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Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Modification Requests Received

Permit 1245

The applicant requests a modification to Permit 1245. Permit 1245 authorizes the take, via capture, handling, tagging, sampling, and release of 250 loggerhead, 50 Kemp's ridley, 10 green, one leatherback, and 5 hawksbill turtles. Modification 13 would extend the expiration date to October 31, 2004 without an increase in the authorized annual take.

The goal of the research is to establish a scientifically-valid indices of abundance for the northern sub-population of the threatened loggerhead turtle and the endangered Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles which occur in the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern United States. This study is intended to capture juveniles and adults, thereby providing a more comprehensive assessment of total population abundance and an assessment of the health of individual animals.

Permit 1324

The applicant requests a modification to Permit 1324. Permit 1324 authorizes the take of threatened and endangered species of sea turtles in the northeast distant statistical sampling area (NED) for the U.S. longline fishery. The purpose of the research is to develop and test methods to reduce bycatch of research that occurs incidental to commercial, pelagic longline fishing. The researchers propose to work cooperatively with U.S. pelagic longline fishermen in the NED area to conduct this fishery-dependent testing. The fishery dependent use of commercial fishing boats for this research is necessary because (1) a large level of fishing effort is necessary for the statistical power to complete this testing and fishery independent work would be cost-prohibitive and (2) testing should be conducted aboard a mix of representative platforms so that the testing results are clearly applicable to the fleets that would ultimately adopt bycatch reduction measures through this research.

Modification #1 would increase the authorized lethal take of leatherback turtle from one to two over the life of the permit and to increase the authorized lethal take of green, hawksbill, and Kemp's ridley turtles, in combination, from one to two. The permit holder has requested this modification to prevent the introduction of confounding of year and season effects that could result in a shutdown due to meeting lethal take limits authorized in the original permit.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification #1 to permit 1260.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened

species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit 1260 to Dr. Joseph Powers, of the NMFS – Southeast Regional Office (SERO) (1260).

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

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301–713–1401, fax: 301–713–0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301–713–1401, fax: 301–713–0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226).

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Threatened and endangered Olive
ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)

Permits and Modified Permits Issued

Permit #1260

Notice was published on (65 FR 52988) that Dr. Joseph Powers, of SERO applied for a scientific research permit (1260). Permit #1260 was issued on June 18, 2001. The original permit application underwent a 30-day public comment period following notification of receipt in the **Federal Register**. The applicant addressed all comments submitted on this application. The modification did not under go public review because the activities being authorized under the modification were previously reviewed under the original application or are not different in scope or magnitude than those reviewed in the original application. The requestor currently holds a permit authorizing the take of listed sea turtles in the coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. The research conducted in these areas support the National Marine Fisheries Service sea turtle recovery program. Research activities include: directed in-water research, aerial surveys, resource surveys, and fishery technology testing and implementation. Leatherback, loggerhead, green, hawksbill and Kemp's ridley sea turtles are the focus of the recovery efforts in the southeast region. For modification #1, the applicant has requested take in the Albermarle-Pamlico Sound Complex in North Carolina, coverage of turtle research by observers covering oil rig removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico, addition of turtle species to the Longline gear modification experiments and extension of the permit expiration date. The permit holder has also requested that the permit expiration date be extended to June 30, 2006. Modification #1 to Permit 1260 was issued on September 18, 2001, authorizing take of listed endangered and threatened sea turtles. Permit 1260 expires June 30, 2006.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership of NOAA
Performance Review Board

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of four additional members to serve on the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees, and SES recertification. The appoint of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

DATES: The effective date of service of the four additional appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 14, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David M. Belt, Executive Resources Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-05320 (ext. 204).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and position titles of the additional members of the NOAA PRB is set forth below:

Jordan P. St. John, Director, Office of Public and Constituent Affairs, office of Public and Constituent Affairs, NOAA

Mary Beth S. Nethercutt, Director, Office of legislative Affairs, Office of legislative Affairs, NOAA

K. David Holmes, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary and Director for Security, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce

Anthony A. Fleming, Director for Administrative Services, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce

Dated: September 17, 2001.

Scott B. Gudes,

*Acting Under Secretary/Administrator and
Deputy Under Secretary.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection 3038-0012, Futures Volume, Open Interest, Price, Deliveries and Exchange of Futures for Physicals

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on futures volume, open interest, price, deliveries, and exchange of futures for physicals.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Gary J. Martinaitis, Division of Economic Analysis, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary J. Martinaitis, (202) 418-5209; FAX: (202) 418-5527; email: gmartinaitis@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct of sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of end information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on: