

and transmit them to the satellite-linked data recorder for transmission to the researchers. Researchers will also attach diary tags using suction cups. This research will help better understand where, when, and under what environmental conditions leatherback sea turtles forage so as to better predict their movements. This information will be used to help predict leatherback movements and potential interactions with fisheries and other human activities to allow resource managers to design management strategies to protect this species.

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: September 5, 2007.

**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-XC41**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 10037

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Douglas Peterson, Warnell School of Forest Resources (Fisheries Division), University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602, has applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research on the Ogeechee River, GA.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications 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) 427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701;

phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications 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 the particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427-2521, 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. 10037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead 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).

Dr. Peterson seeks permission to conduct research on shortnose sturgeon for five years to assess the abundance, age structure, distribution, movement, and critical habitat and will also investigate the adverse effects of estrogenic compounds. Researchers propose to capture 300 shortnose sturgeon yearly using gill and trammel nets and to anesthetize, measure, weigh, tissue and fin-ray sample, and scan for PIT tags. A subset of 10 sturgeon annually (40 during permit) would be laparoscoped and implanted with internal radio tags; a subset of 5 sturgeon annually (20 during permit), would be laparoscoped and fitted with external radio tags; and a subset of 12 sturgeon would be health evaluated using laparoscopy and venipuncture annually. Up to 40 shortnose sturgeon eggs would be collected annually using buffer pads to document spawning. The unintentional mortality of 2 shortnose sturgeon annually is also requested.

Dated: September 5, 2007.

**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-XC42**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 10040

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Gary Matson, Matson's Laboratory, LLC, PO Box 308, 8140 Flagler Road, Milltown, MT 59851, has applied in due form for a permit to receive, import and export specimens for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment 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) 427-2521; and

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

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) 427-2521, 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. 10040.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Skidmore 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.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant is requesting authorization for the receipt, import and export of teeth and prepared microscope slides obtained from seal and sea lion species, expect walrus (Order Pinnipedia). The Matson Laboratory provides age related data to researchers and biologists. Age data are used in population modeling, with age structure an indicator of population condition. Teeth are sent to the laboratory for cementum age analysis. The number of teeth varies depending upon the nature of the project, from a single tooth to several hundred from a legal harvest; no more than 2000 teeth will be analyzed annually. Import and export authority is requested for all locations wherever pinnipeds occur and are the subject of government-authorized research and/or harvest. Principally, these locations are expected to be those within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada. There will be no incidental takes of non-target species. A permit is requested for five years.

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: September 6, 2007.

**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-XC25**

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting/Workshop**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel will hold a work session which is open to the public. The STAR Panel will review new assessments for the southern portion of the black rockfish stock and blue rockfish off California, as well as rebuilding analyses for seven overfished West Coast rockfish species.

**DATES:** The STAR Panel meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. on October 1, 2007 and will continue through October 5, 2007. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. each day (except October 1, when the panel convenes at 12:30 p.m.) and end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

**ADDRESSES:** The STAR Panel meeting will be held at the NOAA Western Regional Center's Sand Point Facility, Building 4, Jim Traynor Seminar Room, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115-6349.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS); telephone: (206) 437-5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the STAR Panel meeting is to review draft stock assessments for the southern portion of the black rockfish stock in waters off California and Oregon, the blue rockfish stock in waters off California, and draft rebuilding analyses for bocaccio, canary rockfish, cowcod, darkblotched rockfish, Pacific ocean perch, widow rockfish, and yelloweye rockfish; work with the Stock Assessment Teams and rebuilding analysis authors to make necessary revisions; and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by this STAR Panel. The STAR Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for

consideration by the Council at its November meeting in San Diego, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR Panel action during these meetings. STAR Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 STAR Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 6, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN: 0648-XB99**

**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Addendum**

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

**ACTION:** Addendum to Earlier Notice - A Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Agenda modification.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council has modified its meeting agenda for its September 17-21, 2007 meeting to be held in N. Myrtle Beach, SC.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place September 17-23, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Avista Resort, 300 N. Ocean Blvd, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582; telephone: (800) 968-8986 or (843) 249-2521.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management