

Issued and signed MBNMS Permits, Amendments and Authorizations (3/30/2022 to 5/31/2022)

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

MBNMS-2022-009

Permit Type: Authorization

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): Dan Carl (California Coastal Commission) and Danielle Uharriet (City of Capitola)

Authorized Activity Description: Authorization of California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit 3-09-041 for the City of Capitola's Soquel Creek management activities.

Authorized Activity Location: Alteration of the submerged lands of the sanctuary and discharge into the sanctuary

Authorization issued: May 20, 2022

MBNMS-2017-037-A2

Permit Type: Research

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): Jamie MacMahan and Mara Orescanin (Naval Postgraduate School)

Project Title: Nearshore Processes: Cross-shore Exchange and Graduate Student Education

Project Location(s): The permitted activities are allowed in MBNMS between Santa Cruz and Carmel River Beach.

Permitted Activity: Discharge and recovery of buoys, autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), moorings, and GPS-tracking drifters; Discharge of dye and epoxy; Alteration of the submerged lands of the sanctuary for sediment collections and quadrat bolts; Placement on the submerged lands of the sanctuary for bottom-mounted frames, towers, and anchors for moorings; and Operation of motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) outside the MBNMS designated MPWC operating zones.

Permitted dates: May 10, 2022 through September 30, 2023

Comments/Notes: Amended to extend the valid dates of the permit, updated permitted activities and relevant special terms and conditions to incorporate equipment (e.g. moorings, bottom mounted frames, and buoys) deployments for the Coastal Land-Air-Sea Interaction (CLASI) and Rocky Shores Experiments and Simulations (ROXSI) projects.

MBNMS-2021-037

Permit Type: Authorization

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): Matthew Keeling (Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board) and Charlie Grace (San Simeon Community Services District)

Authorized Activity Description: authorization of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit CA0047961 for the waste discharge requirements from San Simeon Wastewater Treatment Plant under Order No. R3-2022-0003.

Authorized Activity Location: discharging 0.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated wastewater

Authorization issued: May 11, 2022

MULTI-2022-002

Permit Type: Research

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): Phillip Capitolo (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Project Title: Aerial Photographic Surveys of Breeding Colonies of Surface-Nesting Seabirds in Coastal California

Project Location(s): The map shown in Attachment 1 (entitled “historic seabird breeding colonies - 2017”) shows the major seabird breeding colonies within GFNMS and MBNMS that will be surveyed. In the CINMS, each of the northern Channel Islands will be surveyed.

Permitted Activity: The applicant is authorized to conduct low overflights less than 1,000 feet above ground level (AGL) to observe common murre and cormorant nesting colonies in GFNMS, MBNMS, and CINMS (See special conditions for further restrictions). Low overflights shall only be conducted using a twin-engine, high-wing Partenavia aircraft or Aspen Helicopters.

Permitted dates: May 5, 2022 to December 31, 2027

Comments/Notes: GFNMS lead (Max)

MBNMS-2021-018

Permit Type: Authorization

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): John Ainsworth of California Coastal Commission (CCC), Matthew Keeling of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) and Clement Chen III of Pacific Hotel management, LLC

Project Title: authorization for the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) Waiver 3-21-0175-W and Water Quality Certification No. 32721WQ03 to repair the footing of pre-existing columns below the InterContinental The Clement Monterey Hotel

Project Location(s): 750 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA

Permitted Activity: ONMS is authorizing the CDP Waiver and Water Quality Certification for alteration of the submerged lands of MBNMS to repair of the concrete footing of the damaged concrete piling within MBNMS jurisdiction (the other five pilings in need of repair are outside MBNMS)

Comments/Notes: MBNMS staff also reviewed the Biological Assessment (BA; dated October 2021) and letters of concurrence from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

MBNMS-2021-035

Permit Type: Education

Permit Holder Name (Affiliation): Edward Charles and Justin Hofman (Silverback Films)

Project Title: Low overflight activities conducted in Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary under National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) permit issued to Silverback Films for the project “Our Planet on the Move.”

Project Location(s): within the NOAA regulated overflight zone (NROZ) offshore Big Sur at sites between the Rocky Creek Bridge turnout and Gamboa Point

Permitted Activity: Flying Uncrewed Aircraft Systems (UAS) during approximately 10 days at no less than 66 feet Above Sea Level (ASL) within the NOAA regulated overflight zone offshore Big Sur to film migrating gray whales, and other marine mammals, in MBNMS as authorized by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) permit No. 25417.

Permitted dates: April 5, 2022 to May 31, 2022

Comments/Notes: Silverback Films (Eleanor de Cent) received a California Sea Otter Game Refuge Flyover Authorization with conditions dated March 8, 2022.

If you are interested in learning more about a specific permit, amendment or authorization action, please contact:

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