

reporting requirements and revises a permit special condition. The permit holder possesses a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles incidentally taken in foreign and domestic commercial fisheries operating in state waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. The work will be conducted by scientific observers aboard commercial fishing vessels. This research supports the National Marine Fisheries Service's mission of assessing the impacts of commercial fisheries on marine resources of interest to the United States. Amendment #1 to Permit 1178 was issued on May 31, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1178 expires December 21, 2003.

Notice was published on January 14, 2000 (65 FR 2381) that Dr. Llewellyn M. Ehrhart, of the University of Central Florida, Dept of Biological Science applied for a scientific research permit (1231). The Recovery Plan for the U.S. Population of Atlantic Green Turtle states that the foremost problem in management and conservation of sea turtles is the lack of basic biological information. This study proposes to capture turtles living in the Indian River Lagoon Estuary of central Florida in Brevard and Indian River counties. The data provided by the study will include information regarding habitat requirements, seasonal distribution and abundance, movement and growth, feeding preferences, sex distribution and the prevalence and severity of fibropapilloma. Permit 1231 was issued on May 31, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1231 expires March 31, 2005.

Dated: June 5, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 1004 (P595)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research no. 1004 submitted by the Whale Conservation Institute/Ocean Alliance, 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: February 11, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 6997) that an amendment of permit no. 1004, issued June 21, 1996 (61 FR 33906) had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted 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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 1004 has been amended to: (1) extend the expiration date of the permit to December 31, 2000; (2) increase the number of imported tissue samples from all species, except southern right whale (*Eubalaena australis*); and (3) increase locations from which samples may be imported.

Issuance of this amendment as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that the 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: June 5, 2000.

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Application of BrokerTec Futures Exchange, L.L.C. for Designation as a Contract Market in U.S. Treasury Note and U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures contracts.

SUMMARY: BrokerTec Futures Exchange, L.L.C. ("BTEX" or "Exchange") has applied for designation as a contract market for the automated trading of futures contracts on short-term U.S. Treasury Notes (2 Year), medium-term U.S. Treasury Notes (5 Year), long-term U.S. Treasury Notes (6½-10 Year), and U.S. Treasury Bonds (15-30 Year) on an electronic trading system, the BrokerTec Execution Capability ("BTEC") trading system.

The Exchange has not previously been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") as a contract market in any commodity. Accordingly, in addition to the terms and conditions of the four proposed futures contracts, BTEX has submitted to the Commission a proposed trade-matching algorithm; proposed bylaws and rules pertaining to BTEX membership, governance, trading standards and disciplinary and arbitration procedures; and various other materials to meet the requirements for a board of trade seeking initial designation as a contract market. BTEX's submission also includes various proposed bylaws and rules of the BrokerTec Clearing Company, L.L.C. ("BCC"), an affiliate that would be responsible for clearing and settlement functions for the Exchange.

Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Economic Analysis and the Division of Trading and Markets have determined to publish the Exchange's proposal for public comment. The Divisions believe that publication of the proposal for comment at this time is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the Commodity Exchange Act. The Divisions seek comment regarding all aspects of BTEX's application and addressing any issues commenters believe the Commission should consider.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 10, 2000.