

Mammal Stranding Network. Institutional members include aquaria, academic institutions, rehabilitation facilities, non-profit institutions, veterinary clinics, and Federal, State and local governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,333.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,300.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit 1008 for incidental take (P609).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Permit 1008 to the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) for the incidental take of listed sea turtles.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room

13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on June 6, 1996 (61 FR 28854) that an application had been filed by NCDMF for the incidental take of listed sea turtles as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

NCDMF requested a five-year permit for the incidental take of sea turtles by shrimp trawling activities in North Carolina in a restricted area up to 1 nm offshore from Rich's Inlet (34°17.6'N) to Brown's Inlet (34°35.7'N). This permit replaces the NMFS 1992-1995 temporary rules which allowed shrimp trawlers to use shorter tow times in lieu of towing turtle excluder devices (TEDs), due to the heavy concentration of algae in this restricted area which clogs the TEDs and renders them inoperable. The exemption period will be from April 1 through November 30 from 1996-2000. Each year, when NCDMF determines that the algae concentration is heavy enough to render TEDs inoperable, they will issue a proclamation allowing shrimpers to apply for tow-time exemption permits. Tow times, measured from the time the trawl doors enter the water until the time they are removed from the water, would be limited to 55 minutes between April 1 and October 30, and 75 minutes for the month of November. NCDMF would consult with NMFS if the following lethal take occurred in any one year that was directly attributable to tow-time exemption tows: one Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, green, or leatherback turtle, or two loggerhead turtles. There are approximately 20-45 shrimp trawlers utilizing the restricted area. Tow times will be monitored from shore, and there will be 5% observer coverage in the restricted area for at least the first year of the permit. In addition, NCDMF will impose further restrictions as necessary, including terminating the tow-time option should algae concentrations decrease enough to make TEDs practicable.

On July 15, 1996, NMFS issued Permit 1008 for the above incidental take. Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that: (1) The taking will be incidental; (2) the applicant will, to the maximum extent practicable, monitor, minimize, and mitigate the impacts of such taking; (3) the taking will not appreciably reduce

the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild; and (4) there are adequate assurances that the conservation plan will be funded and implemented, including any measures required by the Assistant Administrator.

Dated: July 22, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 927 (P79I)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 927 submitted by the Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 (Principal Investigators: Daniel P. Costa, Ph.D. and Michael E. Goebel) has been granted.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (531/980-4016); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. BOX 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 30, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 27052) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Northern fur seals had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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) and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).