

Herring and Shad (RH/S) Advisory Panel (AP) will meet to develop recommendations for the 2015 RH/S Cap on the Atlantic mackerel fishery and provide general input on RH/S conservation.

DATES: The meeting will be Friday, June 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar, but anyone can also attend at the Council office address (see below). The webinar link is: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/rhsap/>. Please call the Council in advance if you wish to attend at the Council office.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's River Herring and Shad (RH/S) Advisory Panel (AP) will meet to develop recommendations for the 2015 RH/S Cap on the Atlantic mackerel fishery and provide general input on RH/S conservation. There will also be time for public questions and comments. The Council will utilize the input of the RH/S AP at the June 2014 Council meeting when setting the 2015 RH/S Cap on the Atlantic mackerel fishery.

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 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids or assistance should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 15, 2014.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD296

Endangered Species; File No. 18604

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Guam Department of Agriculture Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources (DAWR), 163 Dairy Road, Mangilao, Guam 96913, has applied in due form for a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before June 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 18604 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96818; phone (808) 725-5000; fax (808) 973-2941.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division:

- By email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov (include the File No. in the subject line of the email),
- by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or
- at the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Courtney Smith, (301) 427-8401.

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 parts 222-226).

The applicant requests a five-year research permit to gather information on green and hawksbill sea turtle movement, species distribution, and health status and to document threats to the species. Researchers would annually capture and release 15 green and 6 hawksbill sea turtles by hand or by net in Guam waters. Turtles would be measured, flipper tagged, photographed, passive integrated transponder tagged, tissue sampled, and released. A subset of each species also would have a satellite transmitter attached to the turtle's carapace. This information would be used to develop conservation management measures for these species.

Dated: May 15, 2013.

Tammy C. Adams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[File No. 16482-01]

RIN 0648-XA713

Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Issuance of a permit modification and termination of a permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Warnell School of Forest Resources, Fisheries Division, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602 [Douglas Peterson: Responsible Party], has been issued a permit modification (Permit No. 16482-01) to take Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) and shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research. Additionally, Permit No. 14394 issued to the same Permit Holder for study of shortnose sturgeon is hereby terminated.

ADDRESSES: The permit modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On November 7, 2013, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 66901) that a scientific research permit modification to take shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. The respective requested permits have been issued and terminated 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).

Permit No. 16482 was issued April 6, 2012 (77 FR 21754) to the Permit Holder to capture all Atlantic sturgeon life stages in the Savannah (SC/GA), Ogeechee (GA), Altamaha (GA), Satilla (GA), and Saint Marys (GA/FL) Rivers using gill nets and trammel nets to measure, weigh, photograph, PIT and Floy tag, and tissue sample. Subsets of animals are anesthetized, fin ray sectioned, laparoscoped, and implanted with internal acoustic tags. The collection of early life stages in suspected spawning areas using egg mats is also permitted in each of these rivers. Incidental mortality of serious harm of up to five juvenile and sub-adults and one adult annually is also authorized.

The permit modification (Permit No. 16482-01) consolidates the takes of shortnose sturgeon originally issued in Permit No 14394 in the Altamaha River (GA). Permit 14394 was terminated upon issuance of the modification. This modification transfers blood sampling from subsets of captured Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon to that permit, adds sampling of early life stage shortnose sturgeon, and adds takes of other shortnose sturgeon life stages using the same research activities, from the Savannah, Ogeechee, Satilla River (GA), Saint Marys Rivers (GA/FL) and Saint Johns and Nassau Rivers (FL), as well as Atlantic sturgeon from the Nassau and Saint Johns Rivers (FL). Incidental mortality of two juvenile or adult shortnose sturgeon is authorized annually from all river systems. The modification is valid through the expiration date of the original permit, April 5, 2017.

Issuance of this permit 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: May 15, 2014.

Tammy C. Adams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Patent Petitions Related to Application and Reexamination Processing Fees

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a currently approved collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 21, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0059 Patent Petitions Requiring a Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)-(h) comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Raul Tamayo, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone 571-272-7728; or by email at raul.tamayo@uspto.gov with "Paperwork" in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is required by 35 U.S.C. § 131 *et seq.* to examine an application for patent and, when appropriate, issue a patent. Many actions taken by the USPTO during its examination of an application for patent

or for reissue of a patent, or during its reexamination of a patent, are subject to review by an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. For other USPTO actions, review is in the form of administrative review obtained via submission of a petition to the USPTO. USPTO petitions practice also provides an opportunity for a patent applicant or owner to supply additional information that may be required in order for the USPTO to further process an application or patent.

This collection specifically relates to petitions that must be accompanied by the petition fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h). Except for the petitions to make special under the Accelerated Examination program, which must be submitted electronically through EFS-Web, the USPTO's Web-based electronic filing system, the petitions in this collection either can be submitted electronically through EFS-Web or on paper.

II. Method of Collection

As attachments through EFS-Web when the applicant files the various petitions. These papers can also be filed by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery, except that the petitions to make special under the Accelerated Examination program can only be filed through EFS-Web.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0059.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/23, PTO/SB/24a, PTO/SB/28 (EFS-Web only), and PTO/SB/140.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 33,119 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO expects that 30,569 responses will be submitted through EFS-Web and 2,550 responses submitted on paper.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 12 hours to complete the items in this collection, depending on the petition. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to gather the necessary information, prepare the petitions and the fee transmittal form, and submit them to the USPTO, whether the applicant submits the petition in paper form or electronically.