

equipment and products with funding provided under this program.

(m) Data Archiving: Any data collected in projects supported by CSCOR/COP must be delivered to a National Data Center (NDC), such as the National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC), in an electronic format to be determined by the institution, the NODC, and Program Officer. It is the responsibility of the institution for the delivery of these data; the DOC will not provide additional support for delivery beyond the award. Additionally, all biological cultures established, molecular probes developed, genetic sequences identified, mathematical models constructed, or other resulting information products established through support provided by CSCOR/COP must be made available to the general research community at no or modest handling charge (to be determined by the institution, Program Officer, and DOC). For more details, refer to CSCOR/COP data policy posted at the COP home page.

(n) Please note that NOAA is developing a policy on internal overhead charges, NOAA scientists considering submission of proposals should contact the appropriate CSCOR/COP Program Manager for the latest information.

(o) Paperwork Reduction Act: This notification involves collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040 and 0348-0046.

The COP Grants Application Package has been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0384 and includes the following information collections: a Summary Proposal Budget Form, a Project Summary Form, standardized formats for the Annual Performance Report and the Final Report, and the submission of up to 20 copies of proposals. Copies of these forms and formats can be found on the COP Home Page.

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Dated: October 12, 2000.

**Margaret A. Davidson,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101200D]

#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet.

**DATES:** The SSC meeting will be held on November 8, 2000, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on November 9, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (843) 571-1000 or 1-800/334-6660.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSC will review and provide comments and guidance on the following: proposed Maximum Sustainable Yield and overfishing definitions to meet Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements; presentations on population assessments and age/growth comparisons for white grunt off the Southeastern coast and age, growth and mortality of gray snapper from the East coast of Florida; status of the vessel capacity program; a report on the status of the spiny lobster fishery in Florida; the status of the Council's activities regarding marine reserves; the rock shrimp limited entry options paper; a report on an ethnographic social network tracing study; a report on the Council/NMFS cost and returns study; and a review of the information available on the use of powerheads to harvest snapper/grouper species.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will

be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 30, 2000.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101200B]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a research/enhancement permit (1266); issuance of permits (1236, 1200, 1258).

**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: NMFS has received a research/enhancement permit application from John Glass of REMSA, Inc. (REMSA) (1266); and NMFS has issued permits to: Dr. Jack Musick, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) (1236); David Stier, Springfield Science Museum (SSM) (1200) and David Jones, North Carolina Zoological Park (NCZoo)(1258).

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 pm eastern standard time on November 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application

or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 301-713-1401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Terri Jordan (ph: 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. 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).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS..

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following species are covered in this notice:

*Sea Turtles*

Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

*Fish*

Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

**New Applications Received**

*Application 1266:* The applicant has requested a 5-year permit to take 30 loggerhead; seven green; five Kemp's

ridley; four hawksbill and four leatherback turtles from the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico in conjunction with US Army Corps of Engineer Dredging projects for scientific research and enhancement purposes.

**Permits Issued**

*Permit 1236:* Notice was published on April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20138), that NMFS received an application from VIMS for a research permit. The applicant requested a 5-year permit to take listed sea turtles in the coastal waters of the US Virgin Islands. Research conducted in the US Virgin Islands will study habitat utilization of juvenile Hawksbill turtles at the Buck Island Reef National Monument off of St. Croix, USVI. The study will capture, handle, tag (PIT, flipper, satellite, radio and acoustic), collect biological samples (via humeral bone biopsy, blood samples and laparoscopy) and release loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill and leatherback turtles. Permit 1236 was issued on October 10, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1236 expires June 30, 2005.

*Permit 1200:* Notice was published on February 19, 1999 (64 FR 8331), that the SSM applied for an enhancement permit (1200). The applicant had requested permission to maintain up to five (5) endangered shortnose sturgeon in captivity for educational purposes. The sturgeon will be captive sturgeon received from the Conte Anadromous Research Center that have been classified as "non-releasable" by NMFS. Permit 1200 was issued on October 12, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1200 expires September 30, 2005.

*Permit 1258:* Notice was published on June 9, 2000 (65 FR 36666), that the NCZoo applied for an enhancement permit (1258). The applicant requested a 5-year permit to continue to maintain four (4) adult shortnose sturgeon in captivity for enhancement purposes. The NCZoo currently possesses four adult shortnose sturgeon received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery at Warm Springs Georgia in November 1996 under scientific research permit #986. These sturgeon have been classified as "non-releasable" by NMFS. Permit 986 will expire on December 31, 2000 and the permit holder does not wish to renew the enhancement aspects of his permit. As a direct result, the North Carolina Zoological Park is applying for an individual permit to continue maintenance of these fish. Permit 1258 was issued on October 12, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1258 expires July 31, 2005.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

**Wanda L. Cain,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101100B]

**Permits; Foreign Fishing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of an application submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct fishing operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in 2001 under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and/or to the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed here:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01905, Phone (978) 465-0492, Fax (978) 465-3116;

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904, Phone (302) 674-2331, Fax (302) 674-4136.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State, NMFS publishes, for public review and comment, summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to fish in the U.S. EEZ under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting