



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
 West Coast Region
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February 25, 2019

Mr. Curt Melcher, Director
 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Dear Mr. Melcher:

This letter is in response to a letter from Ms. Sheanna Steingass Marine Mammal Program Leader, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), dated February 21, 2019, requesting, with supporting data, that the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) amend Appendix 1 of the 2018 Authorization to add one California sea lion 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 letter provided information collected by ODFW on one individually identifiable California sea lion 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 this additional California sea lion, and your agency may therefore permanently remove this animal. 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 |
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| R04 | 4 | 2019 | 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,

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 Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Administrative File: 151416WCR2017PR00255

APPENDIX 1 - 2018 MMPA Section 120 Authorization – Willamette Falls - November 14, 2018. Amendment 1, February 25, 2019

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> |
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| 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 | | |
| 268 | 11/14/2018 | 1-37 | | 5/14/2015 | brand | | |
| 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 | | |
| W19 | 11/14/2018 | 1-78 | | 5/19/2015 | brand | | |
| W20 | 11/14/2018 | 1-82 | | 5/19/2015 | brand | | |
| 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 | | |
| W23 | 11/14/2018 | 2-50 | | 5/10/2017 | brand | | |
| 335 | 11/14/2018 | 2-51 | | 5/11/2017 | brand | | |
| 190 | 11/14/2018 | C057 | | 4/7/2015 | brand | | |
| W24 | 11/14/2018 | C064 | | 4/8/2015 | brand | | |
| W25 | 11/14/2018 | C099 | | 4/22/2015 | brand | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| W38 | 11/14/2018 | U727 | | 2/18/2015 | brand | | |
| W39 | 11/14/2018 | U835 | | 3/11/2015 | brand | | |
| 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 | | |
| 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 | | |
| W45 | 11/14/2018 | X980 | | 6/2/2017 | brand | | |
| W46 | 2/25/2019 | R04 | | | natural | | |

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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).