

Portal located at <http://www.mbda.gov>. All required forms are located at this Web address. However, the following paper forms must be submitted with original signatures in conjunction with any electronic submissions by the closing date and time stated in this Notice: (1) SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance; (2) SF-424B, Assurances—Non-Construction Programs; (3) SF-LLL (Rev.7-97) (if applicable), Disclosure of Lobbying Activities; (4) Department of Commerce Form CD-346 (if applicable), Application for Funding Assistance; and, (5) CD-511, Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters: Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying.

Dated: September 10, 2004.

**Ronald N. Langston,**  
National Director, Minority Business Development Agency.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072204G]

### Endangered Species; File No. 1420

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Douglas Peterson, Warnell School of Forest Resources Fisheries Division, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

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

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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Jefferies or Dr. Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 10, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 11533) that a request for a scientific research permit

to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by Dr. Douglas Peterson. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

In order to provide critical data on stock status, life history, and survival rates as well as to identify specific habitat requirements of the various life stages of the shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha River, Georgia, Dr. Peterson will be authorized to capture up to 200 adult fish annually from via gill and trammel netting. Fish will be measured, weighed, PIT and Carlin tagged, tissue and pectoral fin ray sampled, and subsequently released. Additionally, up to 30 of the fish captured over the course of the permit will also receive an internal radio-sonic transmitter and be tracked. Dr. Peterson will also be authorized to deploy artificial substrate samplers from February to mid-March to collect up to 100 shortnose sturgeon eggs annually.

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 endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: September 2, 2004.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**  
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. 083104B]

### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 782-1708-00

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the NMFS, National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML), has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1708-00.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 18, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request 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;

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request 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. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

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.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: Permit No. 782-1708-00.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 782-1708-00, issued on August 28, 2003 (68 FR 52906) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 782-1708 authorizes the permit holder to conduct scientific research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*). Seals may be captured, tagged, sampled and incidentally harassed during annual censuses on the Pribilof Islands. The objectives of this work are to: (1) monitor the status and trends of the northern fur seal population, (2) evaluate the condition of animals from each cohort (health and strength of year-class), (3) monitor the diet, and (4) document the movement patterns, foraging behavior, and essential foraging