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Offshore Geophysical Permit #W6005169

Statewide Geophysical Survey Coordinator  
California State Lands Commission  
Mineral Resources Management Division  
200 Oceangate, 12th Floor  
Long Beach, CA, 90802-4331

**Subject: Proposed Geophysical Survey Offshore of County Line Beach to Point Dume to , CA.**

Dear Statewide Geophysical Survey Coordinator:

Attached are the pre-survey requirement notices and information for surveys extending nearshore from County Line Beach to Point Dume. The acoustic survey will be performed using hull mounted interferometric sidescan sonar and CAATI sidescan sonar operating at 468 kHz and 450 kHz, respectively. An ROV and video cameras are also to be employed for groundtruthing. The purpose of this survey is to map the very shallow nearshore habitats from -50 feet MLLW to the back of the surf zone over repeated semiannual events for purposes of completing change analyses.

Figure 1 shows the location of the survey area. The survey will occur within the nearshore environment extending both within and to the immediate west of the Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA). The survey area extends to near the westerly boundary of the Point Dume State Marine Reserve (SMR). Work is being conducted under CDFW Scientific Collectors Permit No. 4019 that authorizes acoustic and ROV survey within marine protected areas.

Surveys will be completed by running shore parallel tracklines outward from the surf zone to -50 feet MLLW. Surveys will generally be spaced at 25-meter intervals providing for full nadir gap overlap between adjacent survey swaths. Existing obstacles of exposed and shallow rock outcrops, and dense kelp will affect the alignment of survey tracks. As such, only the survey reach bounding box coordinates are known at this time. These are provided in Table 1. Following completion of the acoustic survey, ROV and video groundtruthing will be performed to verify and assess accuracy of habitat mapping. This work will be performed at randomly selected points within the surveyed reach.

Surveys will be completed from sunrise to sunset on each survey day. The work will be completed from a 22-foot Ocean King Weldcraft aluminum survey vessels fitted with 4-stroke gas powered outboard engines and a gasoline generator.

The target dates for survey operations will occur between October 31 and November 30, with work requiring approximately 6 days to complete surveys. Because surveys are nearshore, high tides and low swell conditions are desired for safe completion of work. As such, surveys will be completed opportunistically over the survey window.

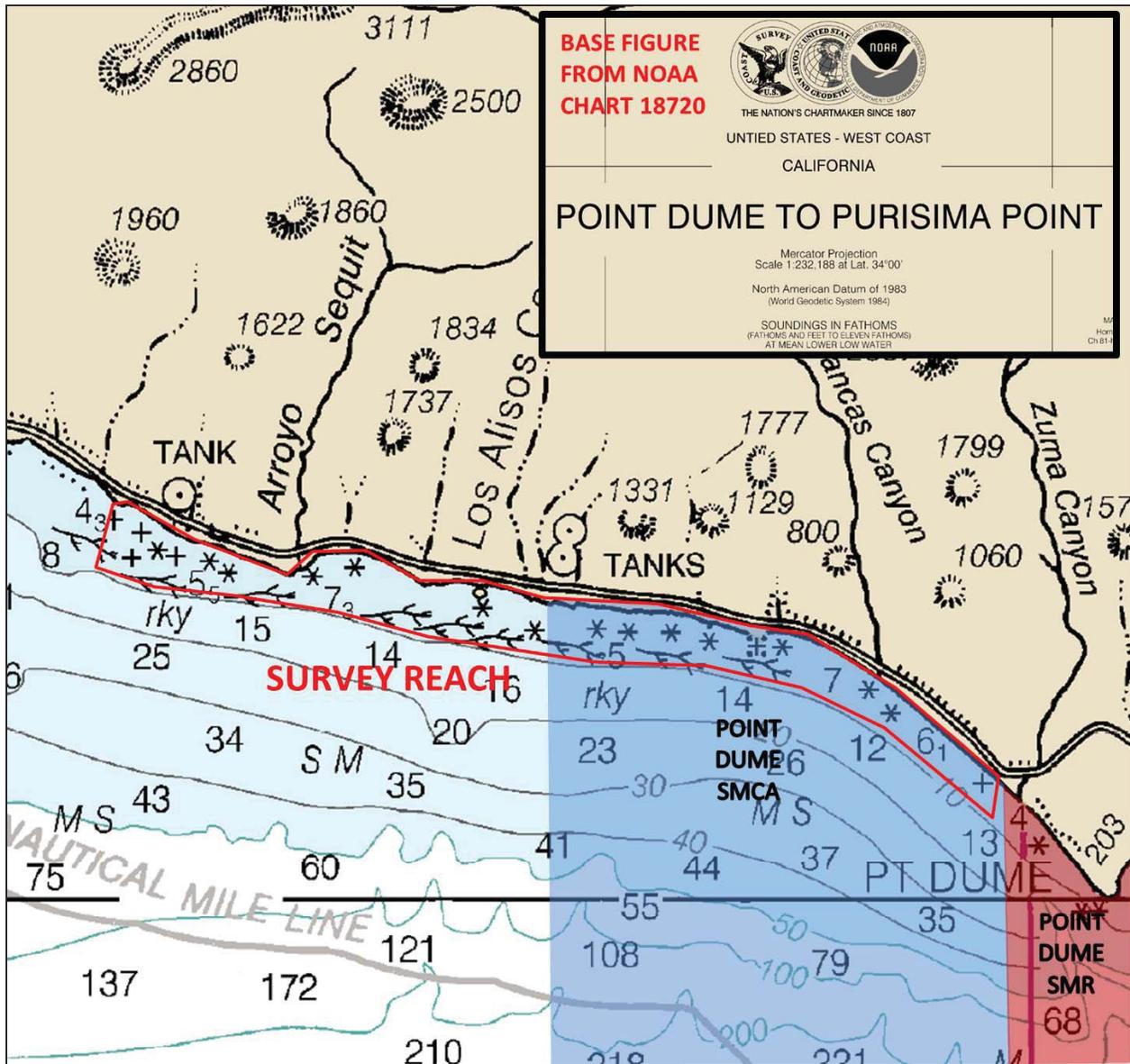


Figure 1. Survey Reach on NOAA Chart 18720 Point Dume to Purisima Point.

Table 1. West and east bounding coordinates for shore parallel surveys extending from -50 feet MLLW to the surf zone.

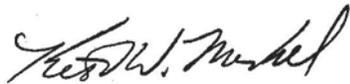
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34° 2.799'N	118° 58.052'W	34° 0.650'N	118° 49.431'W

Enclosed in this notification you will find: 1) Exhibit G Notice Requirements for Permittees, 2) Exhibit F Pre-survey Notification Form, 3) U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, 4) Harbormaster and Dive Shop Notification, 5) Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan (which covers the MM BIO 1-9 specifications listed in Exhibit H), 6) the Oil Spill Contingency Plan (which covers the MM HAZ-1 –3 specifications listed in Exhibit H), 7) Verification of Equipment Services and/or Maintenance, and 8) SCP 4019.

Vessel and onboard generator engines are gasoline engines and exempt from Exhibit C requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Keith W. Merkel  
Principal Ecologist

Attachments (Electronic):

- a. Exhibit G - Notice Requirements
- b. Exhibit F - Pre-survey Notification Form
- c. USCG Local Notice to Mariners
- d. Harbormaster and Dive Shop Notification
- e. Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan
- f. Oil Spill Contingency Plan
- g. Equipment Verification
- h. SCP 4019

**EXHIBIT G**

**California State Lands Commission Presurvey Notice Requirements for Permittees to Conduct Geophysical Survey Activities**

All parts of the Presurvey Notice must be adequately filled out and submitted to the CSLC staff a minimum of twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the proposed survey date to ensure adequate review and approval time for CSLC staff. Note that one or more of the items may require the Permittee to plan well in advance in order to obtain the necessary documentation prior to the Notice due date (e.g., permits from other State or Federal entities).

Please use the boxes below to verify that all the required documents are included in the Presurvey Notice. If "No" is checked for any item, please provide an explanation in the space provided. If additional space is needed, please attach separate pages.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geophysical Survey Permit Exhibit F
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey Location (including a full-sized navigation chart and GPS coordinates for each proposed track line and turning point) Explanation: <u>Because the survey is built off of the surf zone and geologic obstructions are common in the surf zone, pre-set track lines are not possible.</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Permit(s) or Authorization from other Federal or State agencies (if applicable) Explanation: <u>None required</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21-Day Written Notice of Survey Operations to Statewide Geophysical Coordinator/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Harbormaster and Dive Shop Notifications Explanation: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan Explanation: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oil Spill Contingency Plan Explanation: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Verification of California Air Resources Board's Tier 2-Certified Engine Requirement Explanation: <u>Gasoline engines exempt</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification of Equipment Service and/or Maintenance (must verify sound output) Explanation: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit(s) or Authorization from California Department of Fish and Wildlife for surveys in or affecting Marine Protected Area(s) (if applicable) Explanation: <u>CDFW SCP 4019</u>

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NOTE: CSLC staff will also require verification that current biological information was obtained and transmitted as outlined in Section 5 of this permit.

## EXHIBIT F

### PRE-SURVEY NOTIFICATION FORM

Applicant/Permittee's Mailing Address

Merkel & Associates, Inc.

5434 Ruffin Road

San Diego, CA 92123

Date: 10/10/2016

Jurisdiction: Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State X Both \_\_\_\_\_

If State: Permit #PRC: W6005.169

Region: I/II

Area: County Line Beach-Pt Dume

### GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY PERMIT

Check one: X New survey \_\_\_\_\_ Time extension of a previous survey

Merkel & Associates, Inc. (Applicant/Permittee) will conduct a geophysical survey offshore California in the survey area outlined on the accompanying navigation chart segment. If you foresee potential interference with commercial fishing or other activities, please contact the person(s) listed below:

#### FEDERAL WATERS (outside 3 nautical miles)

- 1) Applicant's representative
- 2) Federal representative (e.g., Bureau of Ocean Energy Management [BOEM] or National Science Foundation [NSF])

NOTE: Any comments regarding potential conflicts in Federal waters must be received by the Applicant's Representative and lead Federal agency within ten (10) days of the receipt of this notice.

#### STATE WATERS (Inside 3 nautical miles)

- 1) Permittee's representative
- 2) CSLC representative

NOTE: Any comments regarding potential conflicts in State waters should be received as soon as possible by the Permittee's representative, no more than fifteen (15) days after the receipt of this notice.

1. Expected Date of Operation October 31 – November 30, 2016 (6 days)
2. Hours of Operation: 0700-1800
3. Vessel Name: Ocean King Survey
4. Vessel Official Number: CF 3862 UC
5. Vessel Radio Call Sign: N/A
6. Vessel Captain's Name: Jordan Volker
7. Vessel will monitor Radio Channel(s): 16
8. Vessel Navigation System: RTK GPS

9. Equipment to be used: Interferometric Sidescan Sonar / CAATI Sidescan Sonar / ROV
- a. Frequency (Hz, kHz) 468 kHz / 450 kHz / N/A
  - b. Source level (dB re 1  $\mu$ Pa at 1 meter (m) [root mean square (rms)]) 187 / 171 / N/A
  - c. Number of beams, across track beamwidth, and along track beamwidth 2 / 2 / N/A
  - d. Pulse rate and length 4.3 – 250 MS / 33 MS / N/A
  - e. Rise time N/A / N/A / N/A
  - f. Estimated distances to the 190 dB, re 1  $\mu$ Pa (rms) isopleths 0.6 m / 0.1 m / N/A  
 Estimated distances to the 180 dB, re 1  $\mu$ Pa (rms) isopleths 2.9 m / 0.3 m / N/A  
 Estimated distances to the 160 dB, re 1  $\mu$ Pa (rms) isopleths 63 m / 11 m / N/A
  - g. Deployment depth 0.5 m / 0.5 m / 0-50 feet
  - h. Tow speed 2-5 knots / 2-5 knots / N/A
  - i. Approximate length of cable tow N/A Hull mount / N/A Hull mount / N/A

Applicant's Representative:  
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BOEM Representative  
 Joan Barminski  
 Regional Supervisor  
 Office of Strategic Resources  
 770 Paseo Camarillo  
 Camarillo, CA 93010  
 (805) 389-7585

Other Federal Representative (if not BOEM)  
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## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

## Keith Merkel

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**From:** Keith Merkel  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 8:14 AM  
**To:** 'D111LNM@USCG.MIL'  
**Subject:** RE: LNM Request for Hydrographic Survey  
**Attachments:** MerkelAssoc\_PreSurveyNotification\_October2016.pdf

Request for Notice to Mariners,

Nearshore waters from County Line Beach, Ventura Co. to Point Dume, Los Angeles, Co. Merkel & Associates will be conducting sidescan sonar and ROV surveys in waters from -50 ft MLLW to the surf zone (extending approximately 700 meters from shore) Surveys will be conducted from October 31 through November 30. Work will be conducted from two small survey vessels a 22-foot Weldcraft Ocean King (CF3862 UC). [The survey vessel](#) will be traveling a slow speeds parallel to shore with limited mobility. [Project vessels](#) will be monitoring VHF Ch. 16. For questions contact Keith Merkel (858) 560-5465. Chart 18720.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,  
Keith Merkel  
Merkel & Associates, Inc.  
(858) 560-5465

