

majority remanded the determination to the investigating authority with the following instructions: (1) Re-evaluate whether the Order applies to Galvak's mechanical tubing, giving appropriate weight to the fact that the language of the order on its face excludes all mechanical tubing, (2) if necessary, explain adequately why the line pipe determination's conclusion that the exclusionary clause is based on industry classification and not actual end use should not be employed in the instant scope determination, and (3) take such other action as may be appropriate, not inconsistent with this decision. The panel required DOC to provide the determination on remand within 60 calendar days (January 6, 2003). Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a request for panel review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these rules.

Panel Decision: The panel remanded the final scope determination of the International Trade Administration respecting Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico with instructions as listed above. The determination on remand is due on January 20, 2003.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Caratina L. Alston,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111402B]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice that Vendor Will Provide Year 2003 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide fishing year 2003 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surf clam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they are required to purchase their year 2003 cage tags from a vendor. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be sent to Douglas W. Christel at: National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas W. Christel, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9141; fax 978-281-9135; e-mail Douglas.Christel@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan, shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, KY, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2003 Federal surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to allocation owners in these fisheries within the next several weeks.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et. seq.

Dated: November 20, 2002.

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

[Docket No.: 020821203-2203-01]

Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models—Correction

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) publishes this notice to amend a notice entitled Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models.

ADDRESSES: All submissions should be directed to: NOAA/NASA Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation, Attn: Kathy LeFevre, 5200 Auth Road, Room 701, Camp Springs, MD 20746-4304.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy LeFevre, (301) 763-8127, Kathy.LeFevre@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) published a notice of availability of financial assistance in the **Federal Register** of September 20, 2002, (67 FR 59264, entitled "Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models.") The following pages of the **Federal Register** notice of September 20, 2002 are amended as follows:

On Page 59265: First column, under the heading **DATES**, sixth line, "November 15, 2002" should read "December 9, 2002. If you have already submitted an application we are accepting revisions."

First column, under the sub-heading **Funding Availability**, the second sentence should read: "Individual annual awards in the form of grants and cooperative agreements are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$150,000, although greater amounts may be awarded."

Second column, under the sub-heading **Eligibility**, the first sentence

should read: "Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other non profits, commercial organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments and Federal agencies (NOAA and non-NOAA)."

On pages 59266 and 59267: Under the sub-heading, Program Description, Project Priorities Areas of Investigation, the paragraphs entitled "Atmospheric Soundings" and "Clouds and Precipitation" should read as follows:

Atmospheric Soundings

1. Improvements and/or enhancement to radiative transfer models for advanced sounding instruments, incorporating cloud and aerosol effects, with the aim of working toward (a) assimilation of cloudy data, (b) aerosol correction of retrieved quantities, and (c) improved surface emissivity for use of data over land and ice (see Radiative Transfer Models, above).

3. Observation System Simulation Experiments (OSSEs) for high-resolution infrared sounders (e.g., AIRSA, CrIS, IASI) aimed at examining the trade-off between the size of the instrument field of view and the noise characteristics."

Clouds and Precipitation

Second paragraph should read: "The incorporation of cloud and precipitation data will require development of many components of the data assimilation system. These developments may include not only appropriate forward models, errors statistics, bias correction and quality control, but also development of appropriate moist balances, new techniques for handling non-linearities in the balance equations or forward models, and modification of the model's parameterizations to increase compatibility with the observations and to eliminate inappropriate discontinuities."

On Page 59267: Column one, paragraph entitled "Oceans", the following sentence is deleted: "Successful proposals will require close coordination with NOAA/NCEP and/or NASA/NSIPP."

On Page 59267: Under the sub-heading Application Procedures, the following sentence is added:

"The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), is applicable to this solicitation."

The following sentences are removed: "The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for

Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** Notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917; DOCID:fr01oc01-39) are applicable to this solicitation. However, please note that the Department of Commerce will not implement the requirements of Executive Order 13202 (66 FR 49921), pursuant to guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget in light of a court opinion which found that the Executive Order was not legally authorized. See *Building and Construction Trades Department v. Allbaugh*, 172 F. Supp. 2d 138 (D.D.C. 2001). This decision is currently on appeal. When the case has been finally resolved, the Department will provide further information on implementation of Executive Order 13202."

On page 59268: Under the sub-heading Selection Criteria (With Weights), criteria numbers one and three should read as follows:

"1. Importance and relevance of research to the assimilation of satellite data in NWP models (25 points). Will the proposed work advance the science of assimilating satellite data in NWP models? Will the proposed project make a significant contribution to the high priority research and technical areas listed above?"

"3. Applicability and Effectiveness (25 points). Does the proposed work have the potential to significantly advance the use of satellite observations in numerical weather and short-term climate prediction models? Does the proposed work have the potential for long-term (lasting) value and widespread applicability? Does the proposed work include an effective mechanism by which the project's progress can be evaluated?"

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Mary M. Glackin,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110802A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1405

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Elizabeth Wenner, South Carolina

Department of Natural Resources, Charleston, SC 29422-2559, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The application 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: Dr. Tammy Adams or Carrie Hubard, (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).

The applicant proposes to capture up to 45 loggerhead, 10 Kemp's ridley, 5 green, 5 leatherback, and 5 hawksbill sea turtles annually during shallow water trawl surveys intended to provide fishery-independent data on seasonal abundance and biomass of all species that are accessible by high rise trawls. The turtles would be measured, flipper and PIT tagged, and released near the site of capture, unless it is determined they are in need of veterinary assistance to survive. Sea turtles held for veterinary care would be transferred to an appropriate treatment facility. The applicant also requests authorization for a combined total of three incidental mortalities of loggerhead and Kemp's ridley sea turtles and a single incidental mortality for each of the other three species. The applicant proposes to conduct these captures along the South Atlantic Bight from Cape Hatteras, NC to Cape Canaveral, FL. The permit is requested for a period of 5 years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to