

Dated: June 3, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052797B]

Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit 1051 (P45Z), issuance of modification 1 to scientific research permit 875 (P774#1), issuance of modification 1 to scientific research permit 1030 (P625), and notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P647).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1051 to Jorgen Skjeveland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z); on June 4, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 875 issued to the Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center; and on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 1030 issued to Sarah Mitchell, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. Notice is also given that Joseph E. Hightower, of North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon (P647).

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).

or

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18588) that an application had been filed by Jorgen Skjeveland, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service (P45Z), to take listed shortnose sturgeon as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The applicant requested a five year permit to take up to 25 listed shortnose sturgeon annually from the Upper Chesapeake Bay to determine the population status and preferred habitat of the species in the Bay. The sturgeon will be measured, tagged, tissue sampled, and released. The data collected under this permit will be used to identify dredged material disposal sites that will have minimal environmental impact on sturgeon species. Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1051.

Notice was published on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 17178) that an application had been filed by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service (P774#1), to take listed sea turtles as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The applicant requested a modification to permit 875 to include an increase in the authorized take of leatherback sea turtles from 20 to 85, and the authorization to take blood samples from sea turtles captured incidental to the swordfish drift gillnet fishery. Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 875.

On May 29, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 1030 issued to Sarah Mitchell, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary. Currently, Ms. Mitchell is authorized to take loggerhead turtles in the waters of the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary to investigate population trends, migrations, habitat, and diving behavior. Modification 1 authorizes the collection of blood samples from loggerhead turtles taken pursuant to the permitted research.

Joseph E. Hightower, of North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (P647), requests a scientific research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The applicant has requested a two year permit to conduct scientific research on listed shortnose sturgeon within the Albemarle Sound estuarine system. A maximum of 25 shortnose sturgeon will be collected from the

Albemarle Sound to determine the status of shortnose sturgeon in the estuary and to examine habitat selection and overlap for shortnose sturgeon and juvenile Atlantic sturgeon. The sturgeon will be examined, measured, photographed, and tagged. Sonic transmitters will be externally attached to the sturgeon to monitor their movement within the Sound. The sturgeon will be released immediately following the above procedures.

Issuance of these permits/modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits/modifications, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

New Export Visa Stamp for Certain Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

June 4, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new export visa stamp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

Beginning on March 1, 1997, the "Ministry of Industry" and the "Ministry of Trade" merged to form the "Ministry of Industry and Trade." On March 1, 1997, the Government of Indonesia started issuing visas with the new stamped marking "Ministry of Industry and Trade."

Effective on June 15, 1997, textile products exported from Indonesia on and after March 1, 1997, shall be accompanied by a visa with the new stamped marking "Ministry of Industry and Trade," instead of the ones from the former "Ministry of Industry" and "Ministry of Trade." There will be a grace period from June 15, 1997 through July 14, 1997, during which the old or the new visas will be acceptable. The new visa stamp must accompany goods exported on and after July 15, 1997. If the merchandise is not accompanied by the appropriate visa, goods will be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

A facsimile of the new visa stamp is on file at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, room 3100.

See 52 FR 20134, published on May 29, 1987.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 4, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on May 19, 1987, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Indonesia for which the Government of Indonesia has not issued an appropriate visa.

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A facsimile of the new visa stamp is enclosed with this letter.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

New Foster Grandparent Projects

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service ("Corporation") announces the availability of up to \$4,450,000 for grants to support approximately 20-25 new Foster Grandparent Program ("FGP") projects in geographic areas that are not currently being served by FGP projects funded by the Corporation.

DATES: All applications must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m., July 23, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested organizations may request application materials by contacting the appropriate Corporation State Office listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact John Keller at (206) 220-7737. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Corporation is a Federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In supporting service programs, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service.

The FGP is a service program authorized by the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended. See 42 U.S.C. 5011 *et seq.* The program (1) provides opportunities for income eligible individuals 60 years of age and over to serve children and youth with special or exceptional needs on a person-to-person basis, (2) provides

communities with valuable service by empowering older adults to contribute to their communities through volunteer service, and (3) enhances the lives of the volunteers and those whom they serve.

The program began in 1965 as a national demonstration program designed to demonstrate how low-income persons age 60 and over have the maturity and experience to establish personal relationships with children who have either special or exceptional needs. Today, there are over 21,000 Foster Grandparents providing care and attention every day to more than 80,000 qualified children and youths. Foster Grandparents volunteer in schools, hospitals, drug treatment centers, correctional institutions, Head Start programs, and day care centers. They also provide emotional support to children who have been abused and neglected, mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with physical disabilities or severe illnesses, including AIDS. By developing special relationships with children and youths, Foster Grandparents help young people develop self-esteem, gain confidence, and become more productive members of society. The purpose of the new FGP projects is to expand the program to serve geographic locations that are not currently being served by FGP projects.

Eligible Applicants

Public agencies (including state and local agencies and other units of government) and non-profit organizations in the United States are eligible to apply. The following Corporation grantees are encouraged to apply: organizations that operate an AmeriCorps*National program or an AmeriCorps*State program; Retired and Senior Volunteer Program project sponsors; Senior Companion Program project sponsors; AmeriCorps*VISTA projects sponsors; and organizations that directly receive a Learn and Serve America: School or Community-Based program grant or a Learn and Serve America: Higher Education program grant from the Corporation. FGP project sponsors that are funded by the Corporation are not eligible to receive a grant to expand into new geographic areas.

Under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, an organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)) which engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply for these funds.

Estimated Number of Awards

The Corporation anticipates making 20-25 awards.