## Notice of Hydrographic Survey Operations

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
 COMMANDER, 11<sup>th</sup> COAST GUARD DISTRICT  
 Building 50-2 Coast Guard Island  
 Alameda, CA 94501-5100  
 LNM Point of Contact  
 BM1 John Hinson: 510-437-2980  
[D11LNM@uscg.mil](mailto:D11LNM@uscg.mil)

<b>Contractor:</b>	Merkel & Associates, Inc.
<b>Type of Survey Operation:</b>	Side Scan Sonar Survey/ ROV Survey
<b>Location / Position Information:</b>	Nearshore County Line Beach, Ventura Co. to west Point Dume, Los Angeles Co., California (see attached coordinates and map)
<b>Survey Dates:</b>	October 31 – November 30, 2016
<b>Vessels for Survey:</b>	22-foot Weldcraft Ocean King (CF3862 UC)
<b>Radio VHF Frequency Monitored:</b>	VHF 16
<b>Additional Information:</b>	Acoustic equipment is hull mounted and not towed. Vessel will be running shore parallel tracklines in waters -50 feet to the surf zone.
<b>POC for Surveys:</b>	Keith Merkel (858) 560-5465
<b>Chart Number:</b>	18720

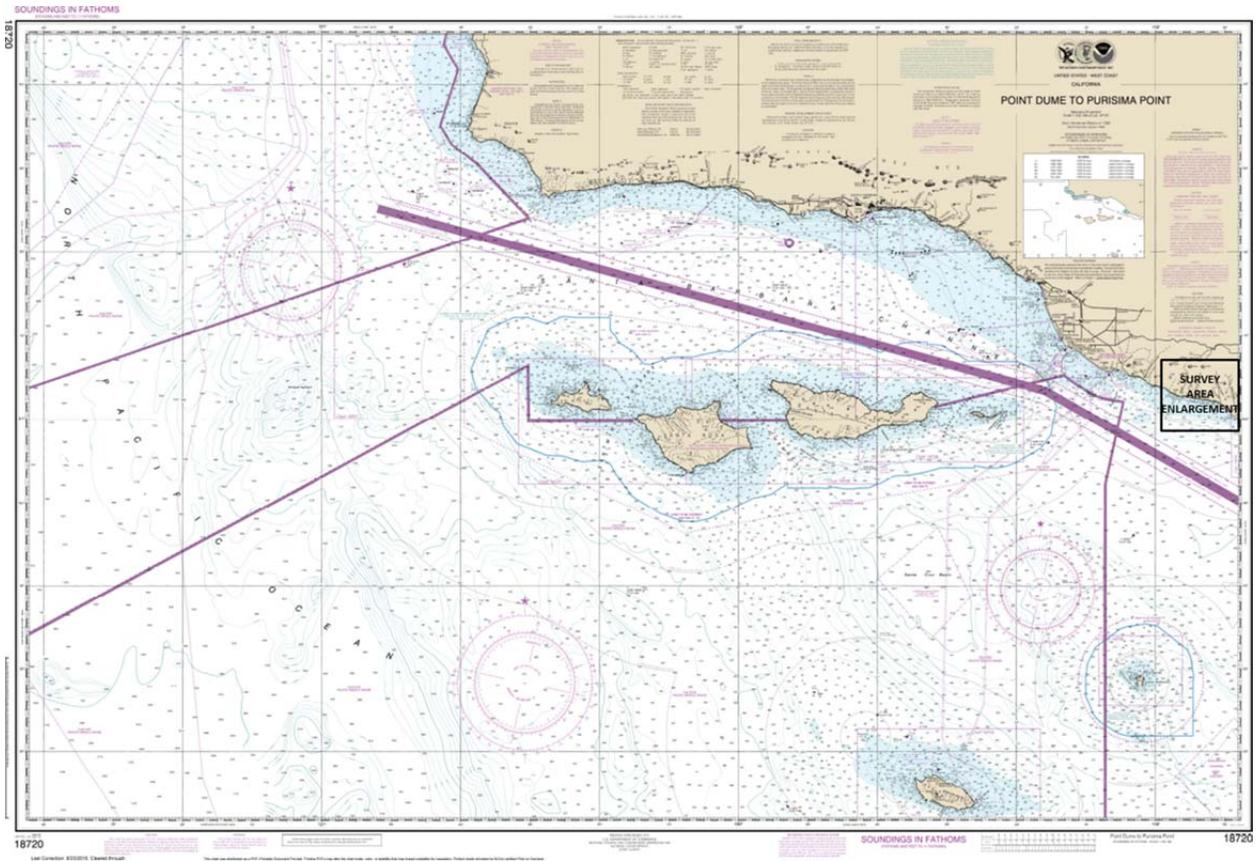
**Notice of survey activities:**

Merkel & Associates will be conducting a nearshore survey along the shoreline from west of Point Dume, Los Angeles County to County Line Beach, Ventura County as part of a long-term repetitive survey effort to evaluate habitat change within this segment of shoreline. Survey work will be completed from October 31 to November 30 and will require approximately 6 field days of survey. Work will be conducted from a small survey vessel navigating shore parallel tracklines at speeds from 2 to 6 knots.

Surveys will be conducted between the following west and east bounding coordinates for shore parallel surveys extending from -50 feet MLLW to the surf zone (see chart below).

Westerly Survey Limits		Easterly Survey Limits	
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The survey vessel will have limited maneuverability during operations and mariners are advised to use due caution when transiting in the area.





## HARBOR MASTER and DIVE SHOP NOTIFICATIONS

## Keith Merkel

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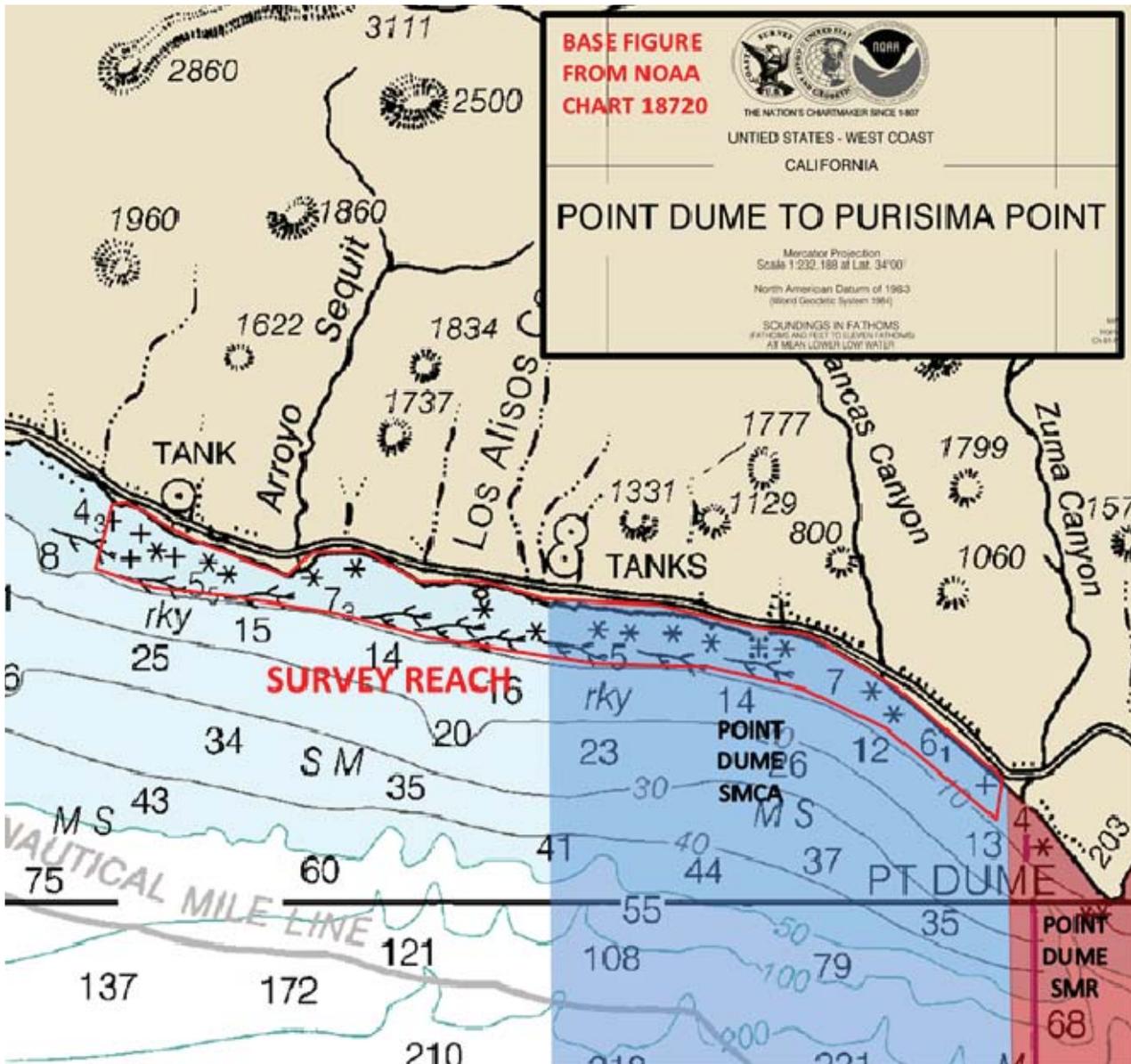
**From:** Keith Merkel  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 12:48 PM  
**To:** 'MDR Harbormaster'; 'CIH Harbormaster'  
**Subject:** Notification of nearshore marine geophysical survey work between Point Dume and County Line Beach (October 31-November 30)

Harbormasters,

This email is to notify you of upcoming marine survey work to be conducted by Merkel & Associates along the coast from the surf zone out to -50 feet MLLW extending along the shore from west of Point Dume, LA County to County Line Beach, Ventura Co.

**Table 1. West and east bounding coordinates for shore parallel surveys extending from -50 feet MLLW to the surf zone.**

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This work will consist of sidescan sonar and ROV surveys being conducted from a 22-foot survey vessel. Work will be completed over approximately 6 survey days between October 31 and November 30, 2016 and is part of a multi-year survey program to investigate changes in nearshore habitats over time in order to understand natural and anthropogenic influences on the nearshore rocky and soft bottom habitats. The survey vessel will travel in shore parallel tracklines to collect information on bottom conditions. Please post this information for your patron.

Thank you much for your assistance,

Keith Merkel  
Principal Ecologist

## Keith Merkel

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**From:** Keith Merkel  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 7:18 AM  
**To:** 'VDSstaff@VenturaDive.com'; 'staff@raptordive.com'; 'info@pacificscubadivers.com'; 'info@catalinadiverssupply.com'; 'dive@ScubaDiveLA.com'; 'rocky@scubahaus.com'  
**Cc:** Kathy Rogers  
**Subject:** Notification of nearshore marine geophysical survey work between Point Dume and County Line Beach (October 31-November 30)

Regional Dive Shops and Charters,

This email is to notify you of upcoming marine survey work to be conducted by Merkel & Associates along the coast from the surf zone out to -50 feet MLLW extending along the shore from west of Point Dume, LA County to County Line Beach, Ventura Co.

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**COUNTY LINE TO POINT DUME NEARSHORE HABITAT MAPPING**

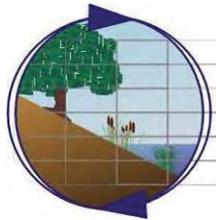
**MARINE WILDLIFE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**OFFSHORE GEOPHYSICAL PERMIT W6005.169**

**October 2016**

Submitted To:  
California State Lands Commission Mineral  
Resources Management Division 200  
Oceangate, 12th Floor  
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Submitted by:  
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## COUNTY LINE TO POINT DUME NEARSHORE HABITAT MAPPING MARINE WILDLIFE CONTINGENCY PLAN

*Merkel and Associates, Inc.  
September 2016*

### PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY

Merkel & Associates is undertaking a series of field mapping efforts to document nearshore hard and soft bottom habitats from -50 feet MLLW to the surf zone at sites along the shore between west Point Dume and County Line Beach. The surveys will be performed semiannually in spring and fall for approximately 11 years to examine habitat changes through time. Figure 1 shows the location of the survey area.

