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#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following species:

##### *Sea turtles*

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

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

Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

##### Permit # 1178

Notice was published on October 26, 2001 (63 FR 49335), that Mr. Harold Foster, of NMFS-NEFSC applied for a modification to 1178. Modification #3 authorizes the import and export of sea turtle pieces and parts for the purpose of research. The applicant has a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles incidentally taken in foreign and domestic commercial fisheries operating in state waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. The work will be conducted by scientific observers aboard commercial fishing vessels. The following species and annual take numbers have been requested: 300 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 85 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), 10 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempi*), 10 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and 10 green (*Chelonia mydas*) turtles. The applicant has requested authorization to measure, photograph, flipper tag, scan for PIT tags, resuscitate (if necessary) and release turtles taken incidentally in foreign and domestic commercial fisheries. Further, the applicant has requested authority to bring to shore, when feasible, dead sea turtles for necropsy. Necropsy will only be performed by personnel currently permitted to conduct such research. This research supports the National Marine Fisheries Service's mission of assessing the impacts of commercial fisheries on marine resources of interest to the United States. Modification #3 to Permit 1178 was issued on March 25, 2002, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1178 expires December 31, 2003.

##### Permit # 1295

Notice was published on October 26, 2001 (66 FR 54233), that Dr. Richard Merrick, of NMFS-NEFSC-PSB applied for a modification to 1295. Modification #1 authorizes the import and export of sea turtle pieces and parts for the purpose of research. The goal of the 5-year plan for sea turtles in the Northeast is to work cooperatively with other regions to support and direct research on sea turtles in order to identify and assess the status of sea turtle stocks, reduce the estimated mortality associated with fishing activities and other anthropogenic and natural sources and to recover ESA listed species. Modification #1 to Permit 1295 was issued on March 28, 2002, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1295 expires May 31, 2006.

Dated: April 12, 2002.

##### Ann Terbush

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. 041002B]

##### 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 (1375).

**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 research permit from Dr. Thomas J. Kwak, of U. S. Geological Survey - North Carolina Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (USGS).

**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 May 20, 2002.

**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 application and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2289, fax: 301-713-0376).

##### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Becker, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-2319, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Lillian.Becker@noaa.gov).

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 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:

##### *Fish*

Endangered Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

##### Application 1375

The applicant proposes to place 600 caged shortnose sturgeon into the Roanoke/Albemarle river system at 10 test sites that represent variations in water quality to investigate growth, survival and bioaccumulation of contaminants by the fish. They will be

in place for 28 days One hundred additional fish will be used as the baseline for the growth and bioaccumulation. The shortnose sturgeon will be juveniles from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service Bears Bluff Hatchery, Charleston, SC. The fish will be double caged to prevent their escaping into the wild.

This experiment is to determine if whether water quality is a factor in the demise of the shortnose sturgeon in the Roanoke/Albemarle river system.

Dated: April 12, 2002.

**Ann Terbush,**

*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

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#### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of Photography Permit No. 1019-1657-00.

**SUMMARY:** Daniel J. Cox, Natural Exposures, 16595 Brackett Creek Road, Bozeman, Montana 59715, has been issued a permit to take by Level B harassment one species of non-threatened, non-endangered marine mammals, the northern elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*), for purposes of educational/commercial photography.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802-4213, (562/980-4000).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 27, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 66888) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a permit to take one species of marine mammals by Level B harassment during the course of commercial photographic activities in San Simeon, Piedras

Blancas, Ano Nuevo State Reserve, Point Reyes National Seashore, the Farallones and Channel Islands, California. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of Section 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 9, 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

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1003-1665-00

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Jennifer Moss Burns, University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, 3211 Providence Drive, Anchorage, AK 99508 has been issued a permit to take Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 15, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 7139) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Pacific harbor seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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).

Dated: April 12, 2002.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Global Positioning System Joint Program Office

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Review/Comment of draft ICD-GPS-705 Version 2.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public that the Global Positioning System (GPS) Joint Program Office (JPO) has released the current draft of ICD-GPS-705, Navstar GPS Space Segment/User Segment L5 Interfaces, for public review and comment. This ICD describes the interface characteristics of L5, a signal to be incorporated into the GPS system for the benefit of the civilian community. The draft ICD can be reviewed at the following Web site: <http://gps.losangeles.af.mil>. Select "Configuration Management", and then select "Public Data For Review". Hyperlinks to the draft ICD and review instructions are provided. The reviewer should save the draft ICD to a local memory location prior to opening and performing the review. All comments and their resolutions will be posted to the Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to SMC/CZERC, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, El Segundo CA 90245-4659. A comment matrix is provided for your convenience at the web site and is the preferred method of comment submittal.

Comments may be submitted to the following Internet address: [smc.czerc@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:smc.czerc@losangeles.af.mil). Comments may also be sent by fax to (310) 363-6387.

**DATES:** The suspense date for comment submittal is April 30, 2002. The following schedule of events is anticipated:

*ICD-705 version 2 posted on GPS public Web page:* March 29, 2002.

*Comment Submittal Suspense Date:* April 30, 2002.

*Government Response to Comments Suspense Date:* May 14, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** CZERC at (310) 363-6329, GPS JPO