

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE–AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY  
AGREEMENT**

THIS FOURTH AMENDMENT (the “**Amendment**”), effective as of the date of the last signature (“**Effective Date**”), is by and between the **American Museum of Natural History**, a not-for-profit organization located at 200 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024 (“AMNH”), and the United States of America, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (“NPS”).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the parties entered into an agreement effective July 7, 2009 (“**Original Agreement**”), under which the Ambrose Monell Collection for Molecular and Microbial Research also known as the Ambrose Monell Cryo Collection (“AMCC”) at the AMNH was granted the right to act as a repository for NPS tissue samples of organisms listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and thereby establish a collection of NPS Specimens designated as the National Park Service Special Collection (the “Collection”) and lend NPS Specimens to the scientific community under terms and conditions as defined in the Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, a First Amendment to the Original Agreement became effective July 1, 2014, modifying certain Original Agreement terms, including but not limited to, extending the Agreement expiration date to June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a Second Amendment to the Original Agreement became effective July 1, 2019, modifying certain Original Agreement terms, including but not limited to, extending the Agreement expiration date to June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a Third Amendment to the Original Agreement became effective, July 12, 2021, modifying certain Original Agreement terms, including but not limited to updating AMNH’s address, expanding and clarifying the scope of the Agreement to include tissue samples of all animal organisms, and updating the language of the Original Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section VII.A of the Original Agreement, the Parties desire to renew and update the language of the Original Agreement; NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises made herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree to amend the Original Agreement, as previously amended, as follows:

1. The terms in the Original Agreement and its prior amendments shall have the same meanings in this Amendment.

2. The first paragraph is hereby amended to read: This Agreement (the “Agreement”), effective July 7, 2009 ("Effective Date"), and expiring June 30, 2029, is made and entered into between the American Museum of Natural History, a not-for-profit organization located at 200 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024 (“AMNH”), and the United States of America, United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (“NPS”).

3. Section I, second paragraph, is hereby amended to read:

NPS is authorized to enter into this repository loan Agreement pursuant to the authority contained in the National Park Service Organic Act, 54 U.S.C. § 100101, the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998, 54 U.S.C. § 100705, and 54 U.S.C. § 102501-102504, (Management of Museum Properties).

4. Section I, NPS References 1, 2, and 4 are amended to read:

a) Reference 1 is amended to read:

1. Director’s Order #24: NPS Museum Collections Management  
([Director's Order #24: NPS Museum Collections Management](#))

b) Reference 2 is amended to read:

2. General Conditions for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit  
([General Conditions for Scientific Research and Collecting Permit - Science \(U.S. National Park Service\)](#))

c) Reference 4 is amended to read:

4. Director’s Order #77-10: NPS Benefits Sharing  
([Director's Order #77-10: NPS Benefits Sharing](#))

5. Section III.A.1 is hereby amended to read:

Key Official for biological resources matters:

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6. Section III, B.2 is hereby amended to for Scott A. Schaefer as follows:

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7. Section VII.A is hereby amended to read:  
This Agreement shall be in force until June 30, 2029. The Agreement may be renewed for an additional term upon written consent of the parties.H
8. Section VIII.A is hereby amended to read:  
This Agreement will terminate June 30, 2029, unless renewed in writing by the parties.
9. No Other Amendment. Except as expressly amended hereby, the provisions of the Original Agreement, the First Amendment, the Second Amendment, and the Third Amendment shall remain in full force and effect.
10. Counterparts; Electronic Delivery. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument. This Amendment may be executed by transfer of an originally signed document by facsimile, e-mail, or other electronic means, any of which will be as fully binding as an original document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMNH and NPS have caused this Amendment to be executed in duplicate by their respective duly authorized officers.

—Signatures begin on next page—

Agreed between the parties:

**National Park Service**

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