



## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Ms. Rachel Wachtendonk  
National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Wachtendonk,

In accordance with the regulations implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, NMFS issued an incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to the U.S. Navy (Navy) to incidentally harass marine mammals during construction activities associated with the New London Pier 31 Extension Project at Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) New London in Groton, Connecticut.

The current effective dates for the authorization are from December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2025. However, due to a change in schedule, in-water construction will now begin on February 1, 2026.

We respectfully request a modification in authorization effective dates, to the time period of February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

We appreciate your consideration. Please let us know if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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