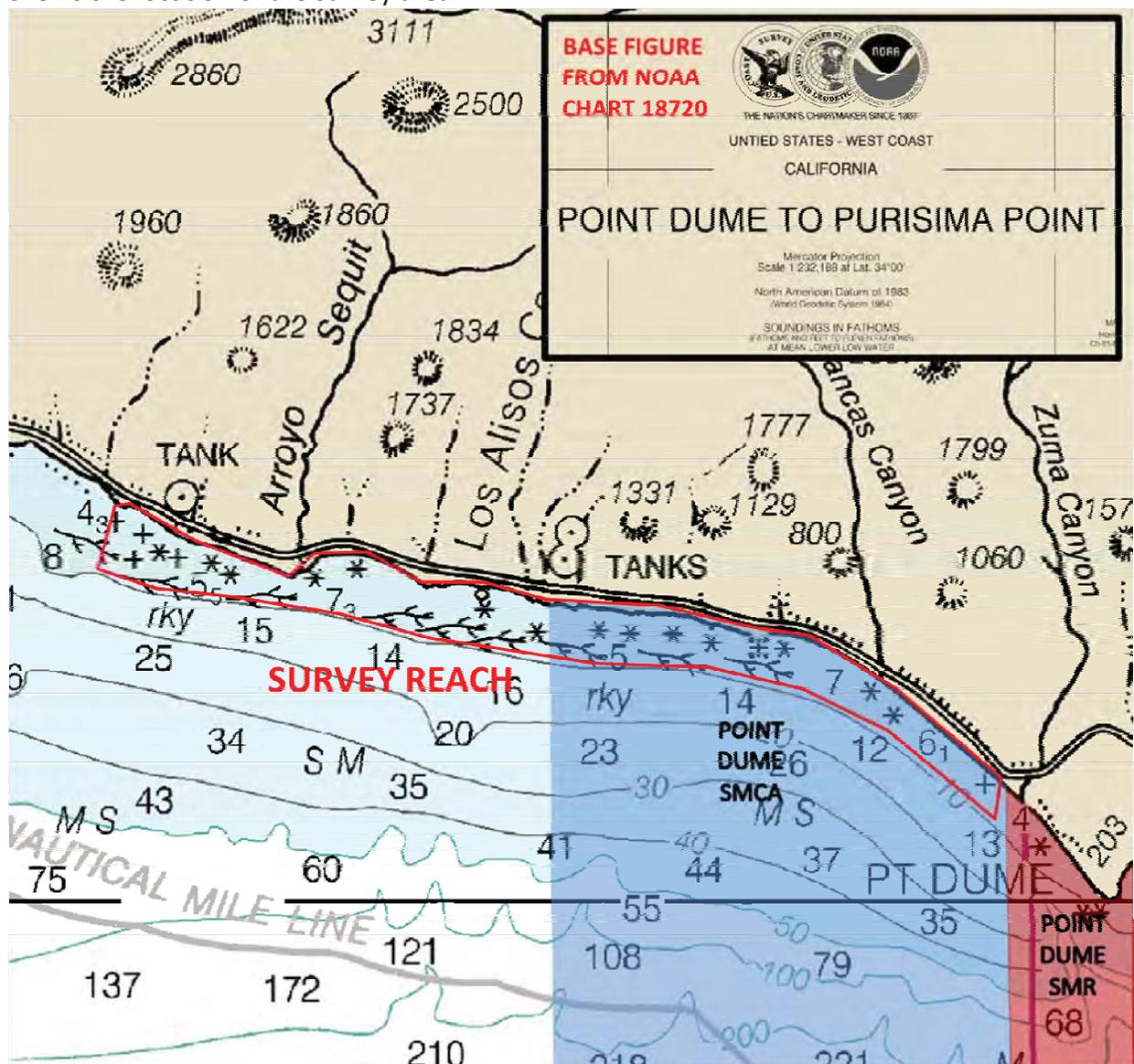


Figure 1. Project survey reach for nearshore habitat mapping

## GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY EQUIPMENT

Equipment to be used includes two hull mounted sidescan sonar systems; interferometric sidescan sonar operating at 468 kHz and a CAATI sidescan sonar system operating at 450 kHz. In addition, surveys will utilize remotely operated vehicle (ROV) and video for ground-truthing of the acoustic survey data. Information on the equipment and acoustic pressures produced is provided in Table 1.

**Table 1. Survey equipment has the following operational parameters**

Equipment	Frequency	Sound (dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa at 1m)	Distance to 190/180/and 160 dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa at 1m isopleth (meters)
SEA SWATHplus-H Interferometric Sidescan Sonar	468 kHz	187 dB rms	0.6 m / 2.9 m /63 m
Ping DSP 3D CAATI Sidescan Sonar	450 kHz	171 dB rms	0.1 m / 0.3 m /11 m
Seabotix LBV 150	NA	NA	NA

Surveys will be completed by navigating shore parallel tracklines with nominal swath coverage of 35 meters to port and starboard of the vessel. Survey tracks will be spaced at 25 meters to provide full coverage of the nadir gap for prior swaths. The survey vessel will travel at 2-6 knots depending upon the specific conditions in the survey area (e.g., water depth, obstructions). For ROV ground-truthing, the vessel will be stationary, or moving at speeds up to 1 knot.

## MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

The survey will occur within the nearshore environment extending both within and to the immediate west of the Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA). The survey area extends to approximately the westerly boundary of the Point Dume State Marine Reserve (SMR). Work within the MPAs is being conducted under CDFW Scientific Collectors Permit No. 4019 authorizing acoustic and ROV survey within marine protected areas. This permit requires additional CDFW notification and annual reporting to be handled separate from this notification format.

## MARINE WILDLIFE IN CALIFORNIA WATERS

The survey area is typically within 700 meters of shore and does not see high use by larger cetaceans. Species that may be encountered include gray whale, multiple species of porpoise and dolphin, and pinnipeds including California sea lion and Pacific harbor seal. Elephant seal may also be encountered in the area. Four species of sea turtle could occur in the study reach as rare encounters. While only a few species would be expected to be encountered, it is not possible to fully rule out encounters with any of the species of marine mammals and reptiles present in California waters. Of the sensitive marine reptiles and mammals in California waters, only a few have a high likelihood of encounter within the shallow nearshore survey area,

although some species may be observed in the vicinity of the work especially when transiting to and from port further from shore. Table 2 summarizes these species and their status.

**Table 2. Marine wildlife in California and potential to be encountered in survey area**

Species	Status	Season in Area	Likelihood of Encounter
<b>REPTILES</b>			
Olive Ridley turtle (T) <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Stable	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Green turtle (T) <i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Stable	Jul- Sep	Very Low
Loggerhead turtle (T) <i>Caretta caretta</i>	Decreasing	Jul-Sep	Not expected
Leatherback turtle (E) <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Decreasing	Jul-Sep	Not expected
<b>MAMMALS</b>			
California gray whale <i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>	Fluctuating annually	Feb-May northern migration	Very Low in Fall/ Mod. in Spring
Fin whale (E) <i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Increasing off California	May-Nov uncommon other times offshore	Low
Humpback whale (E) <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Increasing	May-Nov offshore	Low
Blue whale (E) <i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Unable to determine	May-Nov offshore and nearshore	Low
Minke whale <i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Jan-Dec	Low
Northern right whale (E) <i>Eubalaena japonica</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Oct-Feb	Very Low
Sei whale (E) <i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons offshore	Not expected
Dall's porpoise <i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>	Unable to determine	Dec-May uncommon other times	Low
Harbor porpoise <i>Phocoena phocoena</i>	Increasing	Widely distributed all seasons	Very Low
Short-beaked common dolphin <i>Delphinus delphis</i>	Unable to determine	Dec-Jun uncommon other times	Low
Long-beaked common dolphin <i>Delphinus capensis</i>	Unable to determine	Dec-Jun uncommon other times	Likely
Pacific white-sided dolphin <i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Apr-Sep uncommon other times	Low
Risso's dolphin <i>Grampus griseus</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Year-round	Very Low
Short-finned pilot whale <i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Striped dolphin <i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons offshore	Very Low
Baird's beaked whale <i>Berardius bairdii</i>	No long-term	Widely distributed all	Not expected

	trends suggested	seasons	
Cuvier's beaked whale <i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Mesoplodont beaked whales	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Bottlenose dolphin <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Common year-round	Very Low
Northern right whale dolphin <i>Lissodelphis borealis</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed Dec-May	Very Low
Sperm whale (E) <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons far offshore	Not expected
Dwarf sperm whale <i>Kogia sima</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Pygmy sperm whale <i>Kogia breviceps</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Widely distributed all seasons	Not expected
Killer whale <i>Orcinus orca</i>	No long-term trends suggested	Mar-May uncommon other times	Very Low
California sea lion <i>Zalophus californianus</i>	Increasing	Common year-round	Likely
Northern fur seal <i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>	Increasing	Nov-Jan widely distributed all seasons	Low
Guadalupe fur seal <i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i>	Increasing	Widely distributed all seasons	Very Low
Northern elephant seal <i>Mirounga angustirostris</i>	Increasing	Dec-Apr uncommon other times	Low
Pacific harbor seal <i>Phoca vitulina richardsi</i>	Stable	Common year-round	Low
Northern sea lion <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>	Decreasing	Widely distributed all seasons	Very Low
<b>Fissipedia</b>			
Southern sea otter (T) <i>Enhydra lutris nereis</i>	Unable to determine	Small pockets not known in the area	Not expected

(E) Federally listed endangered species

(T) Federally listed threatened species

## MARINE WILDLIFE MONITORING AND MITIGATION MEASURES

### **Current Biological Information**

M&A contacted NOAA Fisheries Long Beach office and spoke with Dan Lawson regarding the status of marine mammals and turtles offshore with particular attention to any anomalous distribution patterns. High incidents of turtle encounters, mortalities, and stranding were reported; however, it is not known why this is occurring, but is likely related to last year's warm water expanding the numbers of tropical and subtropical turtles further north than is normal. Three days prior to initiation of survey activities, M&A will contact the NOAA Long Beach office staff again to acquire information on the current composition and relative abundance of marine

wildlife offshore. Prior to departure, this data will be provided to the vessel operator and crew, including the Marine Wildlife Monitor.

### ***Marine Wildlife Monitors***

As the equipment used for this survey will be operating at frequencies  $\geq 200\text{kHz}$ , only one Marine Wildlife Monitor (MWM) will be required to be on board for this survey. The MWM will be responsible for the visual monitoring of marine wildlife during all transit and data collection activities. The MWM will monitor from the highest practical vantage point on the survey vessel and will use binoculars, as appropriate. The MWM will have the authority to:

- Stop operations if a mammal or turtle is observed within the specified safety zone and may be negatively affected by survey activities
- Recommend continuation (or cessation) of operations during period of limited visibility (i.e. fog, rain) based on the observed abundance of marine wildlife
- Recommend that equipment be shut down if an animal's actions are observed to be irregular during operations

The resume for the MWM to be used for this project is included in Appendix A.

### ***Vessel Transit***

The survey vessel will transit from Channel Islands Harbor or Marina del Rey to the survey area and return after each day of survey. During vessel transit to and from the survey area and between survey locations, there is a potential for encountering marine wildlife. Therefore, during transit periods, a MWM will be positioned on the vessel to view of the area of ocean that ahead of the survey vessel. The MWM will observe marine wildlife and will institute measures to avoid potential collisions with those animals. To minimize the chance of collision with or disturbance of marine wildlife, the vessel will maintain a minimum distance of 91 m (300 ft) from marine wildlife. If the MWM should observe a marine mammal or reptile within the path of the transiting vessel, the monitor will report that observation to the vessel operator who will, unless those actions will jeopardize the safety of the vessel or crew, slow the vessel and/or change course in order to avoid contact.

### ***Safety Zone Monitoring and Geophysical Equipment Operations***

The interferometric and CAATI sidescan sonar to be used for this survey operates at frequencies  $\geq 200\text{kHz}$ . As such, a safety zone monitoring and enforcement is not required. Regardless of this, the MWM will monitor for marine wildlife and record all observations and responses to the survey vessel and/or equipment.

