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IMMS Key Personnel

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Qualifications of Key Personnel

Dr. Moby Solangi – *Executive Director & Founder of IMMS (Principal Investigator)* – Ph.D. in Marine Biology and over 27 years of experience in all aspects of the marine mammal industry including stranding response and rehabilitation, capture and restraint, husbandry, research, water quality, public display, training, transport, diagnostic sampling, necropsy, public and media relations. Serves as adjunct faculty at University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, Jackson State University, Louisiana State University and Oklahoma State University and has served on committees of many graduate students.

Dr. Delphine Vanderpool – *Assistant Director of Research (Co-investigator)* – M.D. (doctorate in medicine) and over 15 years of experience in marine mammal handling, behavior, and husbandry; and over 6 years of experience in research management, stranding response and rehabilitation, transport, necropsy, tissue collection, public relations.

Dr. Connie Chevis – *Attending Veterinarian (Co-investigator)* – D.V.M. (doctorate in veterinary medicine) and more than 12 years of experience in marine mammal medicine, nutrition, diagnostic sampling, husbandry, transport, and necropsy; also over 6 years of experience in research and teaching.

Mr. Tim Hoffland – *Stranding Coordinator / Director of Animal Care* – B.S. in biology and over 18 years of experience in the marine mammal science including training, behavior, handling, capture and restraint, transport, husbandry, diagnostic specimen collection, nutrition, water quality, necropsy, and research data collection.

Dr. Sharon Walker – *Director of Education and Outreach* – Ph.D. in Science Education and over 30 years of experience in the same; former director of the University of Southern Mississippi's Marine Education Center for over 25 years.

Ms. Shea Eaves – *Research Assistant / Educational Coordinator* – B.S. in biology and over 8 years of experience in marine mammal training, behavior, husbandry, transport, capture and restraint, handling, nutrition, diagnostic specimen collection, water quality; also over two years experience in stranding response and rehabilitation and research data collection.

Ms. Emma Jarvis – *Research Assistant / Volunteer Supervisor* – B.S. in psychology and biology and over 6 years of experience in marine mammal training, behavior, husbandry, handling, and transport; also experienced in stranding response and rehabilitation, and research data collection.

Ms. Shannon Huyser - *Research Assistant / Educational Coordinator* – over 12 years of experience in marine mammal training, behavior, husbandry, transport, capture and restraint, handling, nutrition, diagnostic specimen collection and water quality; also 3 years of experience in stranding response and rehabilitation.

Ms. Becky Winstead – *Research Assistant* – B.S. in psychology and 3 years of experience in stranding response and rehabilitation, specimen collection, and research data collection; additionally, has a year and a half of experience in marine mammal training, behavior, husbandry, handling, nutrition, transport, and diagnostic specimen collection.

Ms. Kelly Folkedahl – *Research Assistant / Educational Coordinator* – B.S. degree in biology with a minor in psychology as well as a certificate from the Exotic Animal Training and Management Program at Moorpark College in Moorpark, CA; experience in sea lion and bird training as well as field research and data analysis.

Ms. Megan Broadway – *Research Assistant* – B.S. in marine science and collegiate plus two years work experience in behavioral and ecological research data collection including photo ID, habitat delineation, population dynamics, passive listening, and behavioral observations; and two years experience in stranding response.

Dr. Tami Wells – *Marine Ecologist* – Ph.D. (candidate for May 2010 graduation) in Marine Science with over 10 years of experience in marine ecology, coastal sciences, coastal restoration, and remote sensing with marine mammal mitigation applications.

Dr. Rick Kastner – *Senior Biologist* – Ph.D. – has over 30 years of experience in fishery biology and research.