018	C025		4/23/2013	brand		
158	11/14/2018	C030		4/30/2013	brand		
W5	11/14/2018	U65		5/14/2010	brand		
164	11/14/2018	U68		5/14/2010	brand		
W6	11/14/2018	C997		9/8/2009	brand		
W7	11/14/2018	U110		8/26/2010	brand		
W8	11/14/2018	U163		5/18/2011	brand		
W9	11/14/2018	U322		3/24/2013	brand		
W10	11/14/2018	U78		5/16/2010	brand		
W11	11/14/2018	1-68		5/19/2015	brand		
W12	11/14/2018	1-69		5/19/2015	brand		
W13	11/14/2018	U117		8/26/2010	brand		
W14	11/14/2018	U404		5/22/2013	brand		
W15	11/14/2018	X139		9/22/2015	brand		
W16	11/14/2018	1-07		4/22/2015	brand	4/25/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
268	11/14/2018	1-37		5/14/2015	brand	4/23/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W17	11/14/2018	1-63		5/19/2015	brand	2/20/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W18	11/14/2018	1-64		5/19/2015	brand	4/5/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W19	11/14/2018	1-78		5/19/2015	brand	4/23/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W20	11/14/2018	1-82		5/19/2015	brand	4/24/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W21	11/14/2018	1-89		5/3/2016	brand	1/9/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W22	11/14/2018	2-27		5/17/2016	brand	3/6/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W23	11/14/2018	2-50		5/10/2017	brand	4/24/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
335	11/14/2018	2-51		5/11/2017	brand	5/8/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
190	11/14/2018	C057		4/7/2015	brand	3/13/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W24	11/14/2018	C064		4/8/2015	brand		
W25	11/14/2018	C099		4/22/2015	brand	4/25/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W26	11/14/2018	C742		9/24/2007	brand		
W27	11/14/2018	C885		9/29/2008	brand		
W28	11/14/2018	FT-8-0		2/13/2018	flipper_tag_only		
W29	11/14/2018	FT-8-1		2/27/2018	flipper_tag_only	3/6/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W30	11/14/2018	FT-8-2		3/8/2018	flipper_tag_only	2/20/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W31	11/14/2018	FT-8-3		3/14/2018	flipper_tag_only	2/20/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W32	11/14/2018	R03		NA	natural	12/20/2018	Killed by injection - no facility
W33	11/14/2018	U111		8/26/2010	brand		
W34	11/14/2018	U221		5/18/2012	brand	3/22/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W35	11/14/2018	U253		8/21/2012	brand		
W36	11/14/2018	U278		9/11/2012	brand	12/12/2018	Killed by injection - no facility
W37	11/14/2018	U642		8/27/2014	brand	5/1/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W38	11/14/2018	U727		2/18/2015	brand		
W39	11/14/2018	U835		3/11/2015	brand	6/17/2019	Killed MMPA § 109(h) operations
W40	11/14/2018	U942		8/12/2015	brand		
W41	11/14/2018	U971		8/24/2015	brand	1/15/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W42	11/14/2018	X297		2/29/2016	brand	3/22/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W43	11/14/2018	X551		8/15/2016	brand	12/12/2018	Killed by injection - no facility
W44	11/14/2018	X668		9/9/2016	brand	4/25/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W45	11/14/2018	X980		6/2/2017	brand		
W46	2/25/2019	R04			natural	4/5/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W47	4/1/2019	FT 8-4		3/28/2019	flipper_tag_only	4/5/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W48	4/1/2019	FT 8-5		3/28/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/7/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W49	4/1/2019	FT 8-7		3/28/2019	flipper_tag_only	4/5/2019	Killed by injection - no facility

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W50	4/23/2019	FT 8-6		4/3/2019	flipper_tag_only		
W51	4/23/2019	FT 8-8		4/3/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/14/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W52	4/29/2019	X53		9/2/2015	brand		
W53	4/29/2019	FT 8-9		4/23/2019	flipper_tag_only	4/30/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W54	4/29/2019	FT 8-10		4/25/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/7/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W55	4/29/2019	FT 8-11		4/25/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/2/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W56	4/29/2019	R05			natural		
W57	5/3/2019	FT 8-12		4/29/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/8/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W58	5/10/2019	FT 8-13		5/7/2019	flipper_tag_only	5/14/2019	Killed by injection - no facility
W59	5/10/2019	R06			natural		
W60	5/10/2019	R07			natural		
W61	5/20/2019	FT 8-14		5/13/2019	flipper_tag_only		
W62	5/20/2019	FT 8-15		5/15/2019	flipper_tag_only		
W63	5/29/2019	FT 8-16		5/15/2019	flipper_tag_only		
W64	4/13/2020	R08			natural		
W65	5/19/2020	R10			natural		
W66	5/19/2020	R11			natural		
W67	5/19/2020	U902		3/18/2015	brand		
W68	5/19/2020	X520		5/27/2016	brand		

NOTES:

Serial numbers in red = predatory CSL that are also on the states' Bonneville Dam MMPA Section 120 Authorization.

Appendix 1, "Predatory California Sea Lions Authorized For Immediate Removal" was compiled by the National Marine Fisheries Service as informed by Bryan Wright, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Serial Number = A tally of the California sea lions authorized for removal.

Appendix Date = The issuance date of the Appendix 1 list that first included this animal.

Appendix Id. = The unique alpha-numeric brand number or identification code assigned to this animal when first listed.

aka = Other known identification codes or brands applicable to this animal.

Mark Date = The date a unique alpha-numeric brand or other identifying feature was applied to this animal.

Removal Date = The date the animal was permanently removed (killed, transferred to captivity, found dead).

Note (1): Appendix 1, Amendment 6, issued on May 10, 2019, had the incorrect Appendix ID for Serial Number W57. The correct Appendix ID for Serial Number W57 is FT 8-12, not FT-12. This error was typographical.