

consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*).

Fish

Endangered Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

New Application Received

SWFSC has applied for a 2-year scientific research permit (1227) that would authorize takes of leatherback sea turtles. Recent studies suggest that leatherback turtles gather in California waters during early fall, and that Monterey Bay is an important forage area for leatherback turtles in the Pacific. This study proposes to capture up to 5 of these turtles for genetic stock identification and equip them with transmitters to track movements and dive behavior. This will serve as a feasibility study for future work aimed at addressing priorities outlined in the U.S. Pacific leatherback Recovery Plan; to identify critical forage habitats, genetic stock structure, migratory corridors and potential fishery impacts on this species in the Pacific.

Modification Request Received

FWS requests a modification to Permit 1051. Permit 1051 authorizes the direct take of shortnose sturgeon by the permit holder, to be conducted over a five-year period. Thirty (30) adult and subadult shortnose sturgeon may be captured annually from the Chesapeake Bay and thirty (30) adult and subadult shortnose sturgeon may be captured annually from the Delaware River/Bay estuary by gillnet and may be examined,

measured, weighed, photographed, tissue sampled, and PIT and T-Bar tagged. Ten (10) shortnose sturgeon may be fitted with sonic tags. The fish shall be released at the location of capture immediately following completion of the above procedures. FWS requests an increase in the authorized annual take for the purpose of concentrating tagging and sample collection efforts to the Delaware River. The applicant proposes to increase sonic tags from 10 to 25, an increase of 15 tags and increase sample collection from 30 to 60 fish. The modification is requested for the duration of the permit, which expires May 31, 2002.

Permit Issued

Notice was published on June 3, 1999 (64 FR 29839), that EPA had applied for a scientific research permit. Permit 1219 was issued on September 29, 1999, authorizing takes of shortnose sturgeon for scientific research in Gulf Breeze, Florida. The purpose of the research is to obtain information on the tolerances of port-larval and early-juvenile shortnose sturgeon to low dissolved oxygen (D.O.), particularly in relation to temperature and salinity. Permit 1219 expires September 30, 2000.

Dated: October 13, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include a discussion of the Defense Labor-management Relations Evaluation initiative and other related Partnership topics.

DATES: The meeting is to be held November 17, 1999, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by November 12, 1999, in order to be considered at the November 17 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit

written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd, Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Domestic Advisory Panel (DAP) on Early Intervention and Education for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool Children, and Children With Disabilities

AGENCY: Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. II), notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Domestic Advisory Panel (DAP) on Early Intervention and Education for Infants, Toddlers, Preschool Children, and Children with Disabilities is scheduled to be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 7-8, 1999. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Director's Conference Room on the 9th floor, DoDEA Headquarters, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203. The purpose of the meeting is to: (1) Review the response to the panel's recommendations from the April 1999 meeting; (2) review and comment on data and information provided by the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools; and (3) establish subcommittee as necessary. Persons desiring to attend the meeting or desiring to make oral presentations or submit written