

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The first Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in 1997. Their mission was to provide advice and recommendations to NOAA and the State throughout the designation process for the Sanctuary/Preserve.

The Sanctuary/Preserve was officially designated October 7, 2000. The new Sanctuary Advisory Council will provide advice and recommendations to the Sanctuary/Preserve Manager and the Joint Management Committee (a State/Federal body to oversee major policy, management and budget issues concerning the Sanctuary/Preserve) regarding the management and operation of the Thunder Bay Sanctuary/Preserve.

The Advisory Council will be composed of 15 local residents. In addition to the above competitive seats, the following entities will appoint a representative to sit on the Council: Alpena County Board of Commissioners, Alpena City Council, Alpena Township Board of Trustees, Sanborn Township Board of Trustees, Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve Council.

The Sanctuary/Preserve was established to manage and protect Thunder Bay's historic collection of an estimated 116 shipwrecks. NOAA and the State of Michigan are equal partners in the management of the Sanctuary/Preserve. Both NOAA and the State will mutually agree upon the selection of the Advisory Council members.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Ted I. Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042601E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a research permit (1304).

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 under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received an application for a scientific research permit from Dr. William C. Coles, of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, United State Virgin Islands.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on June 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the new application should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permit 1304: Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

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Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) 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 Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. 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

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened and endangered Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)

New Applications Received

Application 1304

The applicant requests a permit to take endangered and threatened sea turtles in the U.S. Virgin Islands for scientific research. The applicant proposes to capture, handle, tag, collection of biological samples and release green, hawksbill, leatherback and olive ridley turtles.

Dated: April 26, 2001.

Phil Williams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041701B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of request to modify a scientific research permit 1227; issuance of modification #1 to permit 1236 and modification #1 to permit 1254.

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 under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received a request to modify permit (1227) from Dr. Peter Dutton, of NMFS-SWFSC; NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit 1236 to Dr. John A. Musick, PhD., of the College of William and Mary (1236) and NMFs has issued modification #1 to permit 1254 to