

The information is necessary for law enforcement purposes.

II. Method of Collection

Paper documentation is submitted to meet the requirements found at 50 CFR 216.23(c).

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0179.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 54.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours for an application and 2 hours for a report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 108.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$54.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 26, 2005.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072505A]

Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC)

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (Committee) is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary to assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies and programs critical to the mission and goals of the NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two meetings annually. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. The NMFS anticipates selecting up to eight new members to serve during the 2006-2009 term.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked on or before September 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Laurel Bryant, Executive Director, MAFAC, Office of Constituent Services, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway #9508, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; (301) 713-2379 x171; e-mail: Laurel.Bryant@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The establishment of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and initially chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5, U.S.C. App.2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year with supplementary subcommittee meetings as determined necessary by the Secretary. No less than 15 and no more than 21 individuals may serve on the Committee. Membership is comprised of highly qualified individuals representing commercial and recreational fisheries interests, environmental organizations, academic institutions, governmental, tribal and consumer groups from a balance of geographical regions, including the Hawaiian, Pacific and U.S. Virgin Islands.

A MAFAC member cannot be a Federal employee or a member of a Regional Fishery Management Council. Selected candidates must pass security

checks and submit financial disclosure forms. Membership is voluntary, and except for reimbursable travel and related expenses, service is without pay.

Each submission should include the submitting person or organization's name and affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae and/or resume of the nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each nominee's submission: name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address if available.

Nominations should be sent to (see **ADDRESSES**) and nominations must be received by (see **DATES**). The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the NMFS's web page at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mafac.htm.

Dated: July 26, 2005.

Gordon J. Helm

Acting Director, Office of Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072605A]

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States and Coral and Coral Reefs Fishery in the South Atlantic; Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Jason T. Crichton on behalf of the South Carolina Aquarium. If granted, the EFP would authorize the applicant, with certain conditions, to collect numerous species of fish and invertebrates from Federal waters off the coast of South Carolina from 2005 to 2007. The collected species would be displayed at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, SC.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on August 16, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application may be sent via fax to 727-824-5308 or mailed to: Julie Weeder, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to sc.aquarium@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail document the following text: Comment on South Carolina Aquariums EFP Application. The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to the NMFS address above or to julie.weeder@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Weeder, 727-824-5305; fax 727-824-5308; e-mail: julie.weeder@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

According to the applicant, the South Carolina Aquarium is a not-for-profit, educational and conservation based organization that displays specimens indigenous to South Carolina. The proposed collection for public display involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic Region, Atlantic Coast Red Drum, Spiny Lobster in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic, and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources in Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic.

The applicant requires authorization to harvest and possess up to 50 spiny lobster, 75 penaeid shrimp, 6 wahoo, 50 pompano, 25 porkfish, 25 sheepshead, 24 triggerfish (*Balistes* spp.), 125 porgies (*Calamus* spp.), 6 ocean triggerfish, 75 jacks (*Caranx* spp.), 50 sea basses (*Centropristis* spp.), 75 spadefish, 85 groupers (*Epinephelus* spp.), 115 grunts (*Haemulon* spp.), 3 puddingwife, 150 snappers (*Lutjanus* spp.), 25 sand tilefish, 100 groupers (*Myctoperca* spp.), 12 yellowtail snapper, 25 red porgy, 12 cobia, 25 vermilion snapper, 25 red drum, 25 cero, and 100 jacks (*Seriola* spp.). Collections would occur in Federal waters off the coast of South Carolina between August 1, 2005 and July 31, 2007. Specimens would be collected using the following gear and methods: hand nets, dip nets, vertical hook-and-line and trolling with rod and reel and natural and artificial bait, sea bass pots,

spiny lobster traps, and golden crab traps.

NMFS finds that this application warrants further consideration, based on a preliminary review, and intends to issue an EFP. Possible conditions the agency may impose on this permit, if it is indeed granted, include but are not limited to: Reduction in the number of specimens of any or all species to be collected; restrictions on the size of fish to be collected; prohibition of the harvest of any fish with visible external tags; and specification of locations, dates, and/or seasons allowed for collection of any or all species. A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on a NMFS review of public comments received on the application, conclusions of environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and consultations with South Carolina, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The applicant requests a 24-month effective period for the EFP.

Authority: Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 26, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071105A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1526

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Andre Landry, Sea Turtle and Fisheries Ecology Research Lab, Texas A&M University at Galveston, 5007 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77553 has been issued a permit to take Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources,

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5517.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick Opay or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 25, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 21178) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, and green sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 1526 authorizes Dr. Landry to study Kemp's ridley, loggerhead, green, and hawksbill sea turtles in the Gulf of Mexico to identify their relative abundance over time; detect changes in sea turtle size composition; document movement and migration patterns; and determine the role of nearshore habitats in sea turtle survival.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 26, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.