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Interested parties that need access to proprietary information in this new shipper review should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(2)(B)) and 19 CFR 351.214(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: September 9, 2004.

Jeffrey A. May,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council (PEC) will hold a full Council meeting to discuss topics related to export expansion. The meeting will include discussion of trade priorities and initiatives, PEC subcommittee activity and proposed letters of recommendation. The PEC was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. trade. It was most recently renewed by Executive Order 13316.

DATES: September 29, 2004. Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Capitol Hill, room to be determined, Washington, DC. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than September 20, 2004, to J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room H-4043, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone: 202-482-1124). Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230 (telephone: 202-482-1124), or visit the PEC Web site, <http://www.ita.doc.gov/td/pec>.

Dated: September 13, 2004.

J. Marc Chittum,

Staff Director and Executive Secretary, President's Export Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 040909257-4257-01]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency publishes this notice to announce an extension of the closing date for a competitive application for the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program due to the disaster recovery efforts throughout the state of Florida caused by Hurricane Frances. The closing date September 21, 2004 as originally published in the **Federal Register** Notice (69 FR 51064) on August 17, 2004 has been changed to October 8, 2004. No other changes to the program requirements have been made. Please see the original notice for program information and application requirements.

DATES: The new closing date for submittals pertaining to MBDC Application Award Number 04-10-05001-01 is October 8, 2004. Completed applications for the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale MBDC must be received by MBDA no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the address below. Applications received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

Anticipated time for processing of applications is one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of publication of this notice.

MBDA anticipates that awards for the MBDC program will be made with an anticipated start date of January 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: If the application is mailed by the applicant or its representative, they must submit one (1) signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be mailed to: Office of Business Development, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S.

Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or his/her representative, one (1) signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be delivered to: U.S. Department of Commerce, HCHB, Room 1874, Entrance #10, 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC, located between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

If applying on-line at <http://www.mbda.gov>, all sections of the application (Program Narrative, SF-424, SF-424A, SF-424B, SF-LLL, CD-346, and CD-511) must be completed in order for the application to be considered. In addition to applying on-line, you must also hand-deliver or mail one original plus two (2) copies of only the pages that require original signatures by the closing date and time stated above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement as well as further information (including Frequently Asked Questions/Answers, Pre-Application teleconference, etc.), please visit MBDA's Minority Business Internet Portal (MBDA Portal) at <http://www.mbda.gov> or contact the appropriate regional office listed below. A printed application package can also be obtained by contacting the specified MBDA National Enterprise Center (NEC) for the geographic service area in which the project will be located (see Geographic Service Area in this notice).

Regional Agency Contacts:

1. **MBDC Application:** Miami/Ft. Lauderdale. Robert Henderson, Regional Director, Atlanta National Enterprise Center, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 401 W. Peachtree Street, NW., Suite 1715, Atlanta, GA 30308-3516, 404-730-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

The full text Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement for the MBDC program is available via Web site at <http://www.mbda.gov> or by contacting the MBDA representative identified above. An abbreviated announcement is also available through Grants.gov at <http://www.Grants.gov>.

Applicants for the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale MBDC are encouraged to submit their proposal electronically via the Internet and mail or hand-deliver only the pages that require original signatures by the closing date and time, as stated in this Notice. Applicants may submit their applications on the MBDA

Portal located at <http://www.mdba.gov>. All required forms are located at this Web address. However, the following paper forms must be submitted with original signatures in conjunction with any electronic submissions by the closing date and time stated in this Notice: (1) SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance; (2) SF-424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs; (3) SF-LLL (Rev. 7-97) (if applicable), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; (4) Department of Commerce Form CD-346 (if applicable), Application for Funding Assistance; and, (5) CD-511, Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters: Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

Ronald N. Langston,
National Director, Minority Business
Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072204G]

Endangered Species; File No. 1420

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Douglas Peterson, Warnell School of Forest Resources Fisheries Division, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 10, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 11533) that a request for a scientific research permit

to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by Dr. Douglas Peterson. 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).

In order to provide critical data on stock status, life history, and survival rates as well as to identify specific habitat requirements of the various life stages of the shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha River, Georgia, Dr. Peterson will be authorized to capture up to 200 adult fish annually from via gill and trammel netting. Fish will be measured, weighed, PIT and Carlin tagged, tissue and pectoral fin ray sampled, and subsequently released. Additionally, up to 30 of the fish captured over the course of the permit will also receive an internal radio-sonic transmitter and be tracked. Dr. Peterson will also be authorized to deploy artificial substrate samplers from February to mid-March to collect up to 100 shortnose sturgeon eggs annually.

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 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: September 2, 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. 083104B]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 782- 1708-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS, National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML), has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1708-00.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

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 amendment 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 email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: Permit No. 782-1708-00.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 782-1708-00, issued on August 28, 2003 (68 FR 52906) is requested under the authority 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 782-1708 authorizes the permit holder to conduct scientific research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*). Seals may be captured, tagged, sampled and incidentally harassed during annual censuses on the Pribilof Islands. The objectives of this work are to: (1) monitor the status and trends of the northern fur seal population, (2) evaluate the condition of animals from each cohort (health and strength of year-class), (3) monitor the diet, and (4) document the movement patterns, foraging behavior, and essential foraging