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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Mr. Taro Ono
First Secretary, Economic Section
Embassy of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Mr. Ono,

I am writing in response to the application to conduct marine scientific research in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States of America, listed in the Research Application Tracking System as U2018-002. I am pleased to advise that consent is granted for all activities proposed for Koji Matsuoka of The Institute of Cetacean Research, from July 8, 2018 to September 20, 2018, under U2018-002, subject to the following conditions being met:

- (1) The marine scientific research is to be undertaken in conformity with the information specified in the research application, and the relevant provisions of U.S. and international law. Plans for any proposed changes in activities, the Chief Scientist or the platform, or the addition of any activities, are to be communicated in advance of entrance into U.S. waters to the Research Coordinator.
- (2) The applicant understands that approval of this marine scientific research request does not provide the applicant with exclusive use of the maritime space. At all times, the applicant is to exercise due regard with respect to other lawful uses of the sea. The applicant understands that neither the U.S. Department of State nor any other part of the United States Government is responsible for any damage, harm, or liability resulting from the conduct by the applicant of this marine scientific research, and that the United States Government assumes no responsibility for any such damage, harm, or liability by virtue of granting its consent to the marine scientific research activities set forth in application U2018-002.
- (3) The applicant agrees to take all steps warranted to apprise mariners of the placement of any potential obstacles to navigation associated with this marine scientific research, including as needed appropriate prior notifications to the United States Coast Guard.
- (4) To promote safety by minimizing potential interference with other activities

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- (5) A preliminary report is to be submitted to the Department of State via the Research Application Tracking System no later than three months after the end date of the timeframe stated in this consent letter.
- (6) A copy of all data collected during the marine scientific research activities that are the subject of this consent letter is to be sent by email to the following email addresses, and should include "U2018-002 Research Data" in the subject line:
NCEI.Coastal@noaa.gov
Kathryn.townsend@navy.mil
- (10) A copy of the final report produced that incorporates information obtained from the marine scientific research that is the subject of this application is to be sent no later than two (2) years after the end date of the timeframe specified in this consent letter to each the following three (3) addresses:


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Thank you for your continuing cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely,



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