

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubbard or Kristy Beard, (301) 427-8401.

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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216). The applicant is requesting authorization to conduct two photography/filming projects. The first would consist of helicopter flights over Florida Bay to capture bottlenose dolphins mud-ring feeding. A maximum of 400 dolphins may be harassed during the filming. The second project would focus on areas where spinner dolphins and humans interact in Hawaii. Locations would include the west side of Oahu and four bays on the Kona coast of Hawaii Island. Methods include both vessel-based and underwater photography. Up to 75 spinner dolphins may be approached within 50 yards during the filming. Four pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*) may also be approached if they are associated with spinner dolphins. Images and video from both locations will be used for a feature story in *National Geographic Magazine* on dolphin cognition and intelligence. Dolphin researchers familiar to each filming location are working as scientific advisors with the applicant. Both projects are currently scheduled for two week timeframes in summer 2013. To allow for scheduling changes, the permit would be valid until March 2014.

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 prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 18, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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

National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of charter renewal.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration has renewed the charter for the National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC) for a six-month period, through July 10, 2013. The NCADAC is a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

DATES: Renewed through July 10, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia J. Decker, Designated Federal Officer, National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee, NOAA, Rm. 11230, R/SAB, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-734-1156, Email: Cynthia.decker@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.ncadac.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The renewal of the Charter for six months is critical to the success of the national climate assessment.

One amendment was made to the charter. Under section 5. Authority to Which the Committee Reports, first sentence "The committee shall report to the USGCRP through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere ("Under Secretary") or her or his designee on the committee's activities and recommendations regarding the contents and process of the National Climate Assessment." The phrase "the USGCRP through" was removed. At the end of the section, this sentence was added—"The Under Secretary shall ensure that the National Climate Assessment is forwarded to the USGCRP."

Dated: March 5, 2013.

Jason Donaldson,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File Nos. 17367 and 17364

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Southeast Regional Office, Century Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30602 [Thomas Sinclair: Responsible Party], has been issued a permit [File No. 17367] to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) for purposes of scientific research; and also, that the USFWS, Northeast Fishery Center, PO Box 75, Lamar, PA 16848 [Michael Millard: Responsible Party], has been issued a permit [File No. 17364] to take Atlantic sturgeon for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permits 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) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;
- Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309 [File No. 17367].
- Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394 [File No. 17364].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 13, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 67631) that requests for scientific research permits to take shortnose sturgeon and/or Atlantic sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named applicants. The requested permits have 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).