### ***Soft Start Technique***

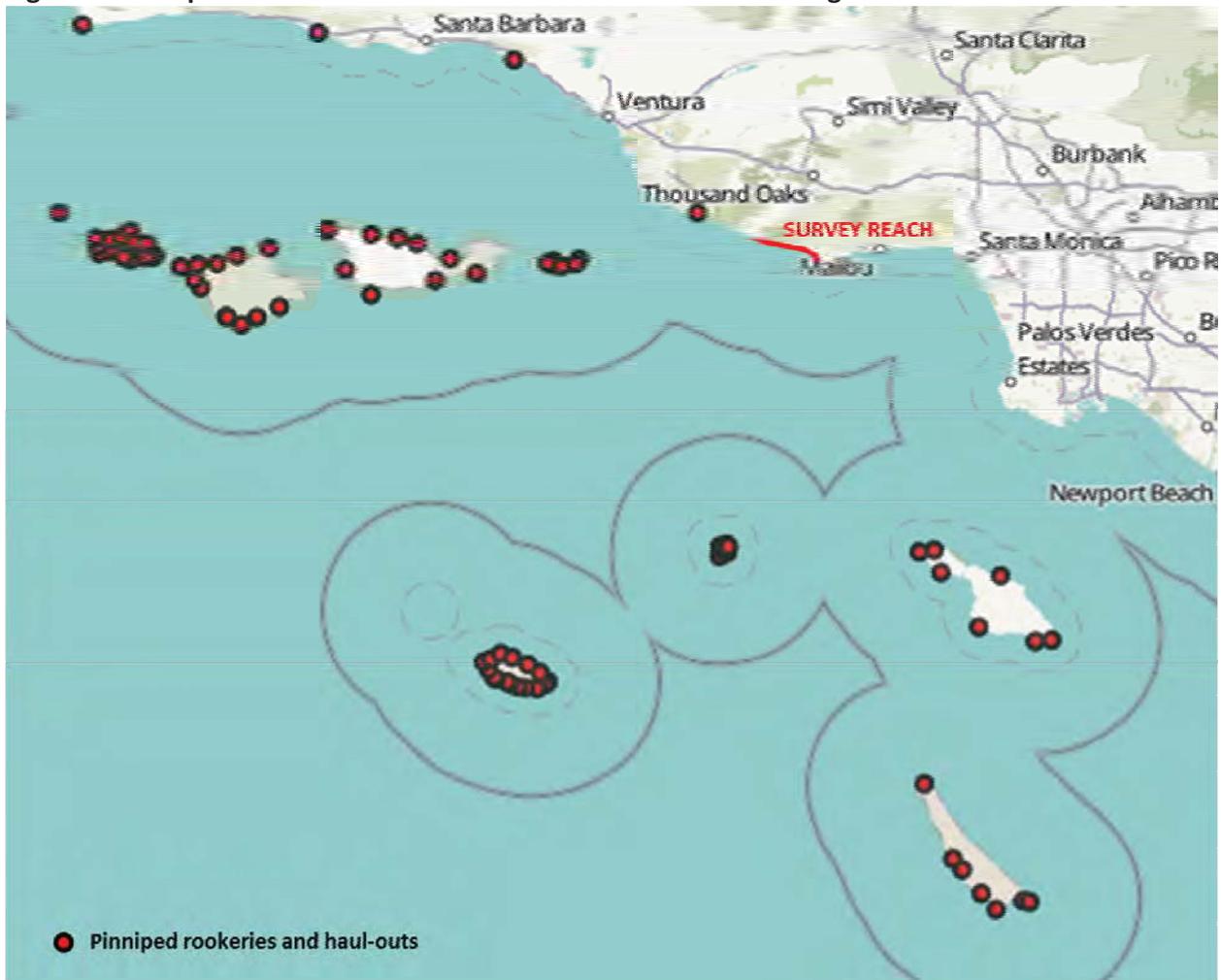
In order to allow any marine mammals that may be in the immediate area to leave before the sound sources reach full energy, a soft-start (i.e., ramp-up) technique will be used at the beginning of survey activities each day, as well as following any shutdowns throughout the day. The soft start technique requires initiating each piece of equipment at the lowest practical

sound level, increasing the output in steps not exceeding approximately 6 decibels per 5-minute period. The MWM will begin to visually monitor the area 30 minutes prior to ramp-up and will continue to monitor throughout the ramp-up activities. If a marine mammal or reptile is sighted within the area during ramp-up, a shut-down or power-down must be implemented, and ramp-up will not be reinitiated until the marine mammal or reptile has left the area.

#### ***Avoidance of Pinniped Haul-Out Sites***

No known pinniped haul out sites are located within 300 meters of the survey area (Figure 2). The nearest known haul out site is for harbor seals and is located 7.6 nm to the northwest of the site within Mugu Lagoon.

**Figure 2. Pinniped haul-out areas within the Southern California Bight**



### ***Additional Marine Wildlife Monitoring Guidelines***

In order to reduce the likelihood of collision or disturbance to marine wildlife, the MWM will notify the vessel operator if a marine mammal or reptile is observed in the path of the vessel. The vessel operator will slow and/or change course to avoid contact with the animal, unless those actions would jeopardize the safety of the vessel or crew.

In the event that any whales or other cetaceans (i.e., dolphins) are observed, the vessel operator will observe the following guidelines:

- Maintain a minimum distance of 100 yards (330 feet) from sighted whales;
- Do not cross directly in front of or across the path of sighted whales;
- Transit parallel to whales and maintain a constant speed that is not faster than that of the whale;
- Do not position the vessel in such a manner to separate female whales from their calf(ves);
- Do not use the vessel to herd or drive whales; and,
- If a whale engages in evasive or defensive action, slow the vessel will reduce and move away from the area until the animal calms or moves out of the area.

### **DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING FOR MARINE WILDLIFE MONITORS**

The MWM will be familiar with and follow procedures in the ***Data Collection Guidelines for Marine Wildlife Monitors***, prepared by CSLC staff (Appendix B). The minimum information will be collected:

- Descriptions of any encounters with marine mammals, reptiles, and/or unusual concentrations of diving birds/seabirds (e.g., species, group size, age/size/sex categories [if determinable], behavior, distance and bearing from vessel) and the outcome of those encounters;
- The number of times equipment shut-downs or vessel slow-downs were ordered due to animals being observed in the safety zone or due to poor visibility conditions;
- A summary of observations of pinniped behavior at haul-out sites, if applicable, and any recommendations made related to pinniped avoidance;
- The number of collision events, if applicable, and the species and disposition of animal; and
- Any additional information relevant or necessary for compliance with the post-survey reporting requirement identified in the General Permit (Term and Condition 9.a.ii).

### **MARINE MAMMAL AND REPTILE COLLISION RESPONSE AND REPORTING**

In the event of a collision between the vessel and a marine mammal or reptile, the vessel operator will document the conditions under which the accident occurred. These conditions include:

- Vessel location (latitude, longitude) when the collision occurred;
- Date and time of collision;
- Speed and heading of the vessel at the time of collision;

- Observation conditions (e.g. wind speed and direction, swell height, visibility in miles or kilometers, and the presence of rain, fog) at the time of collision;
- Species of marine wildlife contacted (if known);
- Whether an observer was monitoring wildlife at the time of collision, and;
- Name of the vessel, owner/operator, and captain officer in charge of the vessel at the time of collision.

After a collision, the vessel shall stop, if it is safe to do so. Operations will continue once it is confirmed that no further damage will result to the animal by doing so. The vessel shall then immediately communicate by radio or telephone all details to the vessel's base of operations. The vessel's base of operations or the vessel captain will then immediately call the NOAA Southwest Region (Long Beach) Stranding Coordinator to report the collision and will then follow any instructions received from the Coordinator. The Stranding Coordinator will coordinate subsequent action, including enlisting the aid of marine mammal rescue organizations, if appropriate.

While NOAA Fisheries has primary responsibility for marine mammals in both state and federal waters, CDFG will also be advised that an incident has occurred in state waters affecting a protected species. Reports should be communicated to the agencies listed below:

#### **FEDERAL**

Justin Viezbicke  
Stranding Coordinator  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
(562) 980-3230 office  
[justin.viezbicke@noaa.gov](mailto:justin.viezbicke@noaa.gov)

#### **STATE**

Enforcement Dispatch Desk  
California Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
(562) 598-1032

California State Lands Commission  
Environmental Planning and Management  
Sacramento, CA  
(946) 574-1938  
[slc.ogpp@slc.ca.gov](mailto:slc.ogpp@slc.ca.gov)

#### **FISHING GEAR CLEARANCE**

In addition to submitting the required Notice to Mariners that will alert commercial fishermen of pending on-water activities prior to the start of each survey location, the vessel will traverse the proposed survey to note and record the presence of deployed fishing gear. The type and location of fishing gear (buoys) will be noted, and CDFW Enforcement Office will be notified. The survey crew will not remove or relocate any fishing gear; removal or relocation will only be accomplished by the owner or by an authorized CDFW agent (Table 3).

**Table 3. Fishing Gear Conflict Contact Information**

Enforcement Dispatch Desk California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Southern District	California Department of Fish & Wildlife, Marine Division
(562) 598-1032	(831) 649-2870

### MITIGATION MEASURES

The following operation-related actions will be implemented in accordance with CSLC permit requirements:

- Prior to commencing of Survey activities in an MPA, M&A will coordinate with CSLC staff, CDFW, and any other appropriate permitting agencies regarding proposed operations within MPAs.
- Survey operator shall use a “soft start” technique at the beginning of survey activities each day (or following a shutdown) to allow any marine mammal that may be in the Project area to leave before the sound sources reach full energy. The survey operator will initiate each piece of equipment at the lowest practical sound level, increasing the output no greater than six (6) decibels (dB) per 5-minute period;
- During operations, if an animal’s actions are observed to be “irregular” the MWM will have the authority to recommend the cessation of data collection until the animal moves out of the Project area. If the behavior is observed, the equipment will be shut-off and will be restarted and ramped-up to full power or will not be started until the animal(s) is/are outside of the Project area;
- The monitor will have the authority to recommend halting data collecting operations if a large concentration of diving birds/sea birds is observed in the immediate vicinity;
- Unless the safety of the vessel or crew would be in jeopardy, avoidance measures instituted during vessel transit will be implemented during geophysical data collection as well.
- Survey operator shall follow, to the maximum extent possible, the guidelines of Zykov (2013) as they pertain to the use of side-scan sonar, including:
  - a. Using the shortest possible pulse length; and
  - b. Lowering the pulse rate (pings per second) as much as feasible.

With the incorporation of the mitigation measures presented in this document, the proposed offshore survey activities are unlikely to cause injury and/or disturb marine wildlife.

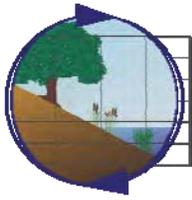
### RECORDING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

Within 30 days following completion of survey activities, a Post-survey Field Operations and Compliance Report will be submitted to CSLC staff.

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**APPENDIX A: MARINE WILDLIFE OBSERVERS RESUME**



## **Cory Ann Hom-Weaver**

**Associate Biologist, Merkel & Associates, Inc., San Diego, California. August 2016 to present.**

Ms. Hom-Weaver is an Associate Biologist and has over 8 years of professional biological experience focusing on marine mammal biology and bio-acoustics. Her work has included work throughout the tropical to polar waters of the Pacific and Atlantic where she has worked on completion of cetacean inventories as well as development of bio-acoustic signatures for monitoring and tracking marine mammals using passive acoustic arrays. She has served as a lead marine mammal observer for multiple cruises and has worked as a lead bio-acoustician for recurrent NOAA survey programs. She has completed marine mammal and reptile monitoring for marine construction activities. Ms. Hom-Weaver has also completed field data collection and analyses for anthropogenic hydroacoustic environments including pile-driving, vessel traffic, and sonar equipment sources.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Biologist/Bio-Acoustician/Marine Mammal Observer: Merkel & Associates, Inc.**  
San Diego, CA. (August 2016-present)

- Marine mammal and turtle monitor for the BAE Systems Pier 1 North Drydock Project
- Bio-acoustician for field data-collection and analyses for impact and vibratory pile driving for the BAE Systems Pier 1 North Drydock Project
- Water quality and photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) monitoring for dredging impacts for the Redwood City, Richmond Harbor, and Oakland Harbor maintenance dredging projects.

**Marine Biologist/ Bio-Acoustician: Bio-Waves Inc.**  
San Diego, CA. (February 2009-August 2016)

- Lead bio-acoustician for the 2016 Santos Basin Cetacean Monitoring Project in Brazil
- Lead bio-acoustician for the 2015 Visual and Acoustic Survey of the Remote Pacific Islands for Conservation International in collaboration with Silversea Cruises.
- Lead bio-acoustician for: the 2016&2015 PODS, 2014 SWATT, and 2013 AMMAPS surveys for the Northwest and Southeast Fisheries Science Centers.
- Management of passive acoustic monitoring/tracking operations for marine mammal surveys.
- Responsible for all software configuration and setup of computer systems used during the 2016&2015 PODS, 2014 SWATT, 2013 AMAPPS, and 2012 Palau Cetacean surveys.
- Bio-acoustician on the ONR sponsored Kauai minke whale surveys during 2009 and 2010.
- Experience using PAMGuard software for passive acoustic monitoring, tracking, and localization.
- Writing detailed reports on data collection methods, analysis, and results for clients.
- Responsible for data-acquisition and recording of marine mammal vocalizations in the field.
- Trained in towed-hydrophone array construction, maintenance, and troubleshooting.

**Marine Mammal Observer:** *Bio-Waves Inc.*

San Diego, CA. (January 2009-2012)

- Served as a lead marine mammal observer on the 2012 Palau Marine Mammal Research Project.
- Marine mammal observer on the ONR funded Kauai Minke whale surveys during 2009 and 2010.
- Proficient at data entry using Logger software.
- Skilled at using reticle range finding binoculars for distance estimation of marine mammals.
- Experienced in identification of South Pacific, North Pacific, and West Atlantic cetacean species.
- Assisted with deployment, maintenance, and operations of oceanographic monitoring equipment including: CTDs, XBTs, and EK60.
- Experience with ridged-hull inflatable boat (RHIB) operations.

**Data Analyst:** *Bio-Waves Inc.*

San Diego, CA. (June 2008-August 2016)

- Responsible for writing and compilations of acoustic reports and protocols.
- Management of large acoustic datasets.
- Use of PAMGuard software for measurement and analysis of acoustic data.
- Measurement of delphinid whistles for random forest classification using a real-time odontocete call classification algorithm (ROCCA).
- Use of Triton software to create/annotate long-term spectral averages (LTSAs) for cetacean classification.
- Experienced in identification of marine mammal sounds in LTSAs.
- Proficient in the post-processing localization of Minke whales using Boinger (custom Matlab software).
- Experienced at developing automated detectors in Ishmael software for minke whale boings.

**EDUCATION**

2009 - Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

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**APPENDIX B: DATA COLLECTION GUIDELINES FOR MARINE WILDLIFE MONITORS**

## Data Collection Guidelines for Marine Wildlife Monitors

California State Lands Commission (CSLC) staff has prepared this guidance document to help Marine Wildlife Monitors (MWMs) record data in a manner that meets the expectations of CSLC staff reviewers. Permittees shall provide these guidelines to onboard MWMs who are responsible for the visual monitoring of marine wildlife, including recording information on survey activities and observations of marine wildlife, and summarizing encounters with marine mammals and reptiles and subsequent actions taken during vessel transit and survey operations. In accordance with the Low Energy Offshore Geophysical Survey Program (OGPP) General Permit requirements, Permittees must submit a Post Survey Field Operations and Compliance Report to CSLC staff no more than 30 days after the completion of any survey activities, which includes the following information collected by MWMs:

- Descriptions of any encounters with marine mammals, reptiles, and/or unusual concentrations of diving birds/seabirds (e.g., species, group size, age/size/sex categories [if determinable], behavior, distance and bearing from vessel) and the outcome of those encounters;
- The number of times equipment shut-downs or vessel slow-downs were ordered due to animals being observed in the safety zone or due to poor visibility conditions;
- A summary of observations of pinniped behavior at haul-out sites, if applicable, and any recommendations made related to pinniped avoidance; and
- Number of collision events, if applicable, and the species and disposition of animal.

The goal of providing data collection guidelines, in addition to a **Marine Environmental Variables Form** and a **Marine Wildlife Observations Form** (see below), to MWMs is to ensure consistency in the documentation of marine wildlife observations and interactions during vessel transit and survey operations. MWMs should refer to the Permittee's **Marine Wildlife Contingency Plan** (MWCP) for additional information regarding MWM responsibilities and marine wildlife that could be expected within the project region.

### I. General Information

Record the following information at the start of each shift, and when environmental variables and vessel activity change:

- Record your name, date, time, and environmental variables (refer to Section II)
- Note vessel activity (e.g., transiting, surveying)
- Record start and end times of vessel activity (e.g., start/end of transit, ramp-up)

## II. Marine Environmental Variables

Record the following environmental variables on the **Marine Environmental Variables Form** (see below) at the beginning of each shift and if there are any changes during the observation period:

- Weather Conditions – Note weather conditions (e.g., clear, hazy, gray, fog, rain)
- Cloud Cover – Refer to **Table 1** to determine the approximate cloud cover

**Table 1. Cloud Cover**

Description	Percent (%)
Clear	0-10
Scattered	10-50
Broken	50-90
Overcast	90-100

- Glare – Record intensity (none, mild, medium, or severe) and direction relative to the vessel (e.g., 0° to 30°, or north/northeast)
- Visibility – Measured in kilometers (km) or nautical miles (nm)
- Wind Speed – Refer to **Table 2** to determine the approximate wind speed
- Sea State – Refer to **Table 2** to determine the approximate sea state
- Swell Height – Measured from the crest to the trough of the swell (meters)

**Table 2. Beaufort Scale**

<b>Beaufort Scale</b>	<b>Wind (knots)</b>	<b>Wind Conditions</b>	<b>Sea Conditions</b>
0	<1	Calm	Sea surface smooth and mirror-like
1	1-3	Light air	Scaly ripples, no foam crests
2	4-6	Light breeze	Small wavelets (0.2 m), crests glassy, no breaking
3	7-10	Gentle breeze	Large wavelets (0.6 m), crests begin to break, scattered whitecaps
4	11-16	Moderate breeze	Small waves (1 m), some whitecaps
5	17-21	Fresh breeze	Moderate waves (1.8 m) taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray
6	22-27	Strong breeze	Larger waves (3 m), whitecaps common, more spray
7	28-33	Near gale	Mounting sea (4 m) white foam streaks off breakers
8	34-40	Gale	Moderately high waves (5.5 m) of greater length, edges of crests begin to break into spindrift, foam blown in streaks
9	41-47	Strong gale	High waves (7 m), sea begins to roll, dense streaks of foam, spray may reduce visibility
10	48-55	Storm	Very high waves (9 m) with overhanging crests, sea white with densely blown foam, heavy rolling, lowered visibility
11	56-63	Violent storm	Exceptionally high waves (11 m), foam patches cover sea, visibility more reduced
12	64+	Hurricane	Air filled with foam, waves over 14 m, sea completely white with driving spray, visibility greatly reduced

### III. Marine Wildlife Observations

When a marine mammal or reptile is first sighted, record the following information on the **Marine Wildlife Observations Form** (see below):

- Time of initial sighting – 24-hour format
- Position of vessel – Latitude and longitude
- Distance (meters, kilometers) and bearing (relative to the geographical compass) to the animal(s)
- Species (or identification to the lowest possible taxonomic level) – If species cannot be determined, but species group can, please record, for example, “unidentifiable whale” or “unidentifiable dolphin.” In addition, if species cannot be determined, please record any distinguishing marks or characteristics (e.g., size and shape of dorsal fin, fluke shape, size and shape of blow, color, size)
  - Refer to **Appendix A** (California Marine Mammals) and **Appendix B** (California Sea Turtles) for information on marine mammals and reptiles that could be expected in California waters.
- Certainty of identification (unsure/possible, probable, definite)
- Number of individuals
- Age/size/sex categories (if determinable)
- Direction of animal’s travel relative to the survey vessel (e.g., toward vessel, away from vessel, parallel to vessel) – Draw/sketch, if necessary
- Behavior – Record behavior of animal(s) when first sighted *and throughout the observation period*; be as explicit and detailed as possible, and note any observed changes in behavior.
  - Examples of behaviors are: fast, moderate, or slow swimming; porpoising; bow riding; breaching/aerobatics; flipper slapping; tail slapping/lobtailing; spyhopping; diving (note whether fluke was raised); frequent/infrequent surfacings; feeding; milling; logging; avoiding/approaching survey vessel/equipment.
- If an animal enters the established safety zones (**Table 3**), please record the following additional information:
  - Time when first observed in safety zone
  - Time when observed exiting safety zone
  - What action was taken, if any, when the animal(s) was observed in the safety zone
  - Behavior of animal(s) in safety zone – (e.g., rapid breathing/increased surfacing, sudden/erratic change in behavior or direction)
  - Duration of power-down/shut-down, if required
  - Behavior of animal(s) after shut-down of geophysical equipment

**Table 3. Safety Zone Monitoring by Equipment Type**

<b>Equipment Type</b>	<b>Safety Zone (radius, m)</b>
Single Beam Echosounder	50
Multibeam Echosounder	500
Side-Scan Sonar	600
Subbottom Profiler	100
Boomer	100

- Activity of survey vessel (e.g., transit, equipment in operation [note type of equipment and operating parameters])
- Note the number and type (e.g., recreational/commercial fishing vessel, tanker) of other vessels in survey area



## Marine Wildlife Observations Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_

Time:	Latitude:	Longitude:
Weather:	Cloud Cover:	Glare:
Visibility:	Wind Speed:	Sea State:
Swell Height:	Survey Vessel Activity:	
Marine Wildlife Observations and Interactions:		

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### Appendix A. California Marine Mammals

Species or Guild	Stock	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
<b><i>Mysticetes – Baleen Whales</i></b>			
Bryde's whale ( <i>Balaenoptera edeni</i> )	Eastern Tropical Pacific	Bryde's whales along the California coast are likely part of a larger population inhabiting the eastern part of the tropical Pacific Ocean. As a result, a regular occurrence is likely to be very low.	Very low
Sei whale ( <i>Balaenoptera borealis borealis</i> )	Eastern North Pacific	Endangered; sei whales are considered rare in California waters.	Low
Minke whale ( <i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata scammoni</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Minke whales occur year-round along shelf waters in California and in the Gulf of California, occurring south of California in the summer/fall.	Low to Medium
Fin whale ( <i>Balaenoptera physalus physalus</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Endangered; aggregations of fin whales occur year-round in Southern/Central California and the Gulf of California. Fin whale vocalizations are detected year-round off Northern California, with a peak in vocal activity between September and February. Although typically found over the slopes and continental shelves, fin whales have been regularly reported from shore during gray whale migration surveys.	Medium
Blue whale ( <i>Balaenoptera musculus musculus</i> )	Eastern North Pacific	Endangered; the U.S. west coast represents one of the most important feeding areas in summer and fall for blue whales. Most of this stock is believed to migrate south to Baja California, the Gulf of California, and the Costa Rica Dome during the winter and spring.	Medium
Humpback whale ( <i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Humpback whales in the North Pacific feed in coastal California waters and migrate south to winter. The California/ Oregon/Washington stock includes humpback whales that feed along the U.S. west coast. Humpback whales are found throughout shelf waters, but have been reported with regularity inside the 100-m isobaths.	Medium

Species or Guild	Stock	Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
North Pacific right whale ( <i>Eubalaena japonica</i> )	Eastern North Pacific	Endangered; North Pacific right whales primarily occur in coastal or shelf waters in northern latitudes. During winter, right whales occur in lower latitudes and coastal waters where calving takes place. Sightings have been reported as far south as central Baja California in the eastern North Pacific.	Low
California gray whale ( <i>Eschrichtius robustus</i> )	Eastern North Pacific	Most gray whales in the Eastern North Pacific stock spend the summer feeding in the northern and western Bering and Chukchi Seas before migrating south in the fall along the coast of North America from Alaska to Baja California. The stock winters along the coast of Baja California, using shallow lagoons and bays for calving. The northbound migration generally takes place between February and May with cows and newborn calves migrating northward, primarily between March and June, well within 5 mi of the shoreline.	Seasonal: High to Low
<b>Odontocetes – Toothed Whales</b>			
Short-finned pilot whale ( <i>Globicephala macrorhynchus</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Short-finned pilot whales were likely residents off Southern California; however, after a strong El Niño event in 1982-83, short-finned pilot whales virtually disappeared from this region. Since then, there have been infrequent sightings of pilot whales off the California coast.	Low to Medium
Killer whale ( <i>Orcinus orca</i> )	Eastern North Pacific Offshore <sup>2</sup>	Killer whales are wide-ranging species, with this stock ranging from the outer coasts of Washington, Oregon and California.	Low to Medium
Striped dolphin ( <i>Stenella coeruleoalba</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Striped dolphins are typically sighted 100 to 300 nm from the California coast.	Medium

Species or Guild	Stock	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
Pygmy and dwarf sperm whales ( <i>Kogia</i> spp.)	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Pygmy and dwarf sperm whales are distributed throughout deep waters and along the continental slopes of the North Pacific; however, little population data are available for these species. <i>Kogia</i> sightings may underestimate their presence due to their inconspicuous behavior. Due to their deep diving habits, they may be more susceptible to sound impacts than other species.	Low to Medium
Small beaked whales <sup>1</sup> (Ziphiidae)	California/ Oregon/ Washington	At least five species of Mesoplodont whales have been recorded off the U.S. west coast. They are grouped here due to the infrequent records and difficulty of positive identification. Ziphid beaked whales are distributed widely throughout deep waters of all oceans, but have been seen primarily along the continental slope in western U.S. waters from late spring to early fall. They have been seen less frequently and are presumed to be farther offshore during the colder water months of November through April. Due to their deep diving habits, they may be more susceptible to sound impacts than other species.	Low to Medium
Sperm whale ( <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Endangered; sperm whales are widely distributed across the entire North Pacific during the summer, while in winter, the majority are thought to be south of 40° N (roughly Eureka, CA). Sperm whales are found year-round in California waters with peak abundances from April to June, and again from September to November. They are typically found on slopes in waters deeper than 200 m.	Medium
Bottlenose dolphin (offshore) ( <i>Tursiops truncatus truncatus</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Offshore bottlenose dolphins are evenly distributed at distances greater than a few kilometers from the mainland and throughout the SCB.	Medium
Bottlenose dolphin (coastal) ( <i>Tursiops truncatus truncatus</i> )	California Coastal	California coastal bottlenose dolphins are typically found within 1 km from shore from Point Conception south into Mexican waters.	High (South Coast region)

Species or Guild	Stock	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
Long-beaked common dolphin ( <i>Delphinus capensis capensis</i> )	California	Long-beaked common dolphins are commonly found within 50 nm of the coast from Southern to Central California.	Medium
Short-beaked common dolphin ( <i>Delphinus delphis</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Short-beaked common dolphins are the most abundant cetacean off California and can be seen in coastal and shelf waters up to 300 nm from shore.	High
Northern right whale dolphin ( <i>Lissodelphis borealis</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Northern right whale dolphins are primarily seen in shelf and slope waters with seasonal movements into California waters during the colder water months.	Medium
Dall's porpoise ( <i>Phocoenoides dalli dalli</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Dall's porpoises are commonly seen in shelf, slope, and offshore waters with occurrences common off Southern California in winter.	Medium (location, season)
Risso's dolphin ( <i>Grampus griseus</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Risso's dolphins are commonly seen in shelf waters within the SCB and in slope and offshore waters of California.	Medium
Pacific white-sided dolphin ( <i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i> )	California/ Oregon/ Washington	Pacific white-sided dolphins are common along continental margins and offshore, with peak occurrences off California during the colder winter months.	Medium to High
Common dolphin (long- and short-beaked) ( <i>Delphinus</i> spp.)	California/ Oregon/ Washington (short-beaked); California (long-beaked)	Many stock assessment and cetacean surveys list <i>Delphinus</i> species rather than distinguish between short- and long-beaked common dolphins; consequently, this species group has been considered as a whole in the density model.	High
Harbor porpoise ( <i>Phocoena phocoena vomerina</i> )	Central California (incl. bay Stocks & N. California/ S. Oregon Stock)	Four geographic stocks in California waters are identified as separate stocks mainly due to varying fisheries pressures. The combined range extends from Southern Oregon/Northern California to Point Conception. Harbor porpoise are found almost exclusively in coastal and inland waters.	High

Species or Guild	Stock	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
<b><i>Pinnipeds – Seals and Sea Lions</i></b>			
Harbor seal ( <i>Phoca vitulina richardsi</i> )	California	Harbor seals inhabit nearshore coastal and estuarine areas from Baja California to the Pribilof Islands in Alaska. In California, approximately 400 to 600 harbor seal haul-out sites are widely distributed on the mainland and on offshore islands, intertidal sandbars, rocky shores, and beaches. Rookeries are located from Santa Rosa to Mexico.	High
Northern elephant seal ( <i>Mirounga angustirostris</i> )	California (breeding)	Northern elephant seals breed and give birth in California primarily on offshore islands from December to March from about San Francisco southward. Adults return to land between March and August to molt. Adults return to their feeding areas again between their spring/summer molting and their winter breeding seasons.	High (seasonal)
Northern fur seal ( <i>Callorhinus ursinus</i> )	San Miguel Island	All northern fur seals in California waters are found along San Miguel Island off Southern California.	High (Channel Islands region)
California sea lion ( <i>Zalophus californianus</i> )	California	California sea lions are distributed along the entire coastline year round, and breed on islands in Southern California.	High
Northern (Steller) sea lion ( <i>Eumetopias jubatus</i> )	Eastern Pacific US	Threatened; rookeries for Steller sea lions (eastern DPS) are located between Cape Fairweather, Alaska and Ano Nuevo Island, California. Breeding takes place from May to July, outside of which they are widely dispersed.	High (seasonal)
Guadalupe fur seal ( <i>Arctocephalus townsendi</i> )		Threatened; Guadalupe fur seals pup and breed mainly at Isla Guadalupe, Mexico, with a second rookery at Isla Benito del Este, Baja California. In 1997, a pup was born at San Miguel Island, California. Individuals have stranded or have been sighted as far north as Blind Beach, California, inside the Gulf of California, and as far south as Zihuatanejo, Mexico.	Extremely low

Species or Guild	Stock	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Probability of Encounter
<b>Mustelid – Sea Otter</b>			
Southern sea otter ( <i>Enhydra lutris nereis</i> )	California	Threatened; southern sea otters occupy nearshore waters along the California coastline from San Mateo County to Santa Barbara County. A translocated colony has been established at San Nicolas Island, Ventura County.	High (location)
<p><sup>1</sup> Includes <i>Mesoplodon</i> species and <i>Ziphiidae</i> species</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Stocks overlap in some California waters; however, this stock encompasses the waters along the entire California coast</p> <p>Probability of encounter during low energy geophysical surveys is based on population estimates and distribution facts in the NOAA Stock Assessment Reports, and the density calculations are from the SERDP-SDSS density models and are not referenced from the NOAA Stock Assessment Reports. The probability of occurrence for marine mammal species in the Project area was determined based on the overall population density of the species, spatial and seasonal distribution patterns (particularly those associated with water depth), and species behavioral characteristics. These descriptors are partially subjective in that they assume an overall equal possibility of an OGPP operation occurring anywhere in State waters at any given time. Species with very low and low probability of occurrence (N= 3) during operations were those that have a low overall population density off the California coast combined with either a narrow seasonal occurrence, or are typically found well outside State waters (e.g., outside the 200 m isopleth). Species with a low to medium probability of occurrence are those that have (or have had) a documented population (seasonal or year round) in waters off the coast of California, but tend to occur at depths beyond those delineated as State waters. Species with documented sightings within State waters and those that use of shelf and slope waters or have a widely distributed resident population fell to the medium rather than low end of the occurrence scale. Species meeting both the low and medium criteria with behaviors that make them less conspicuous (e.g., deep diving, less gregarious), or lacking population data were given a higher occurrence rating as a precautionary approach. Species that have documented populations in State waters were given a high probability of occurrence even if found in a localized geographic region or only during specific seasons.</p>			

## Appendix B. Sea Turtles of California

Taxonomic Classification and Common Name	Status and Species Account for California Waters	Presence in California Waters
<b>Family – Cheloniidae</b>		
Loggerhead sea turtle ( <i>Caretta caretta</i> )	FE <sup>1</sup> ; occupies three different habitats – oceanic, neritic, and terrestrial (nesting only) depending upon life stage; omnivorous.	Rare
Green sea turtle ( <i>Chelonia mydas</i> )	FE; resident populations in San Diego County (San Diego Bay); aquatic, but known to bask onshore; juvenile distribution unknown; omnivorous.	Common
Pacific hawksbill sea turtle ( <i>Eretmochelys imbricata bissa</i> )	FE; Rare in CA; pelagic; feeding changes from pelagic surface feeding to benthic, reef-associated feeding mode; opportunistic diet.	Rare
Olive ridley sea turtle ( <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i> )	FT <sup>2</sup> ; primarily pelagic, but may inhabit coastal areas, including bays and estuaries; most breed annually, with annual migration (pelagic foraging, to coastal breeding/nesting grounds, back to pelagic foraging); omnivorous, benthic feeder.	Rare
<b>Family – Dermochelyidae</b>		
Pacific leatherback sea turtle ( <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i> )	FE; pelagic, lives in the open ocean and occasionally enters shallower water (bays, estuaries); omnivorous (jellyfish, other invertebrates, vertebrates, kelp, algae); local aggregations evident (e.g., Monterey Bay); seasonal migrant.	Frequent
FE: Federally Endangered; FT: Federally Threatened <sup>1</sup> North Pacific Ocean Distinct Population Segment (DPS) <sup>2</sup> Coastal Mexico population endangered (threatened elsewhere)		

**COUNTY LINE TO POINT DUME NEARSHORE HABITAT MAPPING**

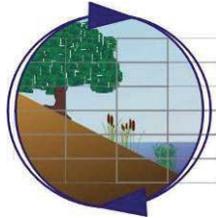
**OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN**

**OFFSHORE GEOPHYSICAL PERMIT #W6005.169**

**October 2016**

Submitted To:  
California State Lands Commission Mineral  
Resources Management Division 200  
Oceangate, 12th Floor  
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## COUNTY LINE TO POINT DUME NEARSHORE HABITAT MAPPING OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

*Merkel and Associates, Inc.  
October 2016*

### INTRODUCTION

Merkel & Associates (M&A) will be conducting survey operations on the 24-foot Weldcraft Ocean King Survey vessel. This Oil Spill Contingency Plan (OSCP) has been prepared in accordance with Exhibit H (Mitigation Monitoring Program) of the General Permit to help ensure that accidental release of petroleum and/or non-petroleum products during survey operations is minimized.

### OPERATIONAL SPILLS

Operational spills might involve one or more of the following substances carried on board the vessel: (i) fuel, (ii) lube oil, (iii) hydraulic oil, or (iv) waste oil. The vessel is equipped with a Buffalo Quick-Response Oil Spill Kit, which includes three 4-inch socks for fast spill containment, 15 woven polypropylene sheets for rapid absorption of surface oil and protective gear, 1 pair of protective gloves, 1 disposal bag, and a set of instructions. This oil spill kit is located in the forward cabin of the vessel. This spill kit is rated to clean up 5 gallons of liquid. All of the liquids (listed below) that could cause a hazardous spill are either in the fuel tank or in the vehicle or on-deck portable 2000 Watt generator engines. If a spill occurs it would most likely be during fueling, in the event of grounding, or if any instance occurred that punctured the gas tank. In the event a spill occurred from the fuel tank or within the vessel, the absorbent sheets would be used to contain the hazardous liquids and the bilge would not be emptied until it could be pumped out at a hazardous waste facility. External to the vessel hull, a spill could occur as a result of a leak from a damaged outboard motor, hydraulic lines for steering, or trim tabs. We do not anticipate a release spill of greater than 0.25 gallons from any of the non-catastrophic sources.

#### (i) Fuel:

A spill kit shall be available for use in the event of a spill. If the fuel is spilled on the deck, it shall be immediately removed, bagged and disposed of at an appropriate hazardous waste reception facility. In the event of spillage in the water, the vessel master shall notify the Coast Guard and port facility. The maximum fuel capacity on the vessel is 120 gallons as such, this is the potential release volume from a catastrophic event discharge.

#### (ii) Lube oil:

A spill kit shall be available for use in the event of a spill. If the oil is spilled in the machinery space, it shall be immediately removed, bagged and disposed of at an appropriate hazardous

waste reception facility. In the event of spillage in the water, the vehicle operator shall notify the Coast Guard and port facility.

(iii) Hydraulic oil:

A spill kit shall be available for use in the event of a spill. If the oil is spilled on deck or in the machinery space, it shall be immediately removed, bagged and disposed of at an appropriate hazardous waste reception facility. In the event of spillage in the water, the vessel operator shall notify the Coast Guard and port facility.

(iv) Pipe or hose leakage:

The vessel operator shall check the piping and rubber hose daily for leakage. Where leakage is found, it shall be repaired immediately. In the event of leakage, the vessel deck engineer shall secure valve(s) at the appropriate tank before repairing the leak. Spilled fuel on the vessel shall be immediately removed, bagged and disposed of at an appropriate hazardous waste reception facility. In the event of spillage in the water, the vessel foreman shall notify the Coast Guard and port facility.

## **EMPLOYEE TRAINING**

This Oil Spill Contingency Plan will be provided to all survey crew members prior to initiation of survey activities. All crew members will have read the plan, and be familiar with the procedures to reduce risk of spills, as well as procedures to be followed in the event of a spill, and know where oil spill clean up supplies are located.

## **VESSEL FUELING**

Vessel fueling shall only occur at an approved docking facility. No cross vessel fueling shall be allowed. Appropriate spill avoidance measures will be taken during filling procedures.

## **ACTIONS TO ENSURE PERSONNEL AND VESSEL SAFETY**

Safety of vessel crew and the vessel are paramount. In the event that a crewman's injuries require outside emergency assistance, the site safety officer shall be contacted immediately and emergency personnel contacted. While awaiting emergency assistance, another crew member will render first aid and/or CPR.

## **MITIGATION ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING A SPILL**

Once the safety of both the vessel and the crew has been addressed, the vessel foreman shall care for the following issues:

- a. Assessment of the situation and monitoring of all activities as documented evidence.
- b. Care for further protection of the personnel, use of protective gear, assessment of further risk to health and safety.

- c. Containment of the spilled material by absorption and safe disposal within leakproof containers of all used material onboard until proper delivery ashore, with due consideration to possible fire risk.
- d. Decontamination of personnel after finishing the cleanup process.

All personnel shall refer to the MSDS's on board for additional information.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES**

Any oil spill in U.S. marine waters shall be reported immediately (on the same day) to the state and federal phone numbers below:

West Coast Oil Spill hot-line	800-OILS-911, <i>or</i>
Department of Fish and Wildlife CalTIP	888-CFG-CALTip
(Californians Turn In Poachers & Polluters)	(888-334-2258). <i>and</i>
U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center	800-424-8802
California Office of Emergency Services (OES)	800-OILS-911 or 800-852-7550.

During the phone call, the following information will be given over the phone.

- a. Name and telephone number of caller.
- b. Location of spill
- c. Substance that was spilled (oil, gas, diesel, etc.)?
- d. Estimated size of spill?
- e. Date and time spill was first observed
- f. List of any oiled or threatened wildlife
- g. Source of the spill
- h. Spill site activities

After taking the necessary actions, the spill will be reported in writing to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services on their forms.

Additionally, California Department of Fish and Wildlife certified wildlife rescue/response organizations will be contacted about the spill. These include the following contacts:

Oiled Wildlife Care Network	1-877-823-6926
Animal Advocates	1-323-651-1336
California Wildlife Center	1-818-222-2658
All Wildlife Rescue & Education	1-562-434-0141



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P. 778-351-3377  
[www.pingdsp.com](http://www.pingdsp.com)

Ship Date: September 22, 2016

Ping DSP 3DSS-DX-450 System

- A. 1 x 3DSS-DX-450 Sonar
- B. 1 x 3DSS-DTB Sonar Topside Box

3DSS-DX-450 System: Serial #: A02-00000024

The sonar specifications are as follows:

**Sonar Model                      3DSS-DX-450**

**Sonar Specifications**

Operating Frequency	450 kHz
Transmit Waveforms	CW, Broadband
Pulse Lengths	120-700 cycles
Dynamic Range	108 dB
Time Varying Gain Method	Digital
Horizontal Beamwidth (2 way)	0.4 °
Vertical Beamwidth (selectable)	15°-90°
Fixed Transducer Tilt	200
Electronic Transmit Tilt	-45° to 45°
Max. Ping Rep. Rate	30 Hz

**2D Sidescan Specifications Per Side**

Data Output	32 bit floating point backscatter amplitude and range
Typical 2D Imaging Range	5 to 10 times sonar altitude per side depending on sound profile and bottom type
Max Range	100+ m
Max Range Resolution	1.67 cm

**3D Sidescan (Bathymetry and 3D Imagery) Specifications Per Side**

Data Output	32 bit floating point range, elevation angle, and amplitude
Typical Bathymetry Range	3 to 7 times sonar altitude per side, depending on sound profile and bottom type
Max Range	100+ m
Max Range Resolution	1.67 cm
Bathymetry Accuracy	Bottom type and range dependent

**Integrated MRU Specifications**

Pitch Range, Res., Rep., Acc.	±90°, < 0.05°, < 0.2°, 0.5° @ 25 C
Roll Range, Res., Rep., Acc.	±180°, < 0.05°, < 0.2°, 0.5° @ 25 C
Heading Rng, Res., Rep., Acc. 2	±180°, < 0.05°, < 0.5°, 2° @ 25 C
Motion Sensor Output Rate	100 Hz

**Interface Specifications**

Control Input / Data Output	Gigabit Ethernet, standalone software providing sonar control GUI and TCP data server
Time Reference <sub>3</sub>	Topside PC, optional external PPS via RS-485 interface
External MRU Input <sub>3</sub>	RS-485 interface, NMEA and TSS protocols (38.4Kbaud,8N1)
GPS Input <sub>3</sub>	RS-485 interface, NMEA protocol (38.4Kbaud,8N1)
External Trigger Input <sub>3</sub>	RS-485 signal level rising-edge trigger initiates ping
External Trigger Output <sub>3</sub>	RS-485 signal level output mirrors internal receive window
Computer Requirements <sub>4</sub>	PC (Dual Core, 2.4GHz, 4GB), MS Windows 7-64 bit, .NET 4.0, MSVS C++ 2010 Redistrib.
Control Input / Data Output	Gigabit Ethernet, standalone software providing sonar control GUI and TCP data server

**Physical Specifications**

Voltage Requirements	24 VDC +/- 10%
Power Consumption	14 W (not including transmit power)
Length	56.8 cm (22.35") (-DXT, -DXO length TBD)
Diameter	9.8 cm (3.88")
Weight in Air, Water	8 kg (17.6 lbs.), 4.7 kg (10.3 lbs.) (-DXT, -DXO weight TBD)
Pole Mount Adapter Diameter	1.49" (fits standard thickwall 1.5" I.D. Aluminum pipe)
Ambient Operating Temp.	-5° C – 45° C
Depth Rating	100 m



## ***Integrated Data Systems***

February 9, 2016

Merkel & Associates, Inc.  
5434 Ruffin Road  
San Diego, CA, 92123

### **RE: SEA SwathPlus Interferometric Sidescan Sonar System Maintenance and Upgrades**

Keith,

This is to confirm that your 468 kHz SwathPlus interferometric sidescan sonar system has been serviced and all transducers and sensors recalibrated. In addition the navigation system integration for RTK has been completed. We checked cables and fittings, changed stave assignments on the starboard transducer for amplitude data logging, and verified power settings and outputs as requested.

We reviewed signal interference you reported and verified that this was due to top-side equipment chassis grounding issues which have been corrected working with Jordan.

Your system has been field operated and confirmed to be working in conformance with original range and resolution performance standards.

If you have any additional needs, please let me know.

Regards,

Alan Merkel  
Principal



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Shipping Acct #:	Job Technician: Tucc	Part S/N:	
Warranty?:	Completion Date:	Original Invoice Date:	

### System Diagnosis

Client: Please be advised that this document is an estimate only and that actual final charges may vary. If charges increase significantly SeaBotix, Inc. will contact the client prior to continuing work.

Client changed out the thruster and now the system is not working

### System Repairs

Tether has approximately 1 meter of electrical tape wrapped around the tether near the end. When the client was dropping off the system, they stated that there was a slice in the tether and we assume that this was the location of the slice. We did not remove the electrical tape to confirm but we do recommend reterminating the tether. The client does not want to have the tether reterminated. The spare thruster is not functioning (Halls Sensor Fault) and we recommend replacing it with a discounted refurbished thruster. A second thruster failed during the 3 hour depth test. The vertical knob on the OCU is corroded and we would recommend replacing it. Vacuum test passed. GFI test passed. Sonar Ready test passed. Grabber function test passed. All other system functions passed. Joystick is intermittently causing the lateral thruster to remain on at slow speed. This is intermittent and unless this has been a problem for the client, I would not recommend replacing it at this time. We wanted to make the client aware of the findings and let them decide if they feel that replacing the joystick is beneficial. The cost is

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Part #	Description	Quantity	Action	Minutes Per Unit	Ext. Minutes	Labor Price Per Unit	Ext. Labor Price	Unit Price	Ext. Unit Price	Sub Total	Invoice
EVAL	System Evaluation	1	Utilized	0	0	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
R-HPDC1502	Refurbished, Brushless Thruster, Spare Assembly	2	Utilized	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
				<b>Total Minutes</b>			<b>Total Labor</b>		<b>Materials Total</b>	<b>List Total</b>	<b>Invoice Total</b>
				List Subtotal	0	0	\$900.00		\$2,500.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00
				Tax						272.00	272.00
				Shipping & Handling Deposit						-680.00	-680.00
				List Total						\$2,992.00	\$2,992.00

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**\*\*Terms**

\*Sellers offer, and any order issued by buyer to Seller for the goods and/or services specified herein, is strictly limited to Sellers Terms and Conditions of Sale, which can be found at [www.seabotix.com](http://www.seabotix.com)

2% per 30 days charge for late payments.

All prices are in United States Dollars.

Labor Rate per Hour in USD: \$150.00

Labor Rate per Minute in USD: \$2.50

Warranty Labor  
 Warranty Parts +  
 Warranty Total = \$0.00

Client Name: Keith Merkel

Signature: *Keith W. Merkel*

Date: 4/1/16

SeaBotix Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Old Parts will be returned to customer as indicated at time of approval!**



DocID: D-0016618533-3  
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**2016 Sci. Collecting Amendment Fee**  
 See permit for validity dates.

2016 AMENDMENT FEE -  INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY - \$105.58\*  STUDENT - \$26.27\*

Fee includes a nonrefundable three percent (3%) application fee, not to exceed \$7.50 per item.  
 (Section 700.4, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)).

If your permit is an "Individual", "Entity" or "Student" Permit, you are required to submit a completed amendment form when requesting a change to an existing Scientific Collecting Permit or when your affiliation changes. For an entity with multiple Principal Scientific Investigators (PI's), this fee is required for each PI who is making changes to their employee or volunteer list.

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY		
FROM	THIS AMENDMENT IS VALID THROUGH	PERMANENT ID NUMBER
4/28/16	10/24/17	SC- 4019
		# OF PI's

BEFORE COMPLETING AMENDMENT: Read instructions on this form and the permit descriptions, mandatory conditions, and number authorizations on the current Scientific Collecting Permit (SCP) Application [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/forms/](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/forms/). Complete all appropriate portions of the amendment form. If the Department returns this amendment, it becomes part of and must be attached to your valid, existing SCP and carried with you while collecting. Type or print clearly.

**SECTION 1 - INDIVIDUAL PERMITTEE INFORMATION - Complete only if original SCP was issued to an individual.**

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	GO ID NUMBER (FROM ALDS ISSUED LICENSE)
AFFILIATION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check here if you want future correspondence mailed to your affiliation	TITLE
PERMITTEE'S MAILING ADDRESS		DAY TELEPHONE	FAX NUMBER
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL ADDRESS
AFFILIATION'S MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE
			ZIP CODE

**SECTION 2 - ENTITY PERMITTEE INFORMATION - Complete only if you are requesting changes to your SCP and/or need to add or remove individuals from the list of employees or volunteers conducting activities on your SCP.**

ENTITY'S NAME	GO ID NUMBER (FROM ALDS ISSUED LICENSE)
Merkel & Associates, Inc.	1007264976
ENTITY'S MAILING ADDRESS	DAY TELEPHONE
5434 Ruffin Road	(858) 560-5465
CITY	FAX NUMBER
San Diego	(858) 560-7779
	STATE
	CA
	ZIP CODE

PRINCIPAL SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATOR INFORMATION - Provide the following information and attach a statement of qualifications or resume for the full-time permanent employee responsible for providing adequate supervision and training of the employees and volunteers listed below or on current SCP. Attach additional pages for each PI.

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	TITLE
Keith	W	Merkel	Principal Ecologist
GO ID NUMBER (FROM ALDS ISSUED LICENSE)	DAY TELEPHONE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
1007264976	(858) 560-5465	kmerkel@merkelinc.com	

LIST OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS: List ALL employees or volunteers that you are adding or removing from the current SCP under the Principal Investigator named above. Attach a separate list if needed. An amendment form must be submitted, approved, and returned to you by the Department before you can add or remove employees or volunteers from the current SCP.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DRIVER'S LICENSE OR DMV ID NUMBER	STATE	MARK ONE	
				ADD	REMOVE
Lawrence	Honma	C2451824	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary	Tamburro	D3472907	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon	Stidum	B7099261	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thomas	Valencia	B8862320	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jordan	Volker	E3485940	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris	Hughes	Y3523012	CA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**LIST OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS - Additional Names**

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**SECTION 3 – PERMIT INFORMATION**

**USE OF PERMIT: CHECK ALL APPLICABLE BOXES**

- BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING (generally, catch and release only)  
  RESEARCH  
  MUSEUM COLLECTION  
  EDUCATION  
 STATE, FEDERAL OR OTHER AGENCY BIOLOGIST  
 BIOLOGICAL COLLECTION SERVICE  
 OTHER

**Wildlife and Activity: Reminder - You must provide justification in Section 5 for each wildlife and activity circled here.**

Check the type of wildlife to be taken AND circle the type of activity requested: S=sacrifice; R=capture and release; C = take into captivity; SL = salvage; M = mark.

<input type="checkbox"/> MAMMALS	S	R	C	SL	M	<input type="checkbox"/> FRESHWATER FISHES	S	R	C	M	
<input type="checkbox"/> BIRDS* Other activity:	S	R	C	SL	M	<input type="checkbox"/> FRESHWATER INVERTEBRATES	S	R	C	M	
<input type="checkbox"/> REPTILES	S	R	C	SL	M	<input type="checkbox"/> ANADROMOUS FISHES	S	R	C	M	
<input type="checkbox"/> AMPHIBIANS	S	R	C	SL	M	<input type="checkbox"/> MARINE FISHES	S	R	C	SL	M
<input type="checkbox"/> VERNAL POOL/TERRESTRIAL INVERTEBRATES	S	R	C	SL	M	<input type="checkbox"/> MARINE AQUATIC PLANTS	S	R	C	SL	M
						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARINE/TIDAL INVERTEBRATES	S	R	C	SL	M

**CHECK ONE:** Other SCP permittees are involved in activity or project. YES  NO  (If yes, list the permittees below. Attach separate list if needed.)

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SCIN NUMBER
Lawrence	Honma	sc 1232
Mary	Tamburro	sc 9182
		SC

**SECTION 4 – SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Students, teachers and individuals collecting on behalf of an organization must all have one member of the organization sponsor them. Sponsors must fully complete this section of the application. Students must have one faculty member with affiliation to the student's college or university sponsor the student. Elementary and secondary school teachers must be sponsored by their principal. In some other cases, the Department may review an application and determine that a sponsor is needed and will request this information directly from the applicant or organization.

SPONSOR'S FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	
TITLE	ORGANIZATION	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

**SPONSOR'S CERTIFICATION/SIGNATURE:** I verify the take described in this application is required by this organization.

**X**

**APPLICATION CERTIFICATION**

By checking all boxes, I hereby declare that the following information is provided in this amendment and in the justification section.

- Purpose  
  Species + Numbers to be collected  
  Collection Locations  
  Species Disposition  
 Methods/Activity  
 Attached Federal/State Permit(s) (Applicable/Not Applicable – Circle appropriate one)

I understand that if I fail to provide all information, circle items or check the boxes, my amendment may be denied. I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by, all conditions of this amendment and attachments, the applicable provisions of the FGC, and the regulations promulgated thereto (Title 14, Section 650). I certify that I am not currently under any Fish and Wildlife license or permit revocation or suspension, and that there are no other legal or administrative proceedings pending that would disqualify me from obtaining this amendment. I agree that if I make any false statement as to any fact required as a prerequisite to the issuance of this amendment, the amendment is void and will be surrendered where purchased, and I understand that I may be subject to prosecution pursuant to FGC Section 1054 or to other administrative actions pursuant to Section 746, Title 14, of the CCR.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE 	DATE 4-27-16
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**SECTION 5 – PERMIT JUSTIFICATION** – Required for **ALL** activities.

Is a federal or additional state permit or MOU required?  YES  NO *(If yes, attach copies.)*

PROVIDE START AND END DATE AND/OR EXPLAIN SEASONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR WORK.	START	END
	05/10/2016	05/10/2026

**REMINDER - You must provide justification here for each wildlife and activity circled in Section 3.** Use the space below to summarize your proposed research. Be sure to include each of the following headers in **bold/underlined** and as follows: **purpose** (include scientific or educational need for the requested activity); **methods/techniques** (include equipment/gear) and the reason for using them; **species and numbers to be collected**, if known (include scientific and common names); **collection locations** (include counties and specific locales and reasons for choosing them); and **disposition**, which describes the organism's fate (i.e. sacrifice, catch and release, salvage, captivity). If you propose to collect in a Marine Protected Area (MPA), give the proper name of the MPA and explain (1) Why collection is required within an MPA and provide justification for why it cannot be conducted outside of an MPA; (2) Why the proposed methods are appropriate for this activity; and (3) Describe the frequency of the proposed activity per collecting area. If you are working in areas where special status species (listed, fully protected, or species of special concern) are expected to be incidentally captured, explain why collection is required in these areas, and describe how your methods/techniques and equipment/gear will avoid or minimize take of non-target sensitive species. If requesting marking/tagging, captivity, or sacrifice, specific details as described above must be included for each species and activity requested. Note: If you are working in areas where special status species are expected to be incidentally captured, you shall include such anticipated species in your list. **Attach additional pages if needed. Attach complete copies of appropriate federal permits and additional State permits (e.g., Memorandum of Understanding) to avoid delay of processing.**

See Attached Project Description

**2016 SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING PERMIT AMENDMENT ATTACHMENT**  
**SECTION 5. PERMIT JUSTIFICATION**  
**MERKEL & ASSOCIATES (SC-4019)**

**PURPOSE**

This request is for an amendment to Scientific Collecting Permit (SCP) SC-4019 to add take of marine/tidal invertebrates to the permit.

Merkel & Associates has been contracted to conduct monitoring for the Broad Beach Geologic Hazard Abatement District's (BBGHAD) Beach Restoration Project pursuant to the project's California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permit (CDP) 4-15-0390. Special Condition 6 requires semi-annual assessment that includes 1) the collection and reporting of macroinvertebrate assemblage that colonize Broad Beach following sand replenishment, including sampling prior to sand replenishment to establish pre-construction condition.

The project includes relocation of the downcoast approximately 1,800 linear feet of the as-built rock revetment further landward; implementation of a beach nourishment program for a period of 20 years involving deposition of 300,000 cu. yds. of sand on the beach from inland sand quarries during the first year and approximately 300,000 cu. yds. of sand approximately every five years thereafter; periodic interim nourishments involving up to 75,000 cu. yds. of sand as needed; periodic sand backpassing operations to occur no more than once per year, and dune habitat restoration.

The specific additional project information for which the collections are proposed is detailed below:

**Project #12**

**Purpose:** Per the CDP, the purpose is to access whether the portion of Broad Beach covered by quarry sand develops a sandy beach macroinvertebrate fauna similar to the reference beaches, and, 2) whether the project adversely impacts the beach ecosystem west and east of the project.

**Methods/Techniques:** Shore normal transects (40 core samples (10 cm dia. x 20 cm deep) evenly distributed between the wrackline and the swash zone, composited to single sample will be placed in a mesh bag with an aperture of 1.5 mm for sieving. Sediments will be removed by sieving in the swash zone. All macroinvertebrates retained on the sieves will be placed in labeled plastic bags, chilled and transported to the laboratory for preservation and processing. All macroinvertebrates will be preserved in buffered formalin in seawater for later identification with the exception of the upper shore samples without polychaetes, which will be frozen. All animals retained on the sieves will be identified, enumerated, blotted dry and weighed to the nearest 0.001 g.

**Species & Numbers:** The species and numbers are unknown at this time, although common species include mole crabs (*Emerita*), beach hoppers (*Megalorchestia*), clams (*Donax*), and polychaete worms.

**Location:** The project area is located at 30708 Broad Beach Road to 6526 Lechuza Point Road, Malibu; Los Angeles County, which is in the Point Dume State Marine Conservation Area (SMCA).

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Per the CDP, there will be five sample locations including:

- Broad Beach (located in Point Dume SMCA)
- Broad Beach west of the replenishment area (located in Point Dume SMCA)
- Zuma Beach east of the replenishment area (located in Point Dume SMCA)
- Two reference areas (one of which is anticipated to be at Point Dume, located in Point Dume SMR)

All monitoring locations, between the Los Angeles/Ventura County line and Marina del Rey and with the exception of one of the reference sites, all are located in either the Point Dume SMCA or Point Dume State Marine Reserve (SMR). The CDP requires sampling to occur semi-annually prior to and following sand replenishment to assess if project-related impacts are occurring. The monitoring will be used to assess project affects and to guide adaptive management to reduce affects and mitigation, should affects be identified. The CDFW is an agency party engaged in the review of the monitoring program and data it is expected to generate. The initial monitoring is to be performed in Spring 2016.



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Within the study program, it is anticipated that core (10cm dia x 20cm depth) sampling will be used to collect invertebrate fauna for later taxonomic laboratory analyses. It is expected that sampling will occur twice yearly at the 5 study/reference sites with collection of a negligible portion of the sandy substrate fauna. Because the soft bottom communities are very dynamic and are comprised of short-lived, high recruitment species, sampling effects are not anticipated to be either detectable or extend over time.

**Disposition:**

Marine/tidal invertebrates will be sacrificed

**Project #13**

**Purpose:** Merkel & Associates is working under contract to NOAA Protected Resources Division to complete comprehensive regional eelgrass surveys in California. The work is to serve three functions. First it is to be used as a tool for resource management. Second it is to serve as a tool for long-term environmental monitoring in the face of climate change and anthropogenic stressors. Finally, it provides a means to identify opportunities for potential habitat restoration in the future.

**Methods/Techniques:** Surveys would be non-consumptive acoustic investigations surveying from a vessel using hull mounted low-power sonar operating at frequencies outside of the hearing range of mammals. Surveys are conducted by travelling at speeds of 4 knots or less in parallel swaths distributed approximately 25 meters apart to provide full bottom coverage within the survey zone. Data are then ground-truthed by ROV or towed video camera. Data are subsequently processed to map eelgrass distribution within the surveyed areas.

**Species & Numbers:** No collections of organisms are proposed under this project

**Location:** Operations are scheduled to be performed based on a variety of factors under multiple contracts. The factors include the following:

- Strategic data gap infills;
- Resource management needs;
- Interest and data collection needs of partnering agencies;
- Distribution of information
- Consideration of other data collection that will otherwise occur without this program.

As such, the selected areas may occur at any location on the coast of California, with the present efforts being within the Southern California Bight. This sampling includes areas within and outside of MPAs. At present, there is a high interest in the northern Channel Islands including Anacapa Island where eelgrass beds have been extirpated and reintroduced over time. Ultimately, all areas of the coast are anticipated to be surveyed under this and collaborative programs. Within the Southern California Bight, there are two special Closure Areas (Anacapa Island Special Closure and San Miguel Island Special Closure). It is anticipated that both of these areas will be surveyed, with Anacapa being surveyed in 2016 and San Miguel Island surveys not presently scheduled or funded. Surveys for eelgrass must be performed during the active growing season with open marine surveys also being dependent upon weather conditions. As such, closure periods for access in Special Closure periods pose an untenable additional constraint. I would like to request authorization for

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access into the special closure areas during closure periods for the expressed intent to complete these surveys.

**Disposition:**

No organisms are to be taken under this project.

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**Special Closure Authorizations:**

You are authorized to conduct eelgrass surveys in the Southern California special closures (Anacapa Island Special Closure and the San Miguel Island Special Closure) under the following conditions and with the following reporting requirements:

**Special Conditions:**

1. The project manager and his research associates named in this SCP are permitted access into the aforementioned special closures to conduct the eelgrass surveys described in Project 13 of this permit.
2. The project manager and his research associates are responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits and permission from local and federal agencies where required to conduct their research activities.

**Notification and Reporting:**

1. The project manager or research associate shall notify the Department at the following e-mail addresses, at least three days prior to commencing with monitoring activities within the aforementioned special closure areas:

Captain , Law Enforcement Division: [Lt. Wes Boyle, Weston.Boyle@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Lt.Wes.Boyle@wildlife.ca.gov)  
 Brian Owens, Marine Region: [Brian.Owens@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.Owens@wildlife.ca.gov)

For monitoring within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuaries, the project manager or research associates shall also notify the following individuals by e-mail at least 24 hours prior to commencing with research activities:

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuaries: Sean Hastings, [sean.hastings@noaa.gov](mailto:sean.hastings@noaa.gov)

2. The project manager shall provide the Department with written reports on the projects' activities, which shall be due December 31st of each year the surveys are conducted and for which this permit is valid or upon a request for a new permit to enter the special closures. Annual reports should include the dates and locations of each survey, summaries of data collected and accounts of flushing or disturbance due to researcher's activities. Please note that providing information on flushing or disturbance will help the Department assess potential impacts due to research activities and will not necessarily result in revocation of this letter. In addition, the project manager shall provide the Department with copies of any final or technical reports or publications resulting from this work.

This SCP must be in the possession of the project manager and the research associates when conducting any activity authorized by this permit and must be shown upon request to any person authorized to enforce the State's fish and wildlife regulations.

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Take of Marine/Tidal Invertebrates is authorized as described.  
 Please see attached pages for authorizations instructions or restrictions.

Collections have been approved for work in the marine protected areas specified in this permit.

When collecting **marine species** anywhere in the state you must notify the **Monterey office** of the event and location of your collecting activities **at least 24 hours prior to commencement of such activities** by filling out Form 1379f (Notification of Intent to Collect for Scientific Purposes) and fax it to (831) 649-2819 or email it to [R7monterey.frontoffice@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:R7monterey.frontoffice@wildlife.ca.gov)

If you are listed on this permit as an authorized collector and if you have any person(s) assisting with a scientific collecting project or activity, you are required to be present and overseeing the activities as described and must be in possession of a copy of your permit.

This permit does not relieve the permittee of the responsibility to obtain any other permits, or comply with any other Federal, State or local laws or regulations. It is the responsibility of the permittee to know the boundaries and managing authority of State Parks, National Marine Sanctuaries, National Parks, or other specially designated protected areas.  
 Department of Parks and Recreation: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>  
 National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>  
 National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/>

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code 6400, you are **NOT** authorized to release any specimens back into the wild after they have been taken into captivity, unless you obtain written permission from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Requests to reintroduce animals from holding facilities into the wild will be evaluated based on the benefit of the return weighted against the risk of disease and non-native species introductions to the wild.

You are required to complete and submit a Scientific Collecting Amendment Form (Form FG 1379e) when requesting a change to an existing Scientific Collecting Permit or if your affiliation changes. The SCP Amendment Form is available online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1379e.pdf](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdffiles/fg1379e.pdf).  
**YOU MAY NOT BEGIN ANY NEW COLLECTION ACTIVITY UNTIL YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN APPROVED, VALIDATED AMENDMENT.**

**You must provide a scientific collecting permit report of specimens collected or salvaged** (Form FG 1379a) within 30 days of the expiration of the permit, or upon submitting an application to renew a SCP.  
 If you did not collect any specimens or collected the same individuals as another permittee, you still need to submit a report. Enter a single line indicating that no specimens were collected or indicate the permittee's name and SCP number for the specimens already reported. **PLEASE DO NOT DUPLICATE DATA.**

**NO OTHER SPORT OR COMMERCIAL FISHING ACTIVITIES or COLLECTION OF UNAUTHORIZED SPECIES** is allowed on the same trips or time periods as scientific collection activities. Collected organisms may not be used for commercial profit or personal benefit.

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