

**Sea Turtles**

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

The applicant requests a modification to Permit 1266. Permit 1266 authorizes the capture by trawl, handle, flipper tag and release of sea turtles while removing them from the path of hopper dredges. The Permit authorized the take of 30 loggerhead, 7 green, 5 Kemp's ridleys, 4 hawksbills and 4 leatherback sea turtles. These animals were measured, flipper tagged and released. Modification #1 would increase the authorized annual take to 350 loggerhead, 150 green, 150 Kemp's ridley, 10 hawksbill and 10 leatherback sea turtles for the purpose of moving them out of the path of hopper dredges and to tag the sea turtles for tracking purposes. The applicant would also begin passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging the sea turtles.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

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Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 032102C]

**Marine Mammals; File Application No. 1004-1656**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service is extending the comment period for the application submitted by Funtime, Inc. d/b/a Six Flags Worlds of Adventure, 1060 North Aurora Road, Aurora, OH 44202, to import two killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for the purposes of public display.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 11, 2002.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA, 01930-2298 (978/281-9116).

Written comments or requests should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

A notice of receipt of this application was published on November 30, 2001 (66 FR 59781) and the comment period closed on December 31, 2001. Based on substantive comments received during the initial comment period, NMFS requested additional information from the applicant and NMFS attempted to provide the additional information by mail to commenters who had expressed interest in the information. The comment period was reopened on February 25, 2002 (67 FR 8526) to close March 27, 2002. Due to an unforeseen delay with the mail, this information did not reach the intended recipients in a timely manner. NMFS reviewed the situation and has determined that in this case, there is cause to provide for an extension of the comment period, allowing the interested parties to review the additional information and provide comments. In extending this comment period NMFS finds that a public hearing is not warranted because the issues raised by the comments can be clarified in writing. However, NMFS is providing through this notice an opportunity for additional written comments.

Dated: March 22, 2002.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office****Electronic Application for Patent Examiners—Job Application Rating System (JARS)**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at 703-308-7400; by facsimile at 703-308-7407; or by e-mail to [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Vivian Clark, Policy, Analysis & Automation Division, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Washington, DC 20231; by telephone at 703-305-8227; or by e-mail to [vivian.clark@uspto.gov](mailto:vivian.clark@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

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