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Additionally, comments may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include File No. 1069-1756 as a document identifier in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests a permit for the intentional lethal take of 20 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in Alaska to determine the extent of radionuclide release from Amchitka Island and investigate levels of radionuclides in selected tissues of marine mammals from Amchitka Island and a reference site to be determined.

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: June 8, 2004.

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

[I.D. 060204G]

Endangered Species; File No. 1236

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) (Gloucester Point, VA 23062) [Dr. John Musick, Principal Investigator], has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1236.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The modification request 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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 modification request would be appropriate.

Comments may 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 email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1236.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carrie Hubard or Patrick Opay, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification to Permit No. 1236, issued on October 10, 2000 (65 FR 62709) and modified on April 17, 2001 (66 FR 21912) is requested under the authority 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. 1236 authorizes the permit holder to conduct two sea turtle research projects, one in the Chesapeake Bay and coastal waters of Virginia and the other in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI). The USVI project focuses on the habitat utilization of juvenile hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) turtles at the Buck Island Reef National Monument off St. Croix. The Chesapeake Bay project studies the inter-nesting movements of sea turtles in Virginia via satellite telemetry and to assess the effects of beach replenishment on turtle

activities. Both studies capture, handle, tag (PIT, flipper, satellite, radio and acoustic), collect biological samples (via humeral bone biopsy, blood samples and laparoscopy) and release loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), hawksbill and leatherback turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*). Permit No. 1236 expires on July 31, 2005.

The permit holder requests authorization to hold a maximum of 20 of the loggerhead turtles that are already subject animals in the Chesapeake Bay project for up to one week to study turtle interactions with whelk pots. In an effort to reduce entanglement by sea turtles in the whelk pot fishery, VIMS proposes to test the ways in which turtles interact with various whelk pot designs. Healthy turtles will be transported to VIMS and maintained in indoor tanks until testing. During experimentation, a single turtle will be placed in an outdoor tank with one of the whelk pot designs, rigged and baited to imitate the fishery protocols. Observers will be present at all times to record turtle behavior. If a turtle becomes entangled for more than five minutes, the observer will disentangle the animal and the experiment will be concluded for the day. Turtles will have a day's rest between experiments and thus will interact with three designs over the course of a week. Turtles will be fed, examined, and monitored by a staff veterinarian. Once the experiment is complete turtles will be released. Currently VIMS is authorized to sample 100 loggerheads annually. The twenty turtles used in the whelk pot study will be a subset of those turtles. There is no increase in the number of loggerhead turtles captured under the permit. This modification would be valid through the life of the permit.

Dated: June 4, 2004.

Patrick Opay,

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

[I.D. 051704F]

Endangered Species; File No. 1231

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Llewellyn M. Ehrhart has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1231.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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)713-0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 11839) that a modification of Permit No. 1231, issued May 31, 2000 (65 FR 36666), 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).

This modification will allow the permit holder to obtain additional information about green sea turtle movement patterns and their utilization of habitat. The permit holder will attach a transmitter and time-depth-temperature recorder to 14 green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles using a tether and track them. Turtles will be also be sampled, measured, weighed, and tagged before being released. This research will take place in waters of the east coast of Florida for the remaining duration of the permit which expires on March 31, 2005.

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 the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 4, 2004.

Patrick Opay,

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

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS**Notice of Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 16 June 2004 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: <http://www.cfa.gov>. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Frederick J. Lindstrom, Acting Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, 31 May 2004.

Frederick J. Lindstrom,
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the meeting of the Board of Visitors (BoV) for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). This board was chartered on February 1, 202 (and subsequently re-chartered on February 1, 2004) in compliance with the requirements set forth in 10 U.S.C. 2166.

Dates: July 16, 2004.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Pratt Hall, Building 35, 7011 Morrison Ave., Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Proposed Agenda: The WHINSEC BoV will receive new members and advisors, elect its internal leadership, receive updates on the status of actions taken on past BoV recommendations and an update on new activities and efforts since December 2003; look into any matters it deems important; meet

with groups of WHINSEC faculty and students; and prepare for its annual 2004 later in the year. The Board will also schedule its calendar for the remainder of 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken LaPlante, Executive Liaison, WHINSEC, Army G-3 at (703) 692-7419 or LTC Linda Gould, Deputy DFO and Chief, Latin American Branch, Army G-3 at (703) 692-7419.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the Board members will arrive at various times on July 15 and may use available time for individual member reviews of special interest items (yet to be determined) and will convene in plenary session on July 16, 2004. On July 16 the Board will adjourn for lunch between 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The DFO had set aside 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 16 for public comments by individuals and organizations. Public comment and presentations will be limited to two minutes each and members of the public desiring to make oral statements or presentations must inform the contact personnel, in writing. Requests must be received before Friday, July 9, 2004. Mail written presentations and requests to register to attend the public sessions to: LTC Gould or Mr. LaPlante at HQDA, DA0-G35-R (Room 3B473), 400 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. Public seating is limited, and is available on a first come, first served basis.

Dated: June 7, 2004.

John C. Speedy, III,

Designated Federal Officer, WHINSEC BoV.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army****Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Concerning Detection of Oxidizing Agents in Urine**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6 and 404.7, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the invention set forth in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/529,700 entitled "Detection of Oxidizing Agents in Urine," filed December 16, 2003 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/479,187 entitled "Six Spectroscopic Methods for Detection of Oxidants in Urine: Implications in Differentiation of