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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit 1051 (P45Z), issuance of modification 1 to scientific research permit 875 (P774#1), issuance of modification 1 to scientific research permit 1030 (P625), and notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P647).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1051 to Jorgen Skjveland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z); on June 4, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 875 issued to the Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center; and on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 1030 issued to Sarah Mitchell, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. Notice is also given that Joseph E. Hightower, of North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon (P647).

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

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

or

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18588) that an application had been filed by Jorgen Skjveland, U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service (P45Z), to take listed shortnose sturgeon 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).

The applicant requested a five year permit to take up to 25 listed shortnose sturgeon annually from the Upper Chesapeake Bay to determine the population status and preferred habitat of the species in the Bay. The sturgeon will be measured, tagged, tissue sampled, and released. The data collected under this permit will be used to identify dredged material disposal sites that will have minimal environmental impact on sturgeon species. Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 1997, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1051.

Notice was published on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 17178) that an application had been filed by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service (P774#1), to take 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).

The applicant requested a modification to permit 875 to include an increase in the authorized take of leatherback sea turtles from 20 to 85, and the authorization to take blood samples from sea turtles captured incidental to the swordfish drift gillnet fishery. Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 875.

On May 29, 1997, NMFS issued modification 1 to permit 1030 issued to Sarah Mitchell, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary. Currently, Ms. Mitchell is authorized to take loggerhead turtles in the waters of the Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary to investigate population trends, migrations, habitat, and diving behavior. Modification 1 authorizes the collection of blood samples from loggerhead turtles taken pursuant to the permitted research.

Joseph E. Hightower, of North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (P647), requests a scientific research permit under the authority of 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 217-227).

The applicant has requested a two year permit to conduct scientific research on listed shortnose sturgeon within the Albemarle Sound estuarine system. A maximum of 25 shortnose sturgeon will be collected from the

Albemarle Sound to determine the status of shortnose sturgeon in the estuary and to examine habitat selection and overlap for shortnose sturgeon and juvenile Atlantic sturgeon. The sturgeon will be examined, measured, photographed, and tagged. Sonic transmitters will be externally attached to the sturgeon to monitor their movement within the Sound. The sturgeon will be released immediately following the above procedures.

Issuance of these permits/modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits/modifications, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

New Export Visa Stamp for Certain Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

June 4, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new export visa stamp.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

Beginning on March 1, 1997, the "Ministry of Industry" and the "Ministry of Trade" merged to form the "Ministry of Industry and Trade." On March 1, 1997, the Government of Indonesia started issuing visas with the new stamped marking "Ministry of Industry and Trade."