This scientific research permit is made and entered into, by and between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, hereinafter referred to as the “COMMISSION”, and Kate Litle, hereinafter referred to as the “PERMITTEE”. 
WHEREAS, the PERMITTEE requests a permit for scientific research for conducting a community science project to search for European Green Crab molts as per the original scientific research permit application dated 06/12/2023;

WHEREAS, PERMITTEE is a representative of Washington Sea Grant, University of Washington, and;

WHEREAS, the COMMISSION has waived the fee because the requested action will be of benefit to the general public,

WHEREAS, the requested data collection is exempt from SEPA by WAC 197-11-800 (17), and;

WHEREAS, PERMITTEE will obtain all necessary state and federal permits, if any, for this study;

NOW THEREFORE, COMMISSION hereby grants PERMITTEE a permit and right of entry to the state parks listed above beginning on [07/01/2023] and terminating on [07/01/2028] upon the following terms and conditions:

1. COMMISSION hereby grants to PERMITTEE a revocable right to enter the above-mentioned park at such times as are mutually agreeable to PERMITTEE and PARK MANAGER to perform the following tasks as described in the original letter of request dated 06/12/2023:

   o Community scientists will search for and gather molts for 20 person-minutes in groups of up to four people. Molts will be photographed and identified to species. Data on European green crab molts will be recorded and reported through the MyCoast app.
   o Community scientists will have the option to also submit data for Dungeness crab molts.
   o Participants will be allowed to retain European green crab molts. Retaining molts of other species shall not be allowed.

2. PERMITTEE shall notify and coordinate visits and research site locations in advance with State Parks by contacting:
   Andrea Thorpe, Ph.D., Natural Resources Program Manager
   Phone: 360-890-0175
   Email: andrea.thorpe@parks.wa.gov

   and

   Stella Waxwing, Statewide Steward
   Phone: 360-972-0589
   Email: stella.waxwing@parks.wa.gov
Contact information for manager for parks included in the permit is provided below:

**Whatcom Bays Area**, Amber Forest, Area Manager
245 Chuckanut Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98229-8934
Phone: 360-676-2093
Email: amber.forest@parks.wa.gov

**San Juan Area**, Chris Guidotti, Area Manager
3572 Olga Rd.
Olga, WA 98279-8556
Phone: 360-376-2326
Email: chris.guidotti@parks.wa.gov

**Deception Pass Area**, Jason Armstrong, Area Manager
41020 State Route 20
Oak Harbor, WA 98277-7947
Phone: 360-675-3767
Email: jason.armstrong@parks.wa.gov

**Central Whidbey Area**
1280 Engle Rd.
Coupeville, WA 98239-3517
Phone: 360-678-4519

**Tahoma Gateway Area**, Jeff Vasallo, Area Manager
23700 SE Flaming Geyser Rd.
Auburn, WA 98092-9031
Phone: 253-735-8839
Email: jeff.vasallo@parks.wa.gov

**Salish Foothills Area**, Jeff Wheeler, Area Manager
1880 SW Caman Island Dr.
Camano Island, WA 98282-6342
Phone: 360-387-1550
Email: jeff.wheeler@parks.wa.gov

**Millersylvania Area**, Janet Shonk, Area Manager
12245 Tilley Rd S
Olympia, WA 98512-9167
Phone: 360-753-1519
Email: janet.shonk@parks.wa.gov

**South Sound Area**, Joel Pillers, Area Manager
PO Box 2787
3. Any materials approved under this permit for removal from COMMISSION owned properties will become the property of the PERMITTEE unless otherwise stipulated.

4. All tools, equipment, and other property owned by PERMITTEE shall remain the property of PERMITTEE and are to be removed from the park by PERMITTEE prior to the expiration of this permit, or within 30 days following revocation.
5. PERMITTEE will be responsible for damages arising from any activities of PERMITTEE, its officers, agents, employees or representatives on said land, in the exercise of rights under this permit and hereby agrees to indemnify and hold COMMISSION harmless from any such damages.

6. COMMISSION shall not be responsible in any manner for the tools, equipment or other property owned by PERMITTEE.

7. PERMITTEE shall keep a copy of this permit on his or her person at all times research is being conducted on park land. PERMITTEE shall exhibit the permit if requested to do so by COMMISSION staff or other law enforcement personnel.

8. PERMITTEE shall provide a report to COMMISSION, in electronic form, detailing work completed under this permit within 60 days of permit expiration. And no later than six months after research is completed, PERMITTEE shall provide COMMISSION a report detailing the findings and conclusions of the research conducted. PERMITTEE will also provide a complimentary copy to COMMISSION of any scientific publications resulting from this study.

9. Stipulations:
   
a. PERMITTEE must contact park staff prior to entering the park to conduct research as outlined in this permit.

b. PERMITTEE shall explain research activities to the public if asked.

c. In the event archaeological resources are found or unearthed during the work allowed by this permit, PERMITTEE shall cease work immediately and contact State Parks Archaeologist, Jennifer Wilson at (360) 902-8637. If cultural resources are discovered, the PERMITTEE shall comply with provisions of Chapter 27.44 RCW, Chapter 27.53 RCW and the rules and regulations of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, including compliance with all archaeological excavation permit requirements.

d. PERMITTEE will include “Research was conducted under Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Scientific Research Permit “230602” in the Methods, Acknowledgements, or other appropriate section of any publications resulting from this work.

e. PERMITTEE shall not harm flora or fauna while conducting research at the parks included in this permit except as necessary for research activities regulated by this permit.

f. PERMITTEE shall obtain a wildlife collection permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife before beginning sampling activities that involve wildlife specimens and shall keep a copy of the permit with researchers when conducting activities covered by this scientific research permit.
g. PERMITTEE shall leave research sites as undisturbed as possible to protect the natural wildlife.

10. This permit shall expire 07/01/2028 unless otherwise mutually agreed by both parties - except that PARKS may revoke said permit for any cause. Any request for extension of this permit must be made in writing as an addendum.

DATED: 08/09/2023          DATED: 7/20/23

COMMISSION

By ______________________
Andrea S. Thorpe Ph.D.
Stewardship Program

PERMITTEE

By ______________________
Kate Little
Washington Sea Grant

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Jessica Fogel, AAG 5/12/10
Office of the Attorney General