



MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

12 January 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. 6413229
(Matson's Laboratory)

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. The Commission believes that the proposed activities meet these requirements and recommends 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter O. Thomas".

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