ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

| AAZV | American Association of Zoo Veterinarians |
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| ABR | Auditory Brainstem Response |
| ADFG | Alaska Department of Fish and Game |
| AEP | Auditory Evoked Potential |
| APHIS | Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service |
| ASHPO | American Samoa Historic Preservation Office |
| AVMA | American Veterinary Medical Association |
| BLM | Bureau of Land Management |
| CDFG | California Department of Fish and Game |
| CEQ | Council on Environmental Quality |
| CFR | Code of Federal Regulations |
| CI | Co-Investigator |
| CIMS | Chesapeake Information Management System |
| CITES | Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora |
| CNMI | Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands |
| CPR | Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation |
| CSC | Coastal Service Center |
| DDT | Dichloro-Diphenyl- Trichloroethane |
| DEA | Drug Enforcement Administration |
| DIN | Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen |
| DIP | Dissolved Inorganic Phosphorus |
| DOC | Department of Commerce |
| DOI | Department of the Interior |
| DPS | Distinct Population Segment |
| EA | Environmental Assessment |

| EEZ | Exclusive Economic Zone |
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| EFH | Essential Fish Habitat |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement |
| EO | Executive Order |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| ERM | Effects Range Median |
| ERL | Effect Range Low |
| ESA | Endangered Species Act |
| ESU | Evolutionary Significant Unit |
| FLMNH | Florida Museum of Natural History |
| FOSC | Federal On-Scene Coordinator |
| FR | Federal Register |
| GEPA | Guam Environmental Protection Agency |
| GMP | Gulf of Mexico Program |
| HAB | Harmful Algal Bloom |
| HAS | Hawaii Audubon Society |
| HAZWOPER | Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response |
| HSWRI | Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute |
| IATA | International Air Transport Association |
| ICS | Incident Command System |
| LOA | Letter of Agreement |
| m | Meter |
| mg/L | Milligrams per liter |
| MMC | Marine Mammal Commission |
| MMHSRA | Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Act |
| MMHSRP | Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program |

| MMPA | Marine Mammal Protection Act |
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| MSDS | Material Safety Data Sheet |
| NAO | NOAA Administrative Order |
| NCCR | National Coastal Condition Report II |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| NERR | National Estuarine Research Reserve |
| NHPA | National Historic Preservation Act |
| NMFS | National Marine Fisheries Service |
| NMMTB | National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank |
| NMS | National Marine Sanctuary |
| NOA | Notice of Availability |
| NOAA | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration |
| NOI | Notice of Intent |
| NPDES | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| NPS | National Park Service |
| NRCS | Natural Resources Conservation Service |
| NRDC | Natural Resources Defense Council |
| NRHP | National Register of Historic Places |
| NWHICRER | Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve |
| NWR | National Wildlife Refuge |
| OCNMS | Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary |
| OSHA | Occupational Safety and Health Administration |
| OSP | Optimum Sustainable Population |
| РАН | Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon |
| РСВ | Polychlorinated Biphenyls |
| PCCS | Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies |

| PEIS | Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement |
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| PFMC | Pacific Fishery Management Council |
| PI | Principal Investigator |
| PIT | Passive Integrated Transponder |
| РОР | Persistent Organic Pollutant |
| POTWs | Publicly Owned Treatment Works |
| PR1 | Office of Protected Resources, Permits, Conservation and Education Division (NMFS) |
| ROD | Record of Decision |
| SA | Stranding Agreement |
| SAV | Submerged Aquatic Vegetation |
| SHPO | State Historic Preservation Officer |
| ТСР | Traditional Cultural Property |
| ТНРО | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer |
| TOC | Total Organic Carbon |
| UME | Unusual Mortality Event |
| U.S.C. | United States Code |
| USCG | U.S. Coast Guard |
| USDA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| USFS | U.S. Forest Service |
| USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| USGS | U.S. Geological Survey |
| VHF | Very High Frequency |
| VIDPNR | Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources |
| WDFW | Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| WGMMUME | Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events |