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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 50-2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 175—Cedar Rapids, IA; Application for Subzone; Deere & Company (Agricultural Tractors and Related Components Manufacturing); Waterloo, IA

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission, grantee of FTZ 175, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the agricultural tractors, cabs, engines and components manufacturing facilities of Deere & Company (Deere), located in Waterloo, Iowa. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on November 12, 2009.

The Deere facilities (approximately 4,000 employees) consist of 6 sites on approximately 1,437.58 acres in Waterloo, Iowa: *Site 1* (1,002.41 acres, 2,000,000 enclosed square feet) tractor and cab assembly operations located at 3500 E. Donald Street; *Site 2* (257.63 acres, 3,000,000 enclosed square feet) drivetrain, foundry & service parts operations located at 400 and 2000 Westfield Ave.; *Site 3* (26.22 acres, 276,480 enclosed square feet) Ryder warehouse and servicing facility located at 2280 Northeast Drive; *Site 4* (25 acres, 166,000 square feet) Waterloo warehouse located at 1519 W. Airline Hwy.; *Site 5* (20.37 acres, 242,240 square feet) FirstCo warehouse located at 3470 W. Airline Hwy.; and *Site 6* (105.95 acres, 1,137,213 enclosed square feet) Engine Works facility located at 3801 W. Ridgeway Ave. The facilities are used for the manufacture, testing, warehousing and distribution of: Medium and large row crop tractors (wheel and track versions); cab assemblies; marine and industrial diesel engines; drivetrain components; wheel assemblies; cast iron forgings; and, parts and components for these products. The Deere facilities annually can produce up to 45,000 tractors and engines, 45,000

cabs, 90,000 drivetrain units, 140,000 tons of foundry products, and \$150 million of service parts and components. Components and materials sourced from abroad (representing 13 to 18% of the value of the finished products) include: putty and caulking compounds; glues and adhesives; self-adhesive plates; articles of plastic (incl. tubes, hoses, fittings, stoppers and lids); articles of rubber (incl. belts, tubes, hoses, grommets, plugs, mountings, sheets, strips); tires; floor coverings and mats; mirrors; gaskets; washers; paperboard; safety glass; iron tubes; pipes and fittings; chain; fasteners; springs; articles of copper; articles of steel; base metal mountings; sign plates; internal-combustion engines and parts; pumps; air conditioner components; refrigerators; filters; spraying machines; agricultural machinery and parts; valves; bearings; transmission shafts; electric motors; generators; clutches; brakes; ignitions; electromagnetic couplings; gears; flywheels; pulleys; antennas; windshield wipers; electrical lighting or signaling equipment; loudspeakers; heaters; defrosters; alarms; radios; clocks; resistors; switches; relays; lamps; wires; cables; seats; locks and keys; discs; tapes and media storage; motor vehicle parts and accessories; gauges; measuring instruments; geophysical instruments and appliances; desk equipment and parts (duty rates—free to 12.2%).

FTZ procedures could exempt Deere from customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export production. The company anticipates that some 30 to 35 percent of the facilities' shipments will be exported. On its domestic sales, Deere would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to its finished products (duty rates range between free and 8.6%) for the foreign inputs noted above. FTZ designation would further allow Deere to realize scrap benefits and certain logistical benefits through the use of customs procedures. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign status production equipment. The request indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Diane Finver of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the

Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is January 19, 2010. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to February 1, 2010.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's Web site, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XS95

Marine Mammals; Photography Permit Application No. 15128

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Robert Pilley, Leighside, Bridge Road, Leighwoods, Bristol, BS8 3PB, United Kingdom, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography of bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before December 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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)713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application

should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 15128.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of section 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild.

Mr. Pilley requests a two-year photography permit to film bottlenose dolphin strand feeding events in the estuaries and creeks of Bull Creek and around Hilton Head, South Carolina. Filmmakers plan to use four filming platforms: a static remotely operated camera placed on the mudflats, a radio-controlled camera helicopter, a radio-controlled camera glider, and a radio-controlled camera boat. Up to 128 dolphins annually may be approached and filmed. Filming will occur over 14 days and be completed by November 2010. Footage will be used to create a 6-part television series, *Earthflight*, for the British Broadcasting Corporation and Discovery Channel. The premise of the series is to follow migratory bird species around the world, with a bird's-eye perspective.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**,

NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 13, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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

RIN 0648-XR86

Endangered Species; File No. 14510

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 3333 North Torrey Pines Court, La Jolla, CA 92037-1023, has applied in due form for a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), and leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before December 18, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 14510 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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)713-0376; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those

individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 14510.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick Opay or Kate Swails, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 222-226).

The purpose of the proposed research project is to initiate a baseline study of the status of sea turtles in the San Gabriel River and Alamitos Bay in Long Beach, California. Researchers would also opportunistically take samples and potentially track sea turtles incidentally taken in coastal power plants off California and that strand live in the marine environment. The applicant would study abundance, size ranges, growth, sex ratio, health status, diving behavior, local movements, habitat use, migration routes, and contaminant levels. Researchers would track the movements of healthy turtles released off the coast of California to determine their movements locally and/or offshore. Researchers would annually capture, measure, weigh, photograph/video, flipper tag, passive integrated transponder tag (PIT), tissue biopsy, blood sample, scute scrape, lavage, ultrasound, oral swab, cloacal swab, inject tetracycline, and release up to 35 green, six loggerhead, and six olive ridley sea turtles during captures as part of the San Gabriel and Los Alamitos Bay California project. Fifteen of the 35 green sea turtles would have a sonic transmitter attached, five of the green sea turtles would have a satellite transmitter attached, five would have a sonic transmitter and camera attached, and five would have a sonic transmitter and time depth recorder attached. One of the loggerhead sea turtles and two of the olive ridley sea turtles would also have a satellite transmitter attached.