



NOAA NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES PERMIT APPLICATION

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Refer to “Instructions for Submitting Applications for National Marine Sanctuary Permits and Authorizations” for guidance on how to properly complete this application. Applicants are responsible for reviewing the instructions in their entirety to ensure the application meets all requirements.

Note: for certain activities, completion of this application may not be required. Consult the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) [permitting webpage](#) or contact the local permit coordinator (under “Where to Apply” on the webpage) prior to completing and submitting this application. Review the list of [sanctuary prohibitions](#) to see if your proposed project involves an otherwise prohibited activity for a sanctuary, and would therefore require a permit.

Section A – General			
Sanctuary or sanctuaries in which you are applying to work:		Monterey Bay	Other
Channel Islands	Gray’s Reef	Olympic Coast	
Cordell Bank	Greater Farallones	Stellwagen Bank	
NMS of American Samoa	Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale	Thunder Bay	
Florida Keys	Mallows Bay-Potomac River	Lake Ontario	
Flower Garden Banks	Monitor		
Select one of the following:		Enter any previously issued ONMS permit number(s) relevant to this project or issued to the applicant:	
New application			
Amendment or modification to previously issued permit, including request for permit time extension <i>(Note: expired permits cannot be amended or modified)</i>			

Section B – Applicant Information			
Honorific	First Name	Last Name	Middle Initial
Title		Organization represented (if applicable)	Department (if applicable)
Organization address:		Phone:	Affiliation type:
Address Line 1:		Email:	
Address Line 2:			
City:			
State:			
Zip Code:			
Co-applicant (if applicable):			
Honorific	First Name	Last Name	Middle Initial
Organization address:		Phone:	Affiliation type:
Address Line 1:		Email:	
Address Line 2:			
City:			
State:			
Zip Code:			
Title		Organization represented (if applicable)	Department (if applicable)

Section C – Project Information

Project title and summary (maximum 300 characters):

Project dates (mm/dd/yyyy format):

Requested permit start date:

Requested permit end date:

Project abstract (maximum 3000 characters – field will expand as needed):

Methods and protocols proposed to be employed (maximum 10000 characters – field will expand as needed). For field experiments or monitoring, provide details on what will occur, how, when, where, and for how long. If equipment is required, fully describe and attach supporting diagrams, as applicable. For collections, provide sampling season and frequency and justification for sample numbers. For all projects (including lab component) provide experimental design and statistical analysis methods:

Section C – Project Information (Continued)

<p>Proposed location of activities:</p> <p>Will this activity occur within any special management zone (such as marine reserves, no-take areas, research areas, sanctuary preservation areas, or state preserves)?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No</p> <p>Yes – List zone names in box to right and provide justification in Section F</p>	<p>Describe specific location(s) within the sanctuary or sanctuaries where activities are proposed to be conducted. Provide a map showing GPS coordinates in decimal degrees for individual points, point with radius, or polygon(s) with bounding coordinates. List any special management zone(s) by name.</p>
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Section D – Collections Data

Complete this section when requesting collections as part of this activity. Collections include biological, geological and hydrological samples. Describe the type, quantity, and size of sample to be collected. Also, describe the intended sampling location. Provide scientific nomenclature where possible. Complete/attach additional pages if necessary. Leave blank if project does not include collections.

Type of Collection (e.g., species name, sediment type, or water sample).	Quantity: Identify number of samples per year or per permit period (if less than one year).	Sample Limits: Identify maximum or minimum size, or other relevant parameters.	Location: Identify GPS coordinates in decimal degrees, site name, and note if in special management zone.

Section E – Environmental Effects

Answer the following questions as accurately as possible. Maximum 1000 characters per question.

Describe any direct effects on sanctuary resources or qualities that would occur at the same time and place as a result of this activity (e.g., if equipment is used, describe level and scope of disturbance to species, habitats, or maritime heritage resources. If samples are proposed, explain resulting effects to individuals or populations.):

Describe any indirect effects on sanctuary resources or qualities that would be caused by the action that are later in time or farther removed in distance, or incidental to other species or habitats as result of the activity, but still reasonably foreseeable (e.g., If equipment is used, does it have the potential to move and cause unintended effects to species, habitats, or maritime heritage resources? Will field experiments alter the behavior of non-target species?):

Section F – Rationale

Answer the following questions as accurately as possible. Maximum 1000 characters per question.

1. Describe how the proposed activity would be conducted in a manner compatible with the National Marine Sanctuaries Act's primary objective to protect sanctuary resources and qualities.

2. Describe why this activity needs to be conducted within the sanctuary or sanctuaries to achieve its purpose.

3. If this activity is proposed to occur in any special management zone (e.g., marine reserves, no-take areas, research areas, sanctuary preservation areas, NOAA regulated overflight zones, state preserves), explain why this is necessary and how it would further the understanding of the zone.

Section F – Rationale (Continued)

4. Describe how the proposed methods and procedures are appropriate to achieve the proposed activity's stated purpose and would avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects on sanctuary resources and qualities as much as possible.
5. Describe how the proposed duration, seasonality, and frequency of the activity requested are appropriate for this activity and are no greater than necessary to achieve the activity's stated purpose.
6. Describe how the expected end value of the proposed activity furthers sanctuary goals and purposes and outweighs any potential adverse effects on sanctuary resources and qualities. Describe any benefits this activity has for the sanctuary or sanctuary system.
7. Provide a statement explaining why the applicant and all personnel involved are professionally qualified to conduct and complete the proposed activity.
8. Provide information to demonstrate that the applicant has adequate financial resources available to conduct and complete the the proposed activity and meet the terms and conditions of the permit.
9. Provide information relevant to any other sanctuary-specific permit review criteria, as applicable. Enter N/A if not applicable.

Section G – Other Information

Check if the applicant or the entity represented is a small business based on the U.S. Small Business Administration's size standard.

What year is this determination based on?

Enter the U.S. Small Business Administration's North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) (see <https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>) code for your primary activity here:

Section G – Other Information (Continued)

Identify any other permits, authorizations, or approvals obtained or required to conduct the proposed activity including, in the case of applications for authorizations, a copy of the application for a valid lease, permit, license, approval or other authorization from any federal, state, or local authority of competent jurisdiction.

Check here if no other federal, state, or local permits are required.

Check the boxes as appropriate if other permits or authorizations are required. Identify the status of the application(s) as not yet submitted, in progress, or received. Provide permit number(s) and copies of any permit(s) already received.

Permit number if applicable

Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) permit or authorization

Endangered Species Act (ESA) permit or authorization

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit

Other federal, state, or local permit(s) or authorization(s)

Check the boxes as appropriate, if consultations are required. Identify the status of the consultation(s) as not yet submitted, in progress, or completed. Provide copies of any final assessments or analyses.

Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7

Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Determination or Negative Determination

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act – Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)

National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106

Executive Order 13175 – Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments

Other tribal, federal, state, or local consultation(s)

Check the boxes as appropriate, if to your knowledge, any of the following environmental analyses are required. Provide title of the analysis and any associated decision document. Provide the name of agency responsible for the analysis. Identify the status of the environmental review as not initiated, in progress, or completed.

Federal environmental impact statement, environmental assessment, or categorical exclusion memorandum prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Include the associated Record of Decision or Finding of No Significant Impact, if the NEPA review has concluded.

State or local environmental impact statement, analysis, or review.

Section H - Certification

I certify that this application is accurate and complete. I understand incomplete applications will not be acted upon until any required additional information is provided. I further understand that applications not received within the timelines outlined in the instructions may not be processed in time for my activity to begin as planned. I authorize ONMS to seek peer reviews of my proposal, if deemed necessary.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Signature of co-applicant, if applicable:

Date:

(Options for authenticating this document: Provide digital signature; provide signed and scanned last page; or provide acknowledgement using the paragraph above by email.)

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Privacy Information: We will only use personally identifiable information submitted in this application for the purpose of considering the permit application. We do not collect or use information for commercial marketing. We may share the information you give us with another government agency if your inquiry relates to that agency. Please refer to the permit instructions for the Privacy Act Statement. To view the full privacy policy, please visit <https://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/privacy/NOAA-pias.html>