

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting the workshop on behalf of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior. The goal of the workshop is to present the current state of knowledge for the *in situ* burning of spilled oil to decision makers from local, state and federal agencies, responders, environmentalists, academia, and the user community. Participants will prioritize research and information needs necessary to support decisions on the use of *in situ* burning as a response tool. Specific emphasis will be given to burning operations and environmental and human health concerns. Preprints of the technical papers will be available to attendees to facilitate their participation in panel discussions. After the workshop a proceedings will be published containing the technical papers and the research and information needs identified by the attendees.

DATES: The workshop will take place on Monday, November 2, 1998, through Wednesday, November 4, 1998 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

PLACE: The meeting will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

ADDRESSES: To register for the workshop, contact Ms. Lori Phillips, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 101, Room B116, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone: (301) 975-4513; Fax: (301) 948-2067.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical questions, contact Ms. Nora H. Jason, telephone: (301) 975-6862; Fax: (301) 975-4052; e-mail: nora.jason@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A registration fee will be charged for attending the workshop. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and accommodations.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070798D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of Scientific Research Permit 1144.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on June 23, 1998, NMFS issued Scientific Research Permit 1144 to Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham, to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on April 27, 1998 (63 FR 20638) that an application had been filed by Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette, and Jonathan C. Gorham (1144), 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 applicants requested a one-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Up to 75 green (*Chelonia mydas*) and 25 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles will be taken in large mesh tangle nets for the purposes of stock assessment to characterize the sea turtles that utilize the southern Indian River Lagoon System, Florida. Captured turtles will be weighed, photographed, measured, tagged, and released. NMFS issued permit 1144 on June 23, 1998.

Issuance of this permit, 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 the listed species that are the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070798C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1138, 1139, 1161, 1162, 1166, 1167) and for a modification to a scientific research/enhancement permit (1010).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received permit applications from: Dr. Jennifer L. Nielsen of the Hopkins Marine Station, Stanford University in Pacific Grove, CA (1138), Wetlands Research Associates Inc. (WRAI) in San Rafael, CA (1139), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in Sacramento, CA (1161), Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN) in Forest Knolls, CA (1162), Dr. Alice A. Rich of A.A. Rich and Associates (AARA) in San Anselmo, CA (1166), and Dr. Peter B. Moyle of the Department of Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology University of California, in Davis, CA (1167); and NMFS has received an application for a modification to an existing scientific research/enhancement permit from: Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1010).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications must be received on or before August 13, 1998.

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

For permit 1010: Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NW03, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

For permits 1138, 1139, 1161, 1162, 1166, and 1167: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permit 1010: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).