

18 March 2024

Mr. Drew Crane, Deputy Assistant Regional Director Ecological Services U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1011 East Tudor Road Anchorage, AK 99503-6199

Re: Permit Application No. 14762C

(National Park Service, Glacier Bay Field Station)

Dear Mr. Crane:

The Marine Mammal Commission (the Commission), in consultation with its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals, has reviewed the above-referenced permit application with regard to the humaneness and *bona fide* criteria of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. <u>The Commission</u> believes that the proposed activities meet these requirements and <u>recommends</u> that the Fish and Wildlife Service issue the permit, as requested. Kindly contact me if you have any questions concerning the Commission's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Peter O. Thomas, Ph.D., Executive Director

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