

of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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).

Permit No. 10027, issued on July 30, 2008 (73 FR 44224), authorizes the permit holder to study the population biology and connectivity of green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles focusing on distribution and abundance, ecology, health, and threats to sea turtles at the Palmyra Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. The permit holder requests a modification to their existing permit to increase the number of green sea turtles they may take each year. Researchers propose to annually satellite tag up to 16 animals; annually sonic transmitter tag up to 30 animals; annually blood and tissue sample up to 100 animals; annually flipper and PIT tag up to 100 animals; and annually gastric lavage up to 50 animals. The modification would allow them to more quickly accumulate appropriate sample sizes so that information from the study can help inform conservation and management of this species in the Pacific. The amended permit would expire July 31, 2013.

Dated: April 10, 2009.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting 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–XO56

Endangered Species; File No. 1549–01

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Boyd Kynard, S.O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center (USGS-BRD), Box 796, One Migratory Way, Turners Falls, MA 01376, has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1549–01.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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)427–2521; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281–9300; fax (978)281–9333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Kate Swails, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 4, 2008, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 45215) that a modification of Permit No. 1549 had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested modification has been granted 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).

In addition to all research activities authorized under Permit No. 1549, this modification authorizes the researcher to conduct new research in the Merrimack River to: (1) take 200 adult/large juvenile and 100 small juvenile (0–3 years) shortnose sturgeon; (2) use trawls for capture of smaller juveniles; (3) telemetry tag 15 adults/large juveniles and 15 early juveniles; (4) change the action area to include the Estuary to I–495 at Haverhill, MA; and (5) increase incidental mortality of shortnose sturgeon to a total of two sturgeon, but only one adult per year. The purpose of the modification is to provide a mark/recapture population estimate of shortnose sturgeon for the river and to provide evidence for recolonization versus recruitment to explain an apparent recent increase in abundance of shortnose sturgeon recently found in the river. This modification is valid through the expiration date of the original permit, January 31, 2012.

Issuance of this modification, 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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 9, 2009.

Tammy C. Adams,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 14–2009]

Foreign-Trade Zone 15—Kansas City, Missouri Area; Application for Reorganization/Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of FTZ 15, requesting authority to reorganize and expand the zone in the Kansas City, Missouri, area, within the Kansas City Customs and Border Protection port of entry. 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 April 8, 2009.

FTZ 15 was approved by the Board on March 23, 1973 (Board Order 93, 38 FR 8622, 4/4/73) and expanded on December 20, 1973 (Board Order 97, 39 FR 26, 1/2/74), on October 25, 1974 (Board Order 102, 39 FR 39487, 11/7/74), on February 28, 1996 (Board Order 804, 61 FR 9676, 3/11/96), on May 31, 1996 (Board Order 824, 61 FR 29529, 6/11/96), on December 8, 1997 (Board Order 934, 62 FR 65654, 12/15/97), on October 19, 1998 (Board Order 1004, 63 FR 59761, 11/5/98), on January 8, 1999 (Board Order 1016, 64 FR 3064, 1/20/99), on June 17, 1999 (Board Order 1042, 64 FR 34188, 6/25/99), on April 15, 2002 (Board Order 1226, 67 FR 20087, 4/24/02), on April 20, 2005 (Board Order 1388, 70 FR 22630, 5/2/05), and on September 7, 2007 (Board Order 1524, 72 FR 53228, 9/18/07).

The general-purpose zone project currently consists of 14 sites (13,338 acres total): *Site 1* (5.7 acres)—Midland International Corporation warehouse facility located at 1650 North Topping in Kansas City; *Site 1A* (3 acres)—1226 Topping Drive in Kansas City; *Site 2* (64 acres)—warehouse complex located at 8300 NE Underground Drive and 3600 Great Midwest Drive in Kansas City; *Site 3* (9,615 acres)—within the 10,000 acre Kansas City International Airport facility in Kansas City; *Site 3A* (1 acre)—located at 10201 North Everton in Kansas City; *Site 3B* (384 acres, 5 parcels) located in Kansas City as follows: Parcel 1 (68 acres)—the Air World Center Business Park located at the intersection of Interstate Highway 29 and 12th Street; Parcel 2 (66 acres)—the Congress Corporate Center Industrial Park located at the intersection of 112th Street and North Congress; Parcel 3 (161 acres)—an industrial park located at 11401 North Congress; Parcel 4